



VILLA GRANDE

Domestic Water Improvement District

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Minutes

May 29, 2026 • Regular Meeting

Call to Order: Bernie Vargas called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Directors Roll Call: Present were Bernie Vargas, Terry Eickstaedt and Cauly Washburn. Allen Grant was absent. We also have an attendee on the agenda Fernando Ruiz.

Discussion/Action Minutes: The Regular Meeting Minutes of 3/12/26. The meeting for 4/9/26 was canceled. A motion was made by Cauly Washburn to approve and ratify the minutes for the Regular Meeting Minutes of 3/12/26 as written and seconded by Terry Eickstaedt. Vote unanimous 3-0. Motion carried.

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

Discussion/Action: New Business: New director appointment. Following the recent passing of Director Raymond Roerdink, a vacancy was created on the Board. Joni Roerdink introduced Fernando Ruiz as a nominee to fill the position, noting his extensive experience serving on various boards and other positions in the County. Cauly Washburn made a motion to appoint Fernando Ruiz as Director to fill the vacancy created by the passing of Raymond Roerdink. The motion was presented for consideration by the Board. Terry Eickstaedt seconded the motion. Vote unanimous 3-0. Motion Carried.

Discussion/Action: Oath of Office. Fernando Ruiz was sworn in by Bernie Vargas.

Discussion/Action: Budget and Rate Review of FY 2026-2027. Joni Roerdink stated that she needs a little additional time to complete the proposed budget and rate schedule but she discussed the following highlights. Last year Well #1 went down on 4/29/25. The pump and motor went out, the drop pipe had to be replaced as well as the electrical, the sounding tube and all fittings. We also had to pay for the rigging equipment and labor and the hauling of water to maintain water services for our customers during the time the system was down. It started the fiscal year off with a very bad start, but we watched all other expenses extremely closely for the remainder of the year. We also had a huge expense for the renewal of the app permit for the evaporation ponds. The renewal is approximately \$7,500 every five years. That has been budgeted in for the end of the 2026 fiscal year. Joni will not cut that expense from the budget so those funds will remain in the budget for additional expenses that may come up. The salt cost has remained about what we budgeted for so that will remain unchanged. The cost of meters has increased substantially. The current

cost is about \$700 - \$800 to replace a meter. If damage to a meter occurs because of carelessness or failure to protect the meter to the best of the customer's ability, the customer will be charged for the replacement. We had an instance a few months ago where a customer was having work down and a delivery driver drove over the meter box and damaged the meter. The customer was charged for the replacement costs. Joni will also raise the cost of a new service line which includes the meter. The cost will be increased to \$7,200 and up. Labor costs to install the service lines have increased. This is still less than what surrounding areas are charging. We just don't have that many. Joni stated she thought we had two or three installed last year. She doesn't foresee any new service lines in the upcoming fiscal year because Nikola is no longer in the area and Proctor and Gamble has currently not started their project. In the past 3–4 years, new businesses were coming in so people were building in the area. That is not happening right now. Joni is looking at a flat fee increase based on the current increase in our area of about 5% for PVC and plumbing parts. The previous year was a 20% increase due to the high cost of materials needed for repairs. The flat fee increase will bring approximately \$4,400 a year and an additional increase of approximately \$5,000 tax levy income which is based on the property values assessed by Pinal County. Joni will finish pulling the numbers and provide the directors with copies to move forward with publication under Legal Notices for the next board meeting in June. The directors will vote on the actual budget and rates at that time.

Cauy Washburn mentioned he had noticed a lot of salt in the ponds and asked if they are backwashing. Joni stated the system is set to automatic backwash.

Discussion/Action: Pinal County Resolutions for FY 2026-2027. Joni Roerdink mentioned she thought this should be tabled until the June 2026 meeting. This form doesn't have to be to the County until July 31, 2026. Since Allen Grant could not attend the current board meeting, we need his signature on this form because he is a signer on the warrant account. This is the form that is submitted to the County every year showing, who has the authority to do transfers, sign warrants, it allows them to invest part of our funds, and we are paid the interest, etc. It is the same form every year.

Discussion/Action: Well #1: Joni Roerdink reported that we didn't have any issues with well #1 during the month.

Discussion/Action: Well #2: Joni Roerdink reported that we didn't have any issues with well #2 or the booster pumps during the month.

Discussion/Action: Generator Maintenance Update. Terry Eickstaedt reported the generator has 611.2 hours on it. Terry reported that the fuel level is now full. Joni and Terry made about 6 or 7 trips with the diesel containers and topped it off. The diesel delivery services that Joni had reach out to wanted to charge an additional trip charge because we only use on an average of 1-2 gallons per month. With such little usage, we can top off the tank every other month and not worry about having fuel delivered. All other levels were ok. Terry said he hasn't seen any bees at the well site.

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

- Water bills were sent out on 6/4/26. Final notices were sent on 6/5/26.
- Disconnects were scheduled for 6/15/26. Past Due Amount: \$3,028.39 with 24 past due customers.

- There were no disconnects in May.

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

- Coliform sample came back absent.
- The nitrate sample came back at 4.66 mg/L for this quarter.

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

- We didn't have any leaks in April or May except for the one leak on Colt Drive in the roadway. The water technician is trying to get it scheduled for service.
- We had one customer on Stallion with no water and found it was the backflow. VGDWID is not responsible for backflow issues. That is on the customer side, and they are responsible for the cost of cleaning and or repair.

Discussion/Action: Approve and Ratify Expenditures & Purchases. The Board reviewed the Expenditures and Purchases as submitted for March and April 2026. Terry Eickstaedt made a motion to approve and ratify the expenditures and purchases as written. Cauly Washburn seconded the motion. Vote unanimous 4-0. Motion carried.

Adjournment: The agenda being completed; Bernie Vargas adjourned the meeting at 7:34 pm.

Date: _____

Bernie Vargas

Allen Grant

Fernando Ruiz

Cauly Washburn

Terry Eickstaedt