

GOGEBIC RANGE WATER AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING – DECEMBER 13, 2007
AGENDA

The Gogebic Range Water Authority met in regular session on Thursday, December 13, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. at the Bessemer Township Hall in Ramsay, MI 49959. Notice of the meeting was published in the *Daily Globe* newspaper's "Eight Day Calendar"

The "Oath of Office" was administered to re-appointed and newly appointed GRWA Board members, which were then seated as voting members of the board.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Administrator opened the meeting for nominations for officers to serve for one year commencing December 2007.

OFFICE OF CHAIRPERSON: Moved by Bertetto and supported by Salmi to nominate Mr. Walt Rickard for Chairman. Motion carried.

OFFICE OF VICE-CHAIR: Moved by Rickard and supported by Salmi to nominate Mr. Delmar Smith for vice-chair. Motion carried.

OFFICE OF TREASURER: Moved by Salmi and supported by Anderson to nominate Mr. Jerry Grenfell for treasurer. Motion carried.

OFFICE OF SECRETARY: Moved by Grenfell and supported by Estola to nominate Ms Gayla Salmi for secretary. Motion carried.

The elected officers accepted their positions and the meeting was turned over to Chairman Rickard.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Rickard, followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

ROLL CALL: Present: Bertetto, Pikka, Anderson, Smith, Prisbe, Grenfell, Frello, Pavlovich, Rickard, Estola, Salmi

Absent: None

Also Present: Chuck Lawson & Randy Scott, project engineers; Jim Bucknell GRWA attorney, and six citizens

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES: Moved by Anderson and supported Smith to accept with a correction under "Public Comment" *from Mr. Randall to Mr. Estola*, and place on file the minutes of the November 8, 2007 regular meeting.

Motion carried.

OPERATING ACCOUNT CLAIMS: Moved by Bertetto and supported by Grenfell to approve payment of the claims against the operating account in the amount of \$66,188.72 which includes an interest payment to USDA Rural Development on Phase I loan 91-01 of \$58,972.50.

Motion was unanimously carried upon a roll call vote.

COMMUNICATIONS: Moved by Anderson and supported by Bertetto to place the communications on file. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Moved by Bertetto and supported by Anderson to accept and approve signatures on the offer of \$760.00 from Xcel Energy in final settlement of the April 20, 2007 water main damage claim that occurred at the Blackjack Ski Resort due to a wrong address used when Xcel Energy requested a "Miss Dig" locate for underground utility work. Motion was unanimously carried upon a roll call vote.

B. Moved by Salmi and supported by Grenfell to accept and approve signatures on the USDA Rural Development letter of conditions and request of obligation of funds for the Ironwood Township water project in the amount of a loan not to exceed \$2,780,000 and a grant not to exceed \$2,250,000. Motion was unanimously carried upon a roll call vote.

C. At this time Chairman Rickard turned the meeting over to Mr. Randy Scott, project engineer from Wilcox Professional Services. Mr. Scott offered a power point presentation of a draft concept for future presentation to the City of Bessemer regarding a wholesale water rate if Ironwood Township becomes a customer of GRWA. . Numerous issues were discussed and questions answered from the board.

NEW BUSINESS: None

FINANCIAL REPORTS: Moved by Anderson and supported by Bertetto to place the financial statements on file. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND OTHER BUSINESS: Questions were asked from members of the Ironwood Township Board regarding rates for the upcoming water project. This is something that is being studied and as the project scope becomes more defined answers will be given.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Salmi and supported by Anderson to adjourn at 7:05 p.m. Motion carried.

Walt Rickard, Chairman

G. Jean Verbos, Administrator