

Granite Oaks Water Users Association

Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting of June 24, 2026

APPROVED July 22, 2026

Contract Staff

Board Members

Ken Nelson - President
JD Sale – Vice President-via telephone
Matt Olson - Treasurer
Daryl Mathern, -Secretary
Robert Finke – Board Member
Don Murphy – Board Member
Nathan John- Board Member

Bob Busch - Manager, GOWUA
Cheryl Ibbotson – Ariz. Utility Billing Solutions
Derek Scott- Arizona Utilities Operations-Operator

Devon White–Legal Counsel

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was convened at 9:00 AM at 302 W. Willis St., by President Ken Nelson.

2. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING OF May 27, 2026

Motion: Daryl Mathern moved to approve the minutes of May 27, 2026, with the corrections noted. Don Murphy seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

3. REPORTS:

3a. Treasures Report

Matt Olson reported that GOWUA has 3 CDs of 55k each. The next CD to mature the Texas Capital CD, maturing July 1st. Matt reported that there is \$10,486.82 in cash in the Schwab account, with a total of \$175,374.88 in the account. There was some discussion about whether or not the cash was needed in the account or if it could be invested.

Motion: Don Murphy moved to place the cash in a Schwab Money Market Account. JD Sale seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

3b. Operator's Report

Derek Scott reported that valve exercising has begun. He reported that all chlorine is being moved to Post Oak. It will be placed in the shed attached to the building. Work is continuing on log sheets at the well sites to include more information. He stated the meters are scheduled to be read on Sunday, May 31st. Derek reported that the CCR has been completed and forwarded to ADEQ for approval. Once approved, it will be sent to the Manager for distribution/website.

3c. AZ Utility Billing Report

Cheryl reported that a note will be added to the bills this month stating that the CRRs are available on the website, or the customer can call the office to obtain a copy.

3d. Manager's Report

Bob Busch reported that the unaccounted for water this month was 3.15%, or 253,809 gallons. He reported that there were 72 high users using 3,586,240 gallons or 44.6% of water sold.

Bob reported that he had hoped to have a packet from the AC Staff concerning possibly reopening the rate case to obtain a conservation tariff. He will follow up with the Staff to attempt to get the packet by next month. Bob reported that he sent out letters to 18 well owners in May reminding them of the requirement to test their backflow prevention devices. To date he has received only two test results. He sent a reminder earlier this week. He will continue to follow up.

4. OLD BUSINESS

4a. Discussion and possible action concerning performing maintenance on electrical equipment.

There was an extended discussion concerning the electrical equipment at Post Oak and possible actions needed. A proposal from Elan Electric for replacement of an electrical panel was discussed. Bob Finke commented that an electrical engineer should review the situation and provide the Board with a recommendation.

Motion: Ken Nelson moved to have Bob Finke search for an electrical engineer to obtain a proposal to review the electrical system at Post Oak. Don Murphy seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

4b. Discussion and possible action concerning the ongoing rate case.

No action taken on this item.

4c. Discussion and possible action concerning a new well.

Devon White reported on his discussions with the County Attorney's Office concerning use of County property. He reported that the County Attorney and Staff consider the matter Closed and want no further discussion on the matter.

Bob Finke reported that he has a meeting scheduled with Dylan Easthouse of Southwest Groundwater on July 10th. He hope to have a proposal to study the GOWUA area for possible well sites.

No action taken on this item.

4d. Discussion and possible action concerning a list of items to be included in periodic reports from the Operator.

No action taken on this item.

4e. Discussion and possible action to approve a quote for inspection and cleaning of water storage tanks at Post Oak.

The Board discussed proposals from Midco Diving and Rubicon applied divers. There was some discussion about whether both firms included a written report. It was established that both vendors provided a written report. Bob Finke commented that he felt it was important to include the UT readings offered by Rubicon for an additional \$1,100.

Motion: Nathan John moved to approve the proposal from Rubicon. Don Murphy seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5a. Discussion and possible action concerning a proposal for an archivist role for GOWUA.

Nathan John presented a proposal to create an Archivist position on the Board. The position would be responsible for creating an official depository of GOWUA documents that would be accessible by members of the Board. The position would create an index and catalog for files, review all existing paper documents for possible inclusion and scan and include document in the depository.

Motion: Don Murphy moved the establish the Archivist position. Matt Olson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Don Murphy moved to appoint Nathan John to the Archivist position. JD Sale seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Matt Olson moved to engage the IDrive Software for 10 users/10TB of data at 14.00/month for 12 months (\$20.00 after 12 months). Bob Finke seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

6. ADJOURN

Meeting was adjourned at 11:20 AM.

Minutes transcribed by Bob Busch

Submitted By:

Secretary