



VILLA GRANDE

Domestic Water Improvement District

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Minutes

July 13, 2023 • Regular Meeting

Call to Order: Bernie Vargas called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

Directors Roll Call: Present were Bernie Vargas, Cauy Washburn, and Terry Eickstaedt. Allen Grant and Ray Roerdink were absent.

Discussion/Action Minutes: Special Meeting Minutes and the Regular Meeting Minutes of 6/14/23. A motion was made by Terry Eickstaedt to approve and ratify the minutes for the Special Meeting Minutes and the Regular Meeting Minutes held on 6/14/23 as written and seconded Cauy Washburn. Vote unanimous 3-0. Motion carried.

Call to the audience: None present to address the board.

Discussion/Action: ADEQ/Nitrate Treatment. Joni Roerdink attended the Federal Programs Committee Meeting on 6/29/23 along with Dina Miller and Craig Canazzario from WestLand Resources. Joni had spoken to Samantha Lemke prior to the meeting and asked if there was anything she needed to be prepared for at the meeting. Samantha told her they had a new committee this year and they've never done it before. Samantha also stated the board was a new board and they will probably ask why we are coming back for a third loan. One of the board members had asked the individual leading the discussion if VGDWID had just been allowed to do whatever we wanted to do because she'd noticed this was the third time VGDWID had been back. The leader of the discussion stated the board was more that welcome to direct any questions to VGDWID or WestLand Resources. The leader of the discussion also stated that VGDWID has always been in close contact with both ADEQ and WIFA. Joni Roerdink was asked by a member of the board why we needed to go back for a third loan. Joni explained:

- a. VGDWID has followed all suggestions and recommendations from both ADEQ and WIFA.
- b. VGDWID was asked to do the pump to waste, and it worked for a very short period of time.
- c. Nitrates went up from 13.3 mg/L to 19.0 mg/L.
- d. Had to find a system that would accommodate the increase allowing us to dial it down and that we had also reached out to other nearby systems per ADEQ and WIFA and we were told no, it was not a viable option as it would not be cost effective to do so.
- e. Covid Shutdown – Manufacturers shutdown.
- f. 2 yr. delay due to Covid and Pinal County increased requirements (i.e., lighting, landscaping, irrigation, paved parking, rezoning, etc.)

- g. ADEQ and WIFA allowed us to pause the bidding process because of increased requirements. The pause took over nine months.
- h. Pinal County hired a new Director of Community Development who decided we didn't need to do everything that they wanted us to do because it was a health and safety issue. We were finally allowed to open bidding back up. This alone was nearly a year delay.
- i. Joni explained the cost increase on the various items to account for the bid increases.
- j. Joni stated at the onset, VGDWID had 100% of the funding in place prior to the original opening of the bid process.
- k. Opened bids up and only had two bidders. Prior bidders were busy and couldn't get us on their schedule. The bids had increased from \$800,000 to 1.4M and 2.4M. Joni mentioned again that prior to Covid VGDWID had 100% of the funding for the project in place and that funding is still sitting there. Joni also mentioned the system is on site and waiting to be installed.
- l. Asked by ADEQ/WIFA to join the Co-op to see if we could find general contractors that were already approved by ADEQ at a cheaper rate – another delay for the contractor and then they declined to bid after a month of review.
- m. Asked permission to go back to original bidders to see if their situations had changed and got one - \$1,000,900.
- n. The board member thanked Joni for the explanations. No questions were directed to WestLand Resources. The Federal Programs Committee voted to approve the Resolution to go to the WIFA Board meeting to be held on 7/19/23.

Joni received an email from Dina Miller that she would like to send out the award letter to the contractor. Cauby signed it so we could get it out to the contractor. As soon as we hear we are approved, we can immediately get started. We won't have to wait until we have the funds in hand.

Two hours prior to the actual WIFA Board Meeting, Joni received the agenda for the 7/19/23 board meeting. It is 160 pages, so it is a long meeting.

Discussion/Action: Change of date for Public Board Meetings. Due to issues that we've encountered for the Wednesday night board meeting, we would like to propose a change to the day of the regular board meeting to better accommodate our directors. The proposal would be to change the board meeting from the second Wednesday night to the second Thursday night going forward for all regular meetings. A motion was made by Cauby Washburn to change the regular board meetings from the second Wednesday of the month to the second Thursday of the month going forward. The motion was seconded by Terry Eickstaedt. Vote unanimous 3-0. Motion carried.

Discussion/Action: Well #1. No issues with Well #1 during the month.

Discussion/Action: Well #2. No issues with Well #2 or with the booster pumps.

Discussion/Action: Generator Maintenance Update. Terry Eickstaedt stated the generator has 532.2 hours on it. The fuel tank is just below $\frac{3}{4}$ of a tank. All other levels look good. We should need to change the oil in August or September. No leaks. Terry reported he had not seen any bees at the site. A new tarp was installed on the equipment.

Discussion/Action: Managers Report. Joni Roerdink reported the following:

- Water bills were sent out on 7/1/23. Final notices were sent on 7/2/23.
- Disconnects are scheduled for 7/13/23. Past Due Amount: \$1,199.02 with 16 past due customers. There was one disconnect in July.

Discussion/Action: Equipment & Site Report/Lab Tests.

- Coliform sample came back absent.

Discussion/Action: Meters/Installations/Reinstallations/Leaks/Repairs.

- There was one leak in June.
- There were two new water services lines installed in early June, both vacant lots.

Discussion/Action: Approve and Ratify Expenditures & Purchases. The Board reviewed the Expenditures and Purchases as submitted for June 2023. Cauty Washburn made a motion to approve and ratify the expenditures and purchases as written. Terry Eickstaedt seconded the motion. Vote unanimous 3-0. Motion carried.

Adjournment: The Agenda being completed; Bernie Vargas adjourned the meeting at 7:18 pm.

Date: _____

Bernie Vargas

Allen Grant

Ray Roerdink

Cauty Washburn

Terry Eickstaedt