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Regular Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, July 08, 2025 4:00p.m.
Board Room
1579 Virginia Ranch Rd
Gardnerville, NV 89410

Board Members Present:
Doug Sonnemann, *Chairman*
Barbara Henningsen, *Vice Chairman*
Carl Spahr, *Secretary*
Ken Deering, *Treasurer*
Dave Ellison, *Member-at-large*

Staff Members Present:
David Bruketta, *GWC Manager*
Kristien Bennett, *GWC Financial Officer & HR*
Mikayla Webb, GWC *Administrative Assistant*
Chuck Zumpft, *GWC Attorney*

Doug Sonnemann called the July 08, 2025, Regular Board Meeting to order at 4:03p.m.

Public Present: None Present.

Approval of Agenda: Ken Deering made a motion to approve the Agenda for the July 08, 2025, Board Meeting. Dave Ellison seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

Minutes of the June 10, 2025, Regular Board Meeting: Dave Ellison made a motion to approve the June 10, 2025, Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Carl Spahr seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

Financial Statements for June 2025: Dave Ellison made a motion to approve the Financial Statements for June 2025. Ken Deering seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

Dave Ellison questioned what the "Path Point" cost within the financials was. Per Kristien Bennett this is the new merchant account that is taking over for Chase Bank in which handles all the payments within Xpress Bill Pay. Dave also noted that our water revenue is up 9%, and the approximate 6% increase helps with that, and it is better to do the slight increases rather than other utilities. Per his personal bills he notices a 25% increase from MGSD and 35% increase from Town of Gardnerville.

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 ordered the replacement parts. Installation has not been scheduled.

Jon Summers is working with the engineer and has requested updates but has not gotten any response. David Bruketta did note that from previous experience some parts do have large lead time so that may be causing the delay.

B. <u>Well 11 Water Right Protest</u>
   No update has been received.

Doug Sonnemann spoke with Frank Godecke and Randy Wallstrum seems hesitant due to not wanting to pay for water fees. Both parties put a $600 deposit down for an engineer, but there has been no progress from what Doug Sonnemann knows. He has been trying to push to come to a resolution but understands there may need to be other things done to push a little harder to ensure a prompt resolution.

C. <u>Town of Minden Well Location</u>
   No update has been received from the Town of Minden.

David made the Board Members aware he has a meeting with JD Frisby and Jeff Cady from Town of Minden as a meet and greet but commented that when it was set up JD extended the time allotted for the meeting so there may be more discussed about this situation. Kristien advised that there has been over 100,000 gallons of water pumped through the intertie to Town of Minden compared to GWC receiving only 1,000 gallons.

<u>Agenda Item 2: Attorney Report- Chuck Zumpft</u>
No Report.

<u>Agenda Item 3: Manager's Report</u>
1. <u>Meters, Plan Reviews & Impact fees</u>
   A. There were 7 meter(s) installed or replaced
   B. There were 0 plan reviews
   C. There were $0 in impact fees invoiced

2. <u>Service Orders, Locates & Leak Notices</u>
   A. There were 18 locates completed by GWC staff
   B. There were 125 service orders completed by GWC staff
   C. There were 51 leak notices completed by GWC staff

3. <u>Monthly Water Operations Update</u>
   A. Lead & Copper Testing – JS
   B. Generator 7 Prep – JS
   C. Iron bacteria samples - JS
   D. Clean and Paint flush hydrants – EW
   E. Install security door in shop – EW
   F. NDF & East Fork Fire assist with helicopter tank in yard – EW
   G. Maverik inspections – BA
   H. Weed control – BA
   I. Removed water damaged drywall at well 4 - BA

David gave a brief background to the lead and copper testing making the Board Members aware that there were 23 samples taken within the system and what the results showed were that our system has no led or copper issues and from a regulatory standpoint GWC water looks great. The testing will be done every 3 years to keep up with regulations. For generator 7 Jon will be working to get an estimate for a maintenance contract. Iron bacteria samples are being done as there was a complaint received from a customer due to him having found his filters began having buildup of slimy grime, and this is often caused by an iron related bacterium. The testing will continue to be done to pinpoint the affected area, so it can be treated to ensure no further issues occur. This iron related bacterium is common within groundwater or from water encountering exposed metal. Chlorination will be the treatment to cure the bacterium.

4. Current Projects in Review
   A. Stoneridge

5. Current Projects Under Construction
   A. Walmart remodel
   B. 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 occurred 06/24/25

   Belly Acers LLC 4.45 acers behind Gardnerville Elementary School has applied for annexation. After all documentation has been received and reviewed, staff will place on the agenda for board approval.

The application was received but was incomplete, so it was sent back to the engineer. Once received this will be brought upon the Board for discussion.

7. Well 1 Solar
   Well 1 Solar went down in early June. GWC electrician, Bryant Electric, assessed the situation and had to have NV Energy remove the meter to check all the wiring. The wiring was not the issue. He is checking fuses and other components. He did indicate that the inverter is original and may need to be replaced.

Bryant Electric is thinking the issue may be an inverter, but he would like to rule out fuses so he will be changing those out and seeing if that resolves the issue.

8. GWC Employee 5 Year Award
   Eamon Webb will be celebrating 5 years with GWC on Friday, July 11, 2025. A luncheon is planned for JT's Restaurant at 11:30am, all staff and board members are invited to attend.

David commented that he plans to update the Vulnerability Assessment within 9 months, as well as he is going to adjust the backflow testing rules and regulations within the next 6 months. Any revisions will be brought to the Board Members for approval.

Agenda Item 4: Board Comments
Barbara Henningsen stated she believes things are working smoothly and it is great to see all the teamwork taking place within GWC.

Ken Deering stated GWC is in great hands and is heading in the right direction.

Both Carl Spahr and Dave Ellison agree to the statements.

Agenda Item 5: Adjournment
Ken Deering made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Carl Spahr seconded the motion. Motion was approved. Doug Sonnemann adjourned the meeting at 5:04PM.