



Gardnerville Water Company  
Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, June 10, 2025 4:00p.m.  
Board Room  
1579 Virginia Ranch Rd  
Gardnerville, NV 89410

Board Members Present:

Doug Sonnemann, *Chairman*  
Carl Spahr, *Secretary*  
Ken Deering, *Treasurer*  
Dave Ellison, *Member-at-large*

Staff Members Present:

Kristien Bennett, *GWC Interim Manager, Financial Officer, & Human Resources*  
Jon Summers, *GWC Interim Manager & Water Operations Supervisor*  
Chuck Zumpft, *GWC Attorney*

Doug Sonnemann called the June 10, 2025, Regular Board Meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

**Public Present:** David Bruketta.

**Approval of Agenda:** Ken Deering made a motion to approve the Agenda for the June 10, 2025, Board Meeting. Dave Ellison seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

**Minutes of the May 13, 2025, Regular Board Meeting:** Dave Ellison made a motion to approve the May 13, 2025, Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Carl Spahr seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

**Financial Statements for May 2025:** Ken Deering made a motion to approve the Financial Statements for May 2025. Carl Spahr seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

**Water Operations Supervisor Quarterly report:**

*Jon Summer notified the board that they have been busy with the supervision of the Maverick water lines being installed. The operators painted the foundation rings around the tanks with epoxy paint, handled weed control, and have been working with CAT for Well 7.*

**Public Comment:** (No Action) – This portion of the meeting is open to the public to speak on any topic not on tonight's agenda, limited to three minutes.

**Agenda Item 1: Old business**

**A. Well 7 Generator**

CAT installed missing parts. The transfer switch was setup and tested 06/04/25. CAT will be returning to replace the temperature sending unit and gauge. The generator is working.

While the talking with the technician, Jon Summers discussed with him preventative maintenance that can be done by CAT every three years, including radiator flushing, replacing hoses, oil changes, and a

full diagnosis of any potential issues. Jon has contacted CAT to obtain a quote for a preventative maintenance plan.

*CAT determined that the temperature gauge was faulty. They will schedule installation and perform a load bank test. Jon Summers and Ken Deering will be on-site to observe the testing.*

B. Well 11 Water Right Protest

Nevada Division of Water Resources has indicated that the application to transfer water rights is ready to present the application to the State Engineer for final review. The original filing was July 2024 and protests were filed in August of 2024. GWC is still waiting for both participants to review and sign the agreements which has taken a lot longer than anticipated. GWC will continue to work with the two parties to obtain a signed agreement.

C. Town of Minden Well Location

No update has been received from the Town of Minden.

*David Bruketta informed the board that Lyon County uses DOWL Engineering and they indicated that they have a half a million dollar contract to engineer the well.*

**Agenda Item 2: Attorney Report- Chuck Zumpft**

No Report.

**Agenda Item 3: Manager's Report**

1. Meters, Plan Reviews & Impact fees

- A. There were 11 meter(s) installed or replaced
- B. There were 1 plan reviews
- C. There were \$5,625 in impact fees invoiced

2. Service Orders, Locates & Leak Notices

- A. There were 31 locates completed by GWC staff
- B. There were 101 service orders completed by GWC staff
- C. There were 16 leak notices completed by GWC staff

3. Monthly Water Operations Update

- A. US Diggs (Locates) Class – JS/EW/BA
- B. Lead & Copper Testing Prep – JS
- C. US – Supervisor Class - JS
- D. Tenant Improvement Plan Review – JS
- E. Passed D3 Test – EW
- F. Painted foundations of both tanks – EW
- G. Painted Manager's office – EW/BA
- H. Weed control – BA
- I. Fixed stuck 2" valve - BA

4. Current Projects in Review

- A. Stoneridge
- B. Virginia Ranch – Well 11 – On hold

5. Current Projects Under Construction

Maverik Gas Station

6. Current Annexations

Custom Craft – 1300 Centerville Ln – Submitted to the PUC 03/04/2025 – published in Record Courier on 3/19/25 – Site visit scheduled 06/24/25 by PUC

7. GWC Utility Manager-Engineer Position

David Bruketta accepted the position and will start on Monday 6/16/25.

8. Will Serve Letter Request

Purple Heart Heroes LLC will be submitting a request for a Will Serve Letter for a vacant parcel on the corner of Virginia Ranch Road and Larson Drive. The property is 2.65 acres within the GWC service territory. They intend to build a 18,000-square-foot VA Clinic. They are currently determining their annual water requirements.

**Agenda Item 4: Board Comments**

*Dave Ellison brought to attention that Eamon Webb is now an operator 3 and Brian Aspenleiter is an operator 2 so should the company be worried about other utilities trying to get them to transfer to them? Per Kristien Bennett another local utility has already offered Eamon Webb a position, but he turned it down. That is why the company needs to continue offering competitive wages and benefits to keep good employees.*

**Agenda Item 5: Adjournment**

**Carl Spahr made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dave Ellison seconded the motion. Motion was approved. Doug Sonnemann adjourned the meeting at 4:35 PM.**