

**GREENFERRY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
August 11, 2025 4:00 PM, at the District Office and Via Zoom**

Chairperson Carol Rassier opened the meeting at 4:00 pm. She noted that the recently appointed Board member, Jody Barden had resigned from the Board.

Additional Board of Directors in Attendance:

Vice Chairman Dr. Bob Stiger
Secretary Treasurer Susan Sloyka
Director Sarah Loader

Staff in Attendance:

John Austin, Manager (Via Zoom)
Roger Glessner, Engineer
Ian Kuchenski, Water Operator
Bob Kuchenski, Water Operator (Via Zoom)
Debbie Swensen, Accountant (Via Zoom)

Guest:

Penny Morgan (Via Zoom)

OLD BUSINESS

The Board then discussed the current and expected grant update. Ms. Loader noted the SWEP grant was submitted by Mr. Austin for approval of the meter list with 270+ meters. She said Mr. Ian Kuchenski has updated the meter list with GPS listings and the meter size. She said there were 278 meters needing to be replaced, with 48 needing some excavation including hand digging. She said there were 218 ¾ inch meters and 59 1" meters and the spreadsheet will be updated to reflect that. She said she has around 15 issues with the new list and asks that the Board direct staff to review the entire list and resolve any issues. After discussion, the Board agreed.

ACTION: Mr. Kuchenski will review the entire meter list and correct any issues as identified by Ms. Loader.

DUE DATE: August 15, 2025

The Board then discussed the Office Drop Box. Chairperson Rassier asked if it can be removed, because there have been issues with getting payments to the accountants. Mr. Austin stated there were communication issues with staff and that on a couple occasions the payments were not entered on a timely basis. He is assured that the communication issues have been resolved. He suggested that a warning be listed on the drop box to advise those paying late in the month, or a delinquent balance, to mail the payments instead to the box office in Hayden.

The Board then discussed the RAFN Update. Mr. Austin noted he had contacted Bob Haynes on the issue and was awaiting a reply on what his fee would be to update the plan.

Dr. Stiger noted the Plan was over 10 year old and needed to be updated, even if the Board opts to not utilize all of the hookups the increased water right would provide.

ACTION: Mr. Austin will work with Bob Haynes on the cost to update the RAFN.

DUE DATE: September 1, 2025

The Board then discussed Legal Counsel Update. Mr. Austin noted he and Ms. Loader had supplied the documents they'd requested and was awaiting a response. Pertinent to the request was if and when staff might reach out to the Bayshore Developer. Mr. Austin said he would update the Board after contact with Legal Counsel.

The Board then discussed the Well Meter. Mr. Glessner noted it would be better to repair the current meter than upgrade to a larger meter prior to the expansion of the well house piping. The Board agreed and directed staff to repair the meter.

The Board then discussed the North Kootenai Water and Sewer meeting, which was attended by Ms. Loader and then-Director Rex Grace. She noted their meetings were short, usually about 25 minutes as they utilized the Consent Agenda like the District Board. She encouraged Directors to attend if possible when the NKWD Board meets (1st and 3rd Thursdays at 12:30 pm).

Mr. Austin then noted the Preliminary Budget has been published but the Board can review it as needed prior to the Public Hearing on August 25, 2025 at 4 pm.

The Board then discussed the New Hookups that are and have been pending in the District. Mr. Austin asked if the unused hookups at Bella Ridge could be used for the 3-4 new hookup requests. Mr. Glessner stated he would check with the Department of Environmental Quality on the issue and report back to the Board.

ADJOURN

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:24 pm, following a motion by Dr. Stiger and second by Ms. Loader.