
Meeting Minutes for
Wednesday, August, 10, 2022 6:33pm
Held Remotely via Zoom conference call

July Regular Meeting:

Janine called the meeting to order at 6:36 PM. All Board Members present and accounted for. SOS Operators Warren. Jason Booth & Michael Mainer from A&E were present. District Member David Banks was also in attendance.

- Additions to the Agenda
 - Small claims court decision - add to old business.
- Review of Previous Meeting Minutes
 - July Minutes
 - Court moved to accept the minutes; Judi seconded. All were in favor.
- Questions from Members
 - No questions from members
- Operator's Report
 - Warren spoke on the report
 - Michael Santor has been hired to come around where there are valve boxes to dig. SOS contacted DigSafe to mark the area prior to Santor's digging. The first time Santor went to start digging he severed a Comcast line which needed to be repaired. Tim asked whether SOS or the district are liable for the severed line. Warren said that we're not because we utilized DigSafe.
 - Joe, while on vacation, called Warren on Sunday regarding a plant alarm that Warren dealt with. Warren mentioned this to call out Joe's diligence for the Water District.
 - Warren reported ongoing collaboration with Neptune on the new meters being deployed and installed. Michael asked a clarifying question that all reads, including from old readers are going to go through the new Neptune system, to which Warren confirmed.
 - Ken asked Warren to account for a 100% increase in our plant water volume. Warren clarified this is a standard evaluation of the plant's regular operations. Some discussion ensued. Michael noted that our water output this year has been lower than previous summers.
- Engineer's Report
 - A&E were present and gave an update.
 - Jason Booth spoke on the Pipeline Replacement Project. The State's "upcoming fiscal year draft priority list" has been released. Our project is on this list but with a standard loan.

- A&E is encouraging GICWD to submit comments to the state to express concern that A&E has over the results of this draft list.
 - Jason reiterated our timeline for the project as it factors into this priority list release. The cycle starts again in November for the next funding cycle. A&E also recommends we apply for the next cycle's list but to also prepare to be "shovel ready" for this project.
 - Ken asked what IIJB stands for. Jason noted that he doesn't know specifically what the acronym is but it relates to the Federal Infrastructure Program.
 - Michael Mainer commented that every community will eventually be required to perform lead service line inventory.
 - Janine asked when the meeting regarding this draft priority list will be, Jason said that the meeting is August 30th and that GICWD can submit a written comment. Anyone from Vermont communities are welcome to attend the meeting, but a written comment will be most effective.
 - Jason brought up the topic of our schedule now that we have this preliminary information, if the timing of this is something that can or cannot wait, or if the project needs to be scaled down so it can begin on the initial timeline. Jason went on to discuss some options. Court said that he wouldn't advise postponing it beyond 2025.
 - Janine asked for Warren's opinion. Warren said that we should continue on the route we're on and there is piping in Grand Isle Village that is in need of attention sooner than later. Janine noted that there would be some reduction in debt service between the current bond and upcoming bond.
 - If the board decided to proceed with reapplying in November 2022 for the next cycle, A&E would prepare and submit the priority list application for GICWD, with Janine's signature. A&E will also assist with any required loan applications for the state.
 - Some more questions and discussion ensued related to Jason's presentation and A&E's suggestion. Jason clarified that we don't need an answer tonight but should be mindful of the timelines required to meet our goals.
- Court made a motion to have A&E prepare the required documents to initiate the next steps based on their suggestions. Judi seconded. All were in favor. A&E to attend the 9/14/22 meeting for next steps and to coordinate with Janine and Court in between regarding documents needed. Janine noted that she will not be in attendance for the September monthly meeting on 9/14/22. Michael Inners to look into obtaining a new Bond Attorney.

- Ken commented that he would like to work on the next Newsletter to get out before March of 2023, to include the bond vote as it relates to this project.
- Treasurer's Report
 - Michael spoke on the budget
 - We're on track to be slightly over budget (about \$10k over budget). Small projects like the heater replacement factor into this.
 - Michael noted a line item in the budget that appears as a bank charge but needs to be corrected as it's an error. It's probably a user fee income.
 - The biggest factor for our remaining income is going to be the next quarter's invoices from over the summer months.
- Old Business
 - Update on Active Projects
 - LCT Building
 - Michael read a report from the attorney. Still in discussion regarding a potential settlement. Once a final plan has been determined, GICWD will be contacted.
 - Piping Replacement Project: discussed during the Engineer's Report.
 - Small Claims Court decision.
 - Michael mentioned that we received a decision in our favor by a judge. The tax sale did not void our lien and we are entitled to collect our unpaid water charges.
- New Business:
 - Status of mask requirements while meeting in person.
 - Janine wanted to suggest that we recommend anyone attending the monthly meeting in person at the plant to wear a mask.

Court made a motion to adjourn at 7:54, Ken seconded. All were in favor

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SIMON OPERATION SERVICES, INC.

August 10, 2022

Ms Janine Banks
Grand Isle Consolidated Water District
Grand Isle, Vermont 05458

Dear Janine,

Enclosed please find the following reports and activities for the water treatment facility for the month of July 2022

1. Monthly Activities Report
2. Vermont Water System Operations Report

If you have any questions regarding this information, please feel free to call us at 1-802-244-7420.

Sincerely,

Joe Danis
Warren Steadman

Cc: Facility copy

143 South Main Street, Waterbury, VT 05676 1-802-244-7420

**GRAND ISLE CONSOLIDATED WATER DISTRICT
MONTHLY REPORT
JULY 2022**

A: ACTIVITIES COMPLETED

1. Two samples were taken for coliform testing. Monthly backwash data was taken and the monthly report was sent to the Watershed Management Division. The monthly Water Operations Report was sent to the Drinking Water and Ground Water Protection Division.
2. Santor dug and reset the valve boxes at the blow-off on Ladd Point. The operating nuts on the three valves were highly corroded and had to be replaced.
3. The meter installation was inspected and the water turned on at 416A Hyde Point East.
4. The photo cell was replaced on one of the Kinetico filter turbidimeters.
5. A mound system is being installed at a camp on Coopers Bay South. Because of the proximity of the current service line to the mound, the service line needs to be moved. The tapping of the distribution line for the new service line was witnessed. Once a planned new house is built and the new service line turned on, the corporation to the old service line will be dug and turned off.

B: ACTIVITIES IN PROGRESS

1. SOS is working with Neptune and Inhance on the Meter Replacement Project to work out the kinks with Neptune technical support as they occur. The training session was held and the system is now ready when we read meters in September. We have installed a few of the new meters where repairs were necessary and the new system works. Neptune technical support will be available to deal with any problems when we read in September.
2. The backwash meter has failed. (We are required to keep track of the amount of water used for backwashing the Kinetico filters.) Parts for the meter have been ordered.

C: ACTIVITIES PLANNED OR NEEDED

1. When the Hach Technician was here calibrating, he noted that the six turbidimeters, which are getting older, and getting repair parts for

them is difficult. He suggested that we should consider replacing them.

2. A contractor has agreed to replace the West Shore Master meter. He was on site recently and took measurements of the current piping. Installation of the new meter is planned for this fall after Eagle Camp closes.

D: BILLINGS AND COLLECTIONS

1. Accounts receivable as of August 2nd was \$41,015
2. No liens were placed on or released from users in July.
3. The balance of the outstanding liens is \$9,770.69.
4. Eleven accounts used the ACH draft as a means of paying their water bills in July.