



GAMERCO WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT MEETING
WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 20TH, 2024 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 6:13pm

2. **Invocation:**

3. **Director roll call:**

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

4. **Approval of last meetings minutes (10/16/24)-**

Neal motioned to approve last meetings minutes. Antonia seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

5. **Financial Reports: Anna Bond –**

Total Income- \$83,080.33	Bank Balance \$118,000.00
Cost of Goods- \$33,929.00	Payroll - \$5,198.29
Total Expense- \$19,509.63	Tax- \$487.82
Net Income- \$29,641.70	Total- \$5,686.11

Anna reported that bills were sent out to individuals who have moved out of Gamerco yet have accounts with past due balances. One individual from the list was left with credit on account. Neal motioned to approve the refund of amount to individual. Rosa seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion was held about the current past due accounts, shut-off policies, and payment options. Concerns over lack of follow-through on payments were discussed.

Neal motioned to approve enforcing liens on accounts with past due balances over \$200. Rosa seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

Discussion on payment plan options for past due balances was held. Payment plans that were previously put in place by board allow for continued growth of past due balances. Neal motioned to eliminate payment plans. Rosa seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Proposal of schedule for shut-off notices, late payment deadlines, and water shut off was put before the board. Shutoff notices would be posted on the second Monday of the month on past due accounts. Customers would be given until Wednesday to make payment in full. Thursday water would be shut off if payment was not made. Neal motioned to approve the proposal. Rosa

seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Disconnection fee and reconnection fee were discussed. Neal motioned to approve eliminate disconnection fee and implement a \$75 reconnection fee. Rosa seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Anna presented the problem of accounts with missing information on security deposits. Some accounts lack information, and 10 accounts have been overcharged. Neal motioned to appropriate funds from deposits to credit those 10 accounts. Rosa seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Report by Water Operator: Teresa Garcia-

Lead service line inventory was submitted, unlikely to hear back from agency as we are in compliance. Teresa is reviewing the rates of Gallup Water. Currently sewer charges are 110% at .0605 cents.

Teresa and Clint will work together to try to isolate the T and slow the leak on Crystal Ave. The pipe that runs from the pipe house feeds from the tank to the system. PVC T likely needs to be converted to a steel or cast-iron T.

Replacement of valves throughout Gamerco is beneficial to the operation of GWSD. This process allows us to find out if valves are operational and finding out if those operating valves are able to isolate. Without the replacement it is impossible to know which can isolate.

The board requested a plan from Teresa for the beginning of work on the valve replacement.

Teresa plans to start at problem areas that have previously been identified.

Once contract from the state is initiated, the board requests that the leak on Crystal Ave be taken care of as it is in GWSD's financial interest.

7. Field Foreman Report: Clint Slaughter-

A. Report on drainage work done on 10/18-10/19.

Blading was done on 10/19/24. Trash trucks have been winterized.

8. Old Business:

A. Status of New Well Project Funding

\$50,00 will be available in December.

The accountant is working on getting audits completed. 2022 audit will be done by December. 2023 audit is in progress. Auditor needs to be chosen for 2024 audit.

B. GWSD Community Clean and Lien Program, Vehicle Parking Violation status (Neal)

Meeting with lawyer is to take place 11/21/24. Report will be given at next meeting.

Meeting with C.B. Strain about procedures to condemn properties is to take place within the coming week. Report will be given at next meeting.

C. Letters to County for road work assistance and letter to NMDOT about cattle guard.

Letters have been sent out. Meeting with Dimas and County Attorney is tentatively scheduled for 11/22/24.

9. New Business:

A. Resurfacing of water tank.

Remediation of tank, sand blasting and painting needs to take place in order for tank to be operational. The cost will be \$60,000. The tank will need to be filled and drained.

RFP needs to be posted and sent out. Neal motions to put forth RFP. Antonia seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Recap of Community Covenants Meeting.

Report of individuals camping out in alley between Portal and Granite. Neal will reach out to Sheriff about squatters. Trash is being thrown into property owned by GLP, vehicles are being parked on property owned by GLP. Martin O' Malley of GLP will be contacted to find a solution.

C. Report properties to New Mexico Environmental Department.

Clint will get addresses and violations to the secretary. Secretary will then file reports with the NMED.

10. Board member comments:

Neal suggested a workday to discuss covenants and create ordinances. Meeting scheduled for 12/5/24 at 1pm. Next board meeting 12/18/24

11. Adjournment: Neal adjourned at 7:23pm