

**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 was held at 2:00 PM, Friday, September 9, 2022, at the District Office located at 49744-3 Gorman Post Road, Gorman, CA.

President Ralphs called the meeting to order and noted the following people were present: Directors; Karl Erbacher, Trent Rymer and Secretary Edwards. Virtually present; Engineer Kirill Dolinskiy. Susan Ralphs absent. Public; William Tinney

Director Rymer made a motion to approve the minutes of the last Board Meeting held on July 15, 2022, Director Erbacher, seconded.

Director Erbacher made a motion to approve the Meeting Agenda as presented today, Director Rymer, seconded.

Public Comment: None

Board Members reviewed and accepted the Audit Report as presented for 2020-2021.

Director Rymer made a motion to approve the Resolution 09-09-22-1 for November 8, 2022 Election. Director Erbacher, seconded.

Wastewater System Operation and Maintenance; Jonnie Allison reported the ponds levelers need to be repaired/replaced. Office manager received a quote from Santana's for two levelers \$7250.00 each - per pond. Director Erbacher asked if RCAC is aware of the leveler and can they help the repair/cost. Engineer Kirill will look into RCAC for support. Jonnie, Kirill and a board member will reassess the lower leveler pond. Karl, Engineer Kirill and Jonnie will talk with Andy Crawford to see about lowering the pond level to repair the leveler. Director Erbacher made a motion to repair/replace the upper pond leveler first as soon as we can. Secretary Edwards, seconded.

Jonnie stated the weeds at the ponds and leach field need to be cleared. Jonnie has spent about \$1500 of his own money trying to manage it but it's too big of a job to clear for one person. Office manager will get a quote from Abate-a-Weed company to clear and maintain.

Water System Operation and Maintenance; Jonnie Allison reported there is a very small leak on the water tank. Office manager called Superior Tank. Jonnie has been in communications with Luis from Superior Tank, they will be out to repair the leak at no charge. Jonnie stated the weeds around the water tank need clearing as well. Office manager has called Abate-a-Weed to give us a quote.

Jonnie got a call from the auto dialer at the well site and when he went to check it the radio in the well house had no power, Jonnie found out the USB back up battery was dead because when he plugged it straight into wall the radio was fine. Jonnie will replace the back-up battery, the cost is approximately \$100 or so.

Report by District Engineer Kirill Dolinskiy; Engineer Kirill stated the allocation for RCAC hours ends in September- their fiscal year end. Engineer Kirill has requested additional allocation hours for us. The state has us in their queue but they are really behind due to staffing issues. This includes our rate study request. The wastewater guy at RCAC left, they are looking for a new permeant person to be assigned to us, hopefully very soon. Next week Engineer Kirill should receive the draft on the water side.

Engineer Kirill reported there has been multiple communications with Lake Hughes Recovery (LHR) regarding the sewer reimbursement for Build B. They state Build B does not have water/sewer anymore that it has been capped. The District needs to inspect the facility to confirm. The other issue is that they state they told us 20 months ago which is inconsistent data because another person we were in communication with was saying a different date. LHR wants the District to credit them back 20 months ago. Engineer Kirill was made aware of the situation verbally back in December 2021. They sent a video of the remodel but it was hard to see anything from the video. Engineer Kirill stated LHR response was "he (Engineer Kirill) does not have authority to supersede the building inspector because they have a permit- he doesn't have the right to ask". Engineer Kirill's responded to them "the building inspector is one thing the District is another". President Ralphs stated there is an inspection scheduled between Judy Waters and the Districts Water/Sewer Operator on Sunday, 9/11/22 at 1PM. This was coordinated with Judy Waters, LHR Program Director. Engineer Kirill played the LHR video for the Board.

Engineer Kirill stated he sent the mock up website to everyone for review if any changes we need to let him know by next Friday 9/16/22. Online payment option will be added to the website. Patty will look into online payment information with different companies. President Ralphs suggested we not only do a cost-of-living adjustment but also add additional services like online payment option fees into the rate study.

President Ralphs asked about the update on the PRA court case. Engineer Kirill stated our attorney went to court in August in front of the judge, the next step is to sign declarations and once submitted most likely the case will be closed.

Report by Office Manager; Patty asked Jonnie about smart meters. Jonnie stated there is a smart meter grant but the grant only covers residential not commercial customers. Jonnie suggested looking into the SAFER grant program. Patty will look into the grant programs and will reach out to Rene Engineer Kirill's consultant who has a history of grant writing.

Patty stated the last water/sewer increase was 2018.

President Ralphs ask Engineer Kirill to look into a commercial assessment fee. Krill will consult an attorney. President Ralphs made a motion to consult an attorney regarding commercial assessment fees. Director Erbacher, seconded.

Engineer Kirill stated he has also requested yearly audit reporting from the state for future audits, if we qualify, we could have our audits done for free.

Director Erbacher asked about the water tank inspection, Jonnie stated the if we have a diver inspect it then it's possible at the time for them to repair anything while they are already there if they can. The other way they do it is by remote control but you would still need to pay for a diver for any repairs they find. Jonnie stated he will inspect the tank to see if he sees anything visually with a flashlight.

Patty asked the board if they had any questions. Director Karl ask Patty if there was any support she needed to upload District records to GVMWD one drive, Patty stated she can upload if she can find the files she has scanned back in February/March 2022- for some reason the file folder has been lost, not sure why. President Ralphs stated he could support and assist Patty with uploading files to the one drive.

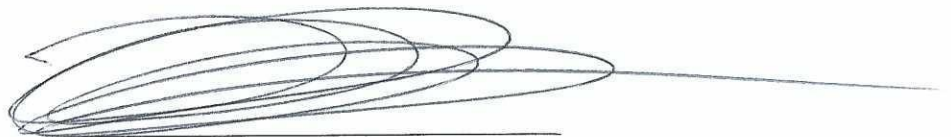
Financial Report: Secretary Edwards stated in the various banking accounts total balance is \$128,374.92. Bills to be ratified in the amount of \$54,987.26. Director Erbacher made a motion to approve the Financial Report, Director Rymer, seconded.

Comment by Directors; None

No Executive Session

Director Rymer made a motion for adjournment, Director Erbacher, seconded.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:04P.M.

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RYAN RALPHS  
GOLDEN VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER  
DISTRICT, BOARD PRESIDENT