

GOGEBIC RANGE WATER AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING – AUGUST 9, 2007
AGENDA

The Gogebic Range Water Authority met in regular session on Thursday, August 9, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. at the Bessemer Township Hall in Ramsay, MI 49959. Meeting notice was published in the *Daily Globe* newspaper's "Eight Day Calendar".

CALL TO ORDER: Present: Anderson, Olsen, Rickard, Pikka, Smith, Grenfell, Estola
Absent: Bertetto, Ozzello, Pavlovich, Salmi
Also present: Randy Scott and Chuck Lawson, Wilcox Professional Services engineers;
James Bucknell, GRWA attorney; and one citizen.

Ms. Salmi entered the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

MINUTES: Moved by Anderson and supported by Estola to approve as presented and place on file the minutes of the July 12, 2007 regular meeting. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Moved by Olsen and supported by Estola to approve payment of the claims against the operating account in the amount of \$22,400.89. Motion was unanimously carried upon a roll call vote.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Moved by Anderson and supported by Smith to authorize the proper signatures on the all paperwork to complete the application process for the Anvil/Indianhead, Storage Tank and Ironwood Township projects as needed. Motion was unanimously carried upon a roll call vote.

B. Administrator Verbos reported that there is an ongoing problem of hydrants being tampered with on the Blackjack Ski Resort water system by unauthorized persons and requested approval to write a letter to the Blackjack owners and manager to outline the legal consequences of such action and to remind them that the water system is now a municipal system and no longer privately held. Moved by Olsen and supported by Grenfell to authorize the administrator to write the letter and to contact MDEQ to obtain guidance on the penalties of hydrant tampering. Motion carried.

Administrator reported that the high pressure hydrant located on the east side of the Blackjack main lodge has been replaced and the valve repaired. This was under contract with Snow Country Contracting for replacement in the fall of 2006 and was never completed. The high pressure hydrant located on the north west of the lodge was replaced last year.

C. The agreement, regarding the construction of the 250,000 gallon water storage tank, between Grand View Hospital and the GRWA was read and reviewed by the board. After review by GRWA attorney, Jim Bucknell, he stated that the agreement was simple and straight forward and approved it for acceptance and signature by the GRWA Board. Moved by Olsen and supported by Grenfell to approve and authorize signatures on the "Water Storage Tank Agreement" with Grand View Hospital. Motion was unanimously carried upon a roll call vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Moved by Olsen and supported by Anderson to approve and authorize signatures On the Wal-Mart water main project pay request in the amount of \$14,547.15. Motion was unanimously carried upon a roll call vote.

B. Randy Scott, project engineer, reported on the design of the proposed water storage tank. Board members were given a draft basis of design to review. The tank will be a two chambered rectangular shaped poured concrete tank measuring 90 feet by 45 feet. Mr. Scott and Mr. Lawson met with GVH before today's GRWA meeting to share this information. Mr. Scott also reported that he had met with the City of Ironwood to verify the elevation of the Mt. Zion water tank.

Mr. Lawson reported that the Stone Road well fields seem to be operating well and within capacity even though our area is suffering drought conditions.

Administrator reported that there will be another attempt to meet with the City of Ironwood to negotiate a bulk water rate for Ironwood Township.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT AND OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. Smith requested that the water meters at Indianhead Ski resort be read by GRWA personnel as GRWA has franchised the system and is in the process of finalizing the transfer.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Anderson and supported by Smith to adjourn at 7:15 p.m. Motion carried.

Walter Rickard, Chairman

G. Jean Verbos, Administrator