

September 4, 2025

August 14, 2025 – Water Board Meeting of The Grove Water Supply Corp.

Board Members Present: Glenn Schwanke, Guy Mathews, Susan Winkler-Dossey, and Mike Seiler, General Manager/System Operator Justin Veazey and Financial Controller Amy Veazey

Glenn asked if everyone had a chance to review the minutes.

Susan made a motion to approve the minutes.

Second by Mike.

Minutes approved.

Glenn said there were no comments from the general public. Justin has several things to talk about concerning the City of Gatesville. Glenn said he had new signs made for the new building but will wait until the siding on the building is up before he puts them up. They are starting to put the building together but probably didn't work today as there was a change where the door will go. The propane tank was serviced and put in. It takes two regulators, and they had to put a two-inch line on it to have enough volume to run the generator at its full potential when needed. The only problem we had was the pad had to be ten feet away from the generator which it wasn't. We had another pad built and the guy that does the installation said it had to be ten feet from the regulator. The tank is actually where the original pad was. Once that is plumbed in, the Scada will come along. Once the building is set up the, the engineer will have to come up with a plan for the electricity. Glenn said he talked with his son about the mini splits, and he recommended we put in a ton and half central unit. We will need to get estimates on that.

Justin said he talked with Miles about the door and window in the pump room. He said this building is a little bit bigger than the building he recommended. He said everything looked good. He said that we may want to consider two units or put a window unit in but with all the electronics on the BFD, they are more efficient at a lower temperature. The Scada is done, we were waiting on the propane to get in before we called them back. They did all the valve work down at the water plant, the sub pumps in both of the vaults and changed all the wiring the way we wanted. They are rebuilding that valve and hopes to be able to put it in next week.

Justin said he wanted to wait and call Wallace once that is done and they will come out and make sure the valve is opening and closing, then they can put the Scada in.

Justin said they had a meeting last week with the City of Gatesville. It was a hard meeting as the teleconference wasn't working, and we ended up huddling around the iPhone. They proposed that next year they will go up to \$2.13 a thousand, which is up from \$1.35 right now. It is costing them \$1.96 a thousand to treat the water right now.

Susan said that we aren't the only ones paying.

Justin said no, everyone's contract will go to that. Justin said sixty-six million is what we are looking at right now and that isn't all the improvements. This is mainly for the electrical improvements. They have several big generators, the Scada has to be improved. They have all the starters in one big room, and it has to be updated. The treatment plant is eleven million six hundred thousand, this is all contingent on them getting the loan from the Texas Water Development Board with a seventy percent forgiveness. That is what all these prices are based on. Justin said \$2.13 is for the first year and will go up each year until 2030 and it will end up at \$3.52 per thousand. That will get them out of the red but not get them ahead. Justin asked why they don't just start at \$3.02 which is the 2027 mark. Then they said, why don't they talk with the finance guys and pick a medium price rather than go up each year. They were going to discuss it at the next meeting, but we had some leaks, and I didn't get to go to the meeting. Something urgent came up and they didn't even discuss it. They are looking at doing away with bonds and this is going to be the way of paying for things.

Justin said there was a bad leak over on Iron Bridge. We fixed that and set four meters. The water loss went back up to 42%. I'm sure the leak over on Iron Bridge was the cause of that.

Glenn said we did want to talk about water meters.

Susan said we should table that until we have a full board present.

Justin said everyone is going to radio read meters. When we decide, he can have some people come out and discuss the different options.

Glenn said that we should talk about a porta potty.

Susan asked if we were not putting in a septic?

Glenn said no, not at this time.

Susan asked how much a porta potty rental was a month?

Glenn said the quoted price is \$125.00 per month. Once everything else is paid, we can look at putting in something.

Glenn said that we have been talking about a concrete storage for water. He would like to have another water storage for all of our acre feet, whatever that is going to be through the City of

Gatesville. The extra four hundred feet we have through the Brazos River Authority, so we don't have to build any more tanks, or put any more pipe in the ground, or worry about pumps. I would like to have electricity and the pumps be sufficient so that we don't have improvement beyond what we have now.

Susan said yes, but we have so many lines that need to be replaced before we get more storage.

Glenn said we will be doing that, but we have to put in some kind of storage anyways because we don't meet the criteria for the 15 percent reserve. That is why we have started this process. It is beneficial to what it will cost before the prices continue to rise. There is no maintenance to the concrete storage tanks. We can ask the engineer and get some bids.

Susan asked if storage is on the ground or in the air?

Glenn said it would be on the ground. The water goes in the tank first, then it is pumped into the standpipe which would provide the water pressure for the rest of the system. The ground storage tanks would provide enough pressure without some kind of elevated storage. It is something to think about. We do want to change all the lines that we have that are still in the ground to four inch and use the HDP pipe. We will get there some day.

Any said the rights are due for the Brazos River Authority. We normally pay that quarterly but can save a little money if we pay for it annually. It is \$42,400 but you have the option to change it every year.

Susan asked how much it is quarterly?

Amy said it is \$10,600 plus \$193.06.

Susan asked how much we would be saving.

Justin said around \$772.24.

Susan and Mike agreed to pay for it annually.

Glenn agreed to pay for the full year.

Susan made a motion to adjourn.

Second by Mike.

Meeting adjourned.

Old Business:

Building/Parking Lot/Gates

New Business:

Building in process

Meters

Transcribed by Pam Seiler

Date Approved: _____

Secretary/Treasurer: _____

Guy Mathews