

**GOGEBIC RANGE WATER AUTHORITY  
REGULAR MEETING – DECEMBER 14, 2006  
MINUTES**

The Gogebic Range Water Authority met in regular session on Thursday, December 14, 2006 at the Bessemer Township Hall in Ramsay, MI 49959. Meeting notice was published in the Daily Globe newspaper on December 13, & 14, 2006.

**Election of Officers:** Administrator opened the floor to nominations for GRWA Board of Trustees officers for the period of December 1, 2006 to December 1, 2007.

Moved by Bertello and supported by Grenfell to nominate the following slate of officers for the upcoming term:

Chairman – Walt Rickard  
Vice-Chair – Delmar Smith  
Secretary – Gayla Salmi  
Treasurer – John Ozzello

There being no further nominations, Administrator closed the nominations. Upon a roll call vote of members present, the slate of nominated officers was unanimously elected and the newly elected officers seated.

**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, Rickard, Pikka, Smith, Estola, Grenfell and Salmi, of which constitute a quorum.

Absent: Anderson, Ozzello, Olsen

Also present: Tom Schneller, Jim Bucknell, Richard Brooks, Louis Sworab & Tom Chatel, and project manager, Chuck Lawson.

**PRESENTATION OF MINUTES:** Moved by Grenfell and supported by Salmi to accept as presented and place on file the minutes of the November 9, 2006 regular meeting. Motion Carried.

**OPERATING ACCOUNT CLAIMS:** Moved by Bertetto and supported by Smith to approve payment of the claims against the operating account in the amount of \$78,464.75, which includes USDA Rural Development loan interest payment on Phase I Loan 91-01 due January 1, 2007 in the amount of \$59,737.50. Motion was unanimously carried upon a roll call vote of the Board.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Moved by Smith and supported by Estola to place the communications on file. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A. GRWA has received a draft agreement for the extension of a water main from Crestview Road to the westerly corner of the proposed new Wal-Mart store in Ironwood Township. A lengthy discussion regarding the GRWA portions of the agreement was held. Board members were in disagreement with the 15 day time allowed for construction of the main and the requirement for the use of HDPE pipe for under US2. Project engineer suggested changing to casing pipe. Another concern was the possibility of spring road weight restrictions causing a delay in construction. Moved by Grenfell and supported by Pikka to authorize the administrator to write a letter and copy to all concerned parties relaying the GRWA Boards concerns. Motion carried.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS:** Moved by Bertetto and supported by Smith to place the financial reports on file. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT AND OTHER BUSINESS**

Chuck Lawson, project manager, gave an update on the progress of the Anvil/Indianhead project. Soil borings have been completed and design will be started in January 2007.

Administrator reported that the DPW is working on getting the old on site generator at the Indianhead Ski Resort working. An evaluation by Z & R Electrical had been completed with recommendations. If the old generator can be repaired, this will be a substantial savings to the system. The generator will not be able to run the fire pumps but will be able to provide emergency water to the ski resort operations. Administrator also reported that Bessemer Township granted the water system franchise to the GRWA at its meeting of December 11, 2006. We will begin to formulate the agreements necessary to turn the water system over to the GRWA.

Mr. Tom Schneller, Snow Country Contracting, reported that if Wal-Mart does build in Ironwood, he definitely will be developing his property on Section 12 & US2 and is requesting consideration by the GRWA to extend the water main the additional 2000 feet to Section 12 Road with the cost financed through special assessment and tap fees.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Moved by Bertetto and supported by Smith to adjourn at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried.

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Walter Rickard, Chairman

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G. Jean Verbos, Administrator