

**Gastonia-Scurry Special Utility District  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Minutes of June 21st, 2022**

**Board of Directors Present:** Ginny Rivers-King, Jeremy Rhoades, Drew Sloan, Rick Burginger, Ernest Martzen, Deonna Autenrieth

**Board of Directors Absent:** None

**Employees Attending:** Ginny Rivers-King, Cindy Moore & Clayton Dickerson

**Attorney Present:** None

**Engineer Present:** None

**Visitors:** Mike and Allyson Reese

**#1 Meeting called to order at 6:45 p.m. by Rick Burginger**

**#2 Open Discussion:**

N/A

**#3 Approve the minutes of the May 17th, 2022, meeting:**

*Motion to accept the May 17th, 2022 minutes as written*

*By Jeremy Rhoades  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Ernest Martzen*

*Vote: Unanimous*

**#4 Reports:**

**A. Financial Report**

Deonna Autrienth, Board Treasurer gave the Treasurer's Report. Some items discussed were the Audit fee of \$10.5K. It was declared Bad Debts owed to the District are high. Some research on "collections" will be done to determine the best way to collect these debts owed to GSSUD. Health Insurance needs to be re-bid for a better policy and pricing. Operating income was profitable in May. Other Income loss was less last month. Software Expense was misclassified and Support for our software needs to be expensed out and not classified as a Capital Expense. Depreciation needs to be moved from operating costs. Some items do not have a budget line, such as Bad Debt. Continued efforts are in place to clean up and classify expense items correctly.

*No Motion/ No Action*

**B. Field Report**

Clayton Dickerson updated the Board on field activity and data. Report on water loss and new meter sets was provided.

*No Motion/ No Action*

**C. Committee Report(s)**

**1. Election Committee**

Posting availability of three (3) positions to fill on the Board of Directors in the upcoming election. Applications to run for the Board will be accepted between 7/23/22 – 8/22/22. The County will be managing the election.

**2. Freedom Fest Committee**

Training on the environmental trailer will be done before the Festival. Ginny advised Drew access to electricity and water will be needed for the environmental trailer activity.

*No Action/ No Motion*

**D. General Manager's Report**

CCR is complete, it will be available to view on the website by 6/26/22. Currently the ACR is .43 per household. We are trying to get it down to .34 per household. The reduced ACR request has been assigned to a TCEQ representative. Parts for the new Server are three (3) weeks out. Ginny attended Commissioner's Court and will continue to attend weekly meetings to stay apprised of any projects that will affect the water District's lines. The Mabry project is still in the engineering phase.

*No Action/ No Motion*

**#5. Unfinished Business**

N/A

**#6. New Business**

A. Mr. Mike Reese asked what the possibility is of a more fair assistance program for customers in a situation of multiple costly repairs to their property due to water leaks, other than the current leak adjustment offered. The Board empathized with Mr. Reese's situation.

*No Action/ No Motion*

**B. Discuss and accept resignation of Ginny Rivers-King from the Board of Directors**

*Motion to approve resignation of Ginny Rivers-King from the Board of Directors*

*By Ernest Martzen  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Drew Sloan*

*Vote: Unanimous*

**C. Discuss and elect a New Board Vice-President**

Drew Sloan nominated Jeremy Rhoades for Vice-President. Ernest Martzen stated his interest in holding the position of Vice-President. The Board discussed the two candidates for the position.

*Motion to elect Jeremy Rhoades as Vice-President of the Gastonia-Scurry Special Utility District*

*By Drew Sloan*

2<sup>nd</sup> by Deoanna Autenrieth

Vote: 3 for Jeremy Rhoades, 2 for Ernest Martzen, 1 abstained

*Motion carries*

**D. Discuss and take action on revision of water rates**

Update - NTMWD rates will increase by 13%. TRWA representative Mr. White will come in and work with GSSUD using a calculation spreadsheet to calculate new rate suggestion. The numbers will be provided at the July meeting.

*No Motion/No Action*

**E. Discuss and take action regarding the two dead trees located on the main office property**

The field has had this on a “to do” list for quite some time. It was determined this should be moved up on the list and get a quote from a professional to cut down and remove the trees. This would be timelier due to the workload and time availability of the field crew.

*No Motion/No Action*

#7. **Executive Session**

**Discuss and take action on real property acquisition and disposal**

**Begin Time: 7:55 a.m.**

**End Time: 8:24 p.m.**

*Motion to table items until July meeting*

*By Ernest Martzen*

*2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe Hatcher*

*Vote: Unanimous*

#8. **Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

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**Presiding Officer’s Signature**

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**Secretary/Treasurer Signature**