



GAMERCO WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT MEETING
WEDNESDAY JANUARY 15TH, 2025 AT 6:00 PM
206 RAY AVE, GAMERCO, NEW MEXICO
MINUTES

Proof of posting: Website, Community Boards located at the Gamerco Water and Sanitation Office and the Gamerco Post Office Community Board.

1. Call Meeting to Order- Neal called meeting to order at 6:04pm

2. Invocation:

3. Director roll call:

- **Neal Eastridge** **President-Present**
- **Jacob Day** **Vice President-Absent**
- **Antonia Estrada** **Director – Present**
- **Mayna Benally** **Director – Present**
- **Rosa Garcia** **Director- Present**

4. Approval of last meetings minutes (12/18/24)-

Recap of minutes was read by Rosa. Neal motioned to approve minutes. Mayna seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Financial Reports: Anna Bond –

Total Income- \$73,989.99 Bank Balance \$126,578.22

Cost of Goods- \$-31,354.95 Payroll \$5,543.14

Gross Profit- \$42,635.04 Taxes- \$514.63

Expense- \$-18,914.08 Total- \$6,057.77

Net Income- \$23,720.96

Billed out December 1st \$64,006.14

- Accounts in 61-90 past due totaling \$505.17 should be turned off.
- Sam Atkinson updated the board on the status of her husband's employment. The board had previously given a payment exception to the Atkinsons with a \$500 limit. Mrs. Atkinson stated her husband did find employment, however, cannot be paid due to a lack of a bank account for direct deposit. They are currently trying to navigate opening a bank account. The board suggested a payment of any amount to lessen the balance and allow for more time on extension.

- Anna informed the board of Elvera Llanas' account that is past due with a balance of \$840.33. Llanas experienced medical issues and was represented by Legal Aid yet, there has been no payments on her account. Jason will follow up with Dominique to speak with Legal Aid and find a solution. Due to the lack of payment and the growing debit a letter may have to be sent out about disconnection of water.
- Neal informed the board that 203 Summit is currently being sold by Coldwell Banker. The previous resident at that address had a \$700+ past due balance on their account. Coldwell Banker has made an agreement with GWSD to pay the balance at the time of the property's closing.

6. Report by Water Operator: Teresa Stevens-

Teresa was able to find, locate, and exercise 26 valves. One valve was found that needs to be replaced, it is already on the replacement list. It took half a day to uncover and eliminate debris from the valves. We are still waiting on quotes for resurfacing the old tank. Yatahey is working to get their tank cleaning done. Teresa will ask about getting the anodes for Gamercos tank replaced in the quotes. Jason informed the board that they need to be sure to follow the requirements of documenting three quotes and evidence of proper spending.

The meter reading tablet still hasn't arrived. Should come in soon, may need sim card to operate or will need to use cell phone hotspot.

7. Field Foreman Report: Clint Slaughter-

Clint was not present to give report.

8. Old Business:

A. New Well Project Funding Update

Funding is contingent upon successful audits. GWSD will be able to access \$50,000 as soon as audits are complete. Need to reach out to individual to start the process for request to state.

B. City of Gallup Water Service Agreement Update

December 31st a response was sent to the City of Gallup. GWSD did not agree with several stipulations set in the proposed agreement. GWSD will no longer receive legal assistance from McKinley County Attorney. Judge Decker will receive and review the case. GWSD will need to raise rates to meet the new rates set forth. If the agreement is not met, the City of Gallup can raise rates. The attorney will be requesting reimbursement for overcharges on account after negotiations for rates are met.

C. Status of Covenants and Bylaws, Letters to Property Owners about Vote.

The board discussed the steps needed to continue with the vote of covenants. The community will need to be informed 60 in advance of the vote. Neal motioned to set a date in April for the vote. Rosa seconded. Motion passes unanimously. The board set a work day on February 12th at 10am to address envelopes for the letter to residents about vote.

D. Installation of light poles on Chino Loop.

Neal motioned to table until next meeting. Antonia seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

E. Report properties to the NMED Update

Neal motioned to table until next meeting. Mayna seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

F. Letter to Residents about Animals

Letter was reviewed by the board outlining conditions in which animals are kept, in accordance with McKinley County Animal Control Ordinances. Neal motioned to send letter out in the next water bill. Antonia seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

G. Church/Community Marquee Update

Neal motioned to table until next meeting. Rosa seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

9. New Business:

A. Schedule workday with Office for policies and procedures

Workday scheduled for 1pm on 1/23/25 at the Gamerao Church of God.

B. Letter to residents about violating current covenants.

GWSD will work on violation slips to leave on property in violation of covenants and ordinances.

C. Field Forman Job description and discussion.

An updated Field Forman Job Description was reviewed by the board and discussed. The board added employee policies to the list for the 1/23 workday.

10. Board member comments:

Neal stated that Clint needs more stop signs ordered. He also would like to discuss the installation of 4-way stops to eliminate speeding.

Neal informed the board that he approached the owner of the burnt house on Rust. He motioned to organize a dumpster for the property to help encourage the cleaning up of the property. Rosa seconded. Motion passes unanimously. Rosa motioned to

have a notice sent to the owner with a notice to clean the property within 30 days, deadline being 2/28/25. Mayna seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

11. Adjournment: Neal motioned to adjourn at 7:15pm. Mayna seconded. Motion passed unanimously.