

**GREENFERRY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
September 8, 2025 4:00 PM, at the District Office and Via Zoom**

Chairperson Carol Rassier opened the meeting at 4:00 pm.

Additional Board of Directors in Attendance:

Vice Chairman Dr. Bob Stiger
Secretary Treasurer Susan Sloyka
Director Sarah Loader
Director Pat Bethke (Via Zoom)

Staff in Attendance:

John Austin, Manager
Roger Glessner, Engineer
Bob Kuchenski, Water Operator
Ian Kuchenski, Water Operator
Debbie Swensen, Accountant

Guests:

Steve Tanner, Advisory Committee
Rex Grace, Advisory Committee
Mike Reynolds, Advisory Committee
Liza and Chris Lee, Residents

NEW BUSINESS

The Board then discussed the Contract Amendment for the Water Operator, for the install of new meters per the SWEP grant. Mr. Austin will confirm if the flat rate will work for the grantor, rather than the hourly rate.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The Lees discussed their water connection request and how pumping from the waterfront for irrigation wouldn't work during low water seasons. Mr. Ian Kuchenski said he could check with those with unused meter approval to see if any unused connections could be made available for the pending requests for hook up.

NEW BUSINESS - Continued

The Board then discussed Subagencies and the Open Meeting Law. Ms. Loader shared the Advisory Committee's recommendation for the Board to consider consulting legal regarding questions about subagencies and the Open Meeting Law. Ms. Loader shared that the Open Meeting Law Manual indicates that subagencies that make recommendations to a public agency would be subject to the Open Meeting Law.

Mr. Austin said he would make sure agendas are prepared and minutes taken for the Advisory Committee and CIP Production Committee. The Board discussed inviting Zach Jones to their next meeting. Mr. Austin will contact Legal Counsel Zach Jones about attending the next meeting of the Board.

The Board then discussed the current Website Features and audit of the website. Mr. Tanner spoke with the North Kootenai Water and Sewer District and that they like their website designer, The Well Dressed Walrus. Ms. Loader shared that she recently spoke with them and they can provide the District a free consult. The directors discussed developing a list of desired website features. The Board directed that the Advisory Committee continue to develop their recommendations on the website.

Ms. Loader then led the Board discussion on Parcels within the District's Boundary, and that staff should review the map of the District to ensure all parcels within 300 feet of a main and/or hydrant are being assessed the \$25/month Capital Reserve Fee to be fair to all residents in the District. The Board directed that staff review the District Map to ensure all eligible parcels are assessed the Capital Reserve Fee, per District policy.

High Use Fees and the impact of users exceeding 100,000 gallons in a month. They reviewed the Section III: Rules and Rates Policy, and noted the \$2.00/1,000 gallons over 100,000 might be low, and not discourage residents from high use. Mr. Austin then discussed the changes to the Policy to agree with staff contracts. The Board directed that Mr. Austin bring his recommendations on the amendments be brought to the next Regular Meeting.

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.