

Grand Isle Consolidated Water District

Minutes of Annual Meeting December 9, 2015

Present at meeting: Commissioners: Janine Banks, David Borthwick-Leslie, Michael Inners Shannon Bundy and Chuck Besterman (absent was Julia Small), SOS employees Warren Steadman and Nate Fredericks, GME President Alan Huizenga and members David Banks, Gary Sundberg and Doug Weir.

Michael Inners re-opened the Annual Meeting December 9, 2015 at 7:04 P.M.

Minutes

The reading of the Annual meeting minutes was waived until the regular meeting (to follow this meeting).

Questions from Users

- 1) Gary Sundberg asked us to change his account to charge for just 1 base & 1 debt. He sold his business 1.5yrs ago to B. Champagne who has a new plant now and who moved out of Gary's commercial space June 20, 2015. Gary took a year off & likes being a bum and is planning to do that from now on and will no longer have a business in the space. There is no physical hookup – it went through the house. He is going to return the space to a garage.

Chuck Besterman made a motion to reduce Mr. Sundberg's account to one debt and one base rate as of October 1, 2015. Shannon seconded it. Voice vote approved unanimously.

Mr. Sunberg also requested we rebate one base rate and one debt service charge for the third quarter as he did not have a business in the space. Discussion ensued that it would be precedence setting and we need to discuss further to make sure we do the same for everyone. We'll get back to him.

2016 Operating Budget

- 1) Warren went over Budget items for consideration (attached) in the 2016 budget in detail.
 - a) The biggest increase to the budget comes from cleaning the Bell Hill tank and the GAC carbon replacement.
 - i) Green Mtn. Engineering is looking into using a company other than Calgon when our carbon needs replacing. This company would store our used carbon and be able to recharge it which would be less costly. Also Warren noted that Ray Solomon is watching the TOC levels because it is possible the carbon may build up an active biological filter which would greatly extend the life of the carbon.
 - ii) The board requested Warren get a second quote for the work needed on the Bell Hill tank.
 - b) It was noted that 6" & 4" master meters are less costly but Warren thinks we should start by replacing the larger, 8" one.
 - c) The board would like a second quote for the alarm system replacement/repair/upgrade/installation.
 - d) The Hatch \$1400 meter is used daily. We have been borrowing SOS's and should have our own. We have to bring to Waterbury when SOS needs it. The Board agreed.
- 2) The Board discussed spreading cost of cleaning the Bell Hill tank over this year & next year. \$10,500 for this year and the rest next year. Yes, all agreed to do that to lower the operating costs and therefore lower the base rate and the usage rate charges.

- 3) SOS submitted a letter stating the need to charge for more hours to cover their costs of additional testing needed due to the GAC system. 13 hours per month, \$650/month, \$7800 per year, roughly. The Board noted the current contract includes a 5% per year increase, but also includes a clause referring to possible adjustments that might be needed to be made to the contract if monitoring requirements changed. Mike to talk to Mark and we'll talk about this again in January. The current contract is up the end of April.

New adjusted numbers with Bell Hill tank cleaning cost spread over 2 years... \$306,864.00 operating costs, \$270,828.26 total debt payments, total \$577,692.26.

Shannon Bundy made a motion to approve the budget as amended. Chuck Besterman seconded it and voice vote approved unanimously.

Janine Banks made a motion to close the meeting, Shannon Bundy seconded at 8:45pm and voice vote approved unanimously.