

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
OF  
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF  
THE GOLDEN VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Golden Valley Municipal Water District (GVMWD) was held at 4:00 PM, Friday, August 11, 2023, at the District Office located at 49744-3 Gorman Post Road, Gorman, CA.

President William Tinney called the meeting to order and noted the following people were present: Secretary Patty Edwards and Directors Kelly Bailey, Atevis Avesyan and Renee Graham.

Public: Nicholas Brown and Chole Regier from Lake Hughes Recovery

Director Bailey made a motion to approve the minutes of the last Regular Board Meeting held on June 9, 2023. Secretary Edwards seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0

Director Bailey made a motion to approve the Meeting Agenda as presented today. Director Graham seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0

Public Comment: None

Public hearing regarding sewer rate increase; President Tinney opened the hearing at 4:05p.m. Nicholas Brown and Chole Regier were representing Lake Hughes Recovery. Chole Regier brought a protest letter to the district office on Monday, August 7, 2023. It was brought to their attention the letter was referring to a water rate increase instead of a sewer rate increase. The letter was given back to Nicholas Brown.

President Tinney gave reasons for the sewer rate increase:

- The district is required to maintain a safe reliable sewer system by the state of California
- The cost to maintain the sewer system has increased and will cause a deficit to the district
- The district needs to plan for unexpected repairs
- The district has a limited amount of users

An ongoing discussion with the directors and the public regarding the history of the sewer system and how the amount of sewer use affects the sewer system. GVMWD must test and maintain strict operations per state guidelines. GVMWD Sewer Operator Allison stated an outside source did the sewer rate study, the rate increase was proposed by the outside source. Public hearing was closed at 4:15p.m.

Director Avesyan made a motion to approve Resolution Number 2023-08. Sewer rate increase of 7% starting September 1, 2023, and a cumulative adjustment for the next four years

starting July 1, 2024. Director Bailey seconded the motion. The adoption of the Resolution increasing sewer fees was unanimously approved. Motion carried 5-0

Report by Water Operator: The chlorine pump was replaced; it's recommended the pump be rebuilt every 6 months. No other concerns.

Report by Sewer Operator: The roads over near the sewer plant needs to be graded. Also, the fencing still needs to be repaired, the concern is it keeps getting cut and we keep repairing. No other concerns.

Report by Office Manager/Secretary Edwards; Secretary Edwards gave all board members a copy of Emergency Disaster/Response Plan list of Personnel & Responsibilities if an emergency or disaster should happen.

Secretary Edwards gave each board member a copy of Profit & Loss for FY 2022-2023.

Secretary Edwards stated GVMWD received another invoice from KR D, Kirill Dolinsiky, dated August 6, 2023, dating back to February 3, 2023, for \$1,200.00. The invoice charges are him, Kirill, attending the February 3, 2023, district board meeting. Kirill Dolinsiky attended this meeting on his own, no request was made for him to attend this meeting as the district had no funds to warrant paying him to do so. He had attended most of the previous board meetings by teleconference. Legal counsel is aware of the new invoice.

Secretary Edwards stated Director Kelly Bailey is now a signer on the district bank accounts expect for one account which is pending per bank error dating back to 2015.

Secretary Edwards stated all board members have an email account and to at least check it once a month.

Secretary Edwards stated GVMWD received a letter from Nicolas Brown, CEO of Lake Hughes Recovery (LHR) asking GVMWD to credit the outstanding amount owed \$6,465.00. The letter states LHR took possession of the property which has three buildings on it November 2020 and began demolition to Building B sewer line the same month and finished December 2020. Secretary Edwards states this is not true as the two restaurants El Grullense (Building B) and the Ranch House (now LHR cafeteria) were still in business until April 2021. LHR has paid every single month and was current from November 2020 to July 2022 for water and all three sewer lines. LHR stopped paying August 2022 to December 2022. In December 2022 when Building B fees were adjusted as GVMWD did a walkthrough with Artin Aghamalian, LHR's controller. An agreement was made with the BOD's at that time along with Artin who attended the board meeting that GVMWD would credit LHR starting August 2022 for Build B (\$431.00) moving forward. LHR still owes \$6,465.00 (\$431.00 X 15 months from May 2021 – July 2022) for sewer use in Building B. The BOD's would be happy to credit LHR for Building B if they provide confirmation/proof of the sewer line being capped within the months of May 2021 - July 2022.

Secretary Edwards stated that our audit is in full swing. The auditors may be reaching out to anyone on the board to ask questions. GVMWD audits are done yearly and can be looked at in the district office at any time.


Secretary Edwards stated the status of the PRA case is still pending.

Financial Report: Secretary Edwards stated in the various banking accounts total balance is \$136,492.22. Bills to be ratified in the amount of \$40,933.83. Director Bailey made a motion to approve the Financial Report, Director Graham seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0

Comments by directors; President Tinney stated the days ahead are looking brighter for the district.

Secretary Edwards made a motion for adjournment, Director Bailey, Director Avesyan seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0

Meeting was adjourned at 4:40 P.M.



WILLIAM TINNEY  
GOLDEN VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT,  
BOARD PRESIDENT