

Granite Oaks Water Users Association
Board Meeting Minutes
Meeting of March 23, 2016

Approved May 25, 2016

BOARD MEMBERS

Gerry Garcia, President John Monroe, Secretary Matt Bornyasz, Board Member Larry Dorrell, Vice President Gerry Tumey, Board Member Jim Peterson, Board Member
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THOSE PRESENT

Contract Staff

Bob Busch, MDI Taxes & Acct'g Allan Kaplan – Accountant Gary Regnier - Fann Environmental

The meeting was convened at 8:00 am by President, Gerry Garcia. Treasurer John James was absent.

1. Minutes of January 27, 2016

Matt Bornyasz noted grammatical errors under "Financial Report" and another under "Operator Report". The corrections were discussed and clarified.

Motion: Minutes of January 27, 2016 as modified during the meeting were approved by a consensus of the Board.

2a. Financial Report

Allan Kaplan reported that no quarterly information due, but through February revenue is up by a little more than \$800 and expenses are \$2,600 higher than a year ago, so the net income is about \$1,700 lower than a year ago. Cash on hand is down about \$8,500 from the end of 2015.

Allan stated that John James reported the balance in the Corporate Account is \$15,900 and the Operating Account is \$31,000, which is up about \$4,000 from the end of February.

2b. Operator Report

In Jim Muylle's absence Bob Busch reported that a pressure complaint on Fair Oaks was investigated by Fann Environmental and found to be a problem on the customer's premise. Bob reported that ADWR has been out to measure static levels in all three wells during March. He recalled the level in the Glenshandra well has risen 2 feet from a year ago. Larry Dorrell asked about the charts in the proposed newsletter. Bob responded that the data is from measurements taken annually by ADWR. The levels shown for all three wells in the Operator Report include the Glenshandra well, which was measured last fall when the sounding tube was repaired. It was measured again in March by ADWR.

Larry Dorrell asked about the pump that was replaced recently. Bob Busch replied that the chlorine pump was replaced recently. The cost was approximately \$600.

2c. Manager's Report

Matt Bornyasz asked about the current water loss amount of over 200,000 gallons and how much revenue that represented. Bob Busch noted that it would be about \$4,000. Matt said that ongoing water loss equates to a significant amount of revenue. He said that water loss has been a continuing topic of discussion for a number of years. He suggested that we need to get a handle on it. He suggested that a plan of attack be prepared. A general discussion followed of various possible reasons for water loss.

Action Item: Bob Busch, in consort with Fann Environmental, will prepare a suggested action plan for discussion at the next meeting of the Board.

2c. Conservation Committee Report

John Monroe reported that the committee has contacted Jim McHood, who has been cooperative and interested in using consulting services. The problem is that the consultant we previously used has left Arizona, and we have not been able to find a consultant who will help.

Larry Dorrell asked if the letters to high users and new customers have gone out. John Monroe stated that they have not been sent yet. He contacted McHood personally, and the contact went so well, he held up sending the letters. Larry Dorrell commented that the season for high users is upon us.

Gerry Garcia suggested that the letter to new customers include information about landscaping, plant selection and conservation.

Action Item: Gerry Garcia will send draft of changes to the letter to Board Members.

3. Old Business

3a. Review of Action Items:

All action items have been completed.

Matt Bornyasz followed up on the issue of a proposed charge to water customers to create an emergency fund for small water companies. He stated that although the issue is dead with the ACC, the State Legislature has passed HB 2331 funding \$500,000 from the Arizona General Fund for use by the ACC in issuing grants to small water companies for emergencies. Matt cited a recent newspaper article by Andy Tobin supporting the bill and emergency fund. Matt cautioned the Board to be vigilant in following the ACC activity in this matter. He suggested the Company look for or form a small water users association that could give companies a voice.

4. New Business

4a. Proposed Newsletter

During the meeting, there were two suggested additions to the newsletter. One was an article about mulching for water conservation, suggested by Gerry Garcia, and an article about water testing and water quality suggested by Matt Bornyasz. The newsletter will be re-circulated for comments.

4b. Proposed Replacement of Tank Level Controls

Gary Regnier demonstrated how the tank controls operate using current tank control components. He explained said that a recent callout required troubleshooting the tank controls. Over the years, wiring has been spliced, making troubleshooting more difficult. Some of the control components are no longer manufactured and the present components are no longer reliable. He said that to replace the components, wiring and probes would cost about \$4,800.

Motion: Larry Dorrell moved to approve the expenditure of \$4,800 by Fann Environmental to replace the tank controls and wiring. Gerry Tumey seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business--

Motion: Larry Dorrell moved to adjourn. John Monroe seconded. It passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:130am.

Next meeting: Wednesday, May 25, 2016, 8:00am – Post Oak Site.

Minutes transcribed by Bob Busch

Submitted By:

Secretary