

Granite Oaks Water Users Association

Board Meeting Minutes

February 23, 2005

Board Members

Gerry Garcia – President
Jeff Deming, Vice President
Bruce Bleeker - Treasurer
Ed Tumey - Secretary
Chuck Faust - Director
Ken Mino – Director
Dirk Stringham – Director

Contract Staff

Bob Busch
Lee Hixson
Allen Kaplan
Debbie Muse

Shareholder

Duane Gann

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by President, Gerry Garcia.

Motion by Jeff Deming to approve the January Board meeting minutes with one correction under the EBS Report - to take out “no pumps were running.” The motion was seconded by Ken Mino and passed unanimously.

1. ENVIRONMENTAL BIOMASS SERVICES REPORT (EBS)

The EBS Report was presented by Lee Hixson and made part of the February Board meeting minutes.

Lee reported total water pumped during the month was at 1.88 mg; with the Deerfield Well usage at 1.55 mg, the Glendhandra well at .20 mg, and the Post Oak Well at .14 mg.

- EBS has continued to exercise mainline isolation valves and hydrant flushing.
- Distribution pumps 1, 2, and 3 are alternating efficiently.
- The current location where faxes are received and sent will be discontinued. It was the consensus of the Board to use the Verde Valley location and revisit the issue if there are complaints (requests may take 2 days).

2. MISCELLANEOUS DEDUCTIONS, INC. (MDI)

Manager’s Report and MDI Reports were presented by Bob Busch and made part of the February Board meeting minutes.

Policy Manual Revision – Section II C. 2. Payment of Bills: Operating Account. MDI is an authorized signer of this account for the purpose of paying Water Company routine expenses without additional Board approval “including all services called for in the contract between MDI and the Water Company. Furthermore, MDI may pay/reimburse third parties for expenses incurred in behalf of the Water Company, provided that such expenses are first approved by a member of the Water Company Board or by Bob Busch.”

Action Item: It was the consensus of the Board that Gerry Garcia and Bob Busch determine the correct titles to use in the Policy Manual, Section II C.2.Payment of Bills.

Backflow Testing – Backflow Testing letters have been sent out. One customer questioned why they are required to have their backflow meter tested annually if they have a well and do not use their meter (or the water company’s water). Bob Busch explained that it is state law and unless the meter is removed, the customer is required to have it tested annually.

Legal Counsel – Gerry Garcia sent a letter to legal counsel asking them to better define their service to the GOWUA. Legal counsel responded that they will only invoice for services on a request basis.

Glenshandra Building – Work began on the building in early February; footings dug, steel placed for footings and the county was called to inspect on Feb. 8. After re-inspection on the 10th we will be able to move forward with pouring the concrete. After the concrete is poured we will assess our financial situation before we go further with the project.

Web Site Redesign – The site has been completely redesigned.

Customer Bills – Envelopes and new invoice stock were ordered. The new bills will be sent in February.

Post Oak Remodeling – Duane Gann reported that the Post Oak remodeling is complete and the storage items will be moved in today. The cost came in under budget.

Motion by Jeff Deming to hold the March Board meeting at the Post Oak facility, at which time the Board will inspect the building, seconded by Dirk Stringham; motion passed unanimously.

Action Item: Bob Busch will place a notice on the GOWUA web site that the March Board meeting will be held at the Post Oak facility.

3. NEW BUSINESS

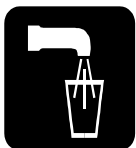
Cash Flow and Water Use Projections – Bruce Bleeker prepared a report (which will be made part of the February Board Meeting minutes) showing how our expenses are growing faster than revenue and in the near future we will most likely realize 250 acre feet of water use, which would place the GOWUA under the Prescott AMA supervision. The Board discussed timing of any tariff request and our options. For now, the Board has decided to take this information in account and to revisit this issue frequently. The Board thanked Bruce for his efforts in researching this important issue.

Newsletter – Ken Mino would like the GOWUA to place the Williamson Valley Corridor Survey in the next GOWUA newsletter.

Action Item: Bob Busch will include the Williamson Valley Corridor Survey in the next GOWUA newsletter.

Motion by Chuck Faust to adjourn the February Board meeting, seconded by Jeff Deming; motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 a.m. Meeting minutes were recorded by Debbie Muse.

NEXT BOARD MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 23, 2005.



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2005 Board Meeting Schedule

April	27
May	25
June	22
July	27
August	24
September	28
October	26
November	16 (3 rd Wed.)
December	TBD (if needed)