Dec. 4, 2024

November 14, 2024 - Monthly Meeting of the Grove Water Supply Corp.

Board Members Present: Glenn Schwanke, Mike Seiler, Chris Slaughter, General Manager/System Operator Justin Veazey

Glenn said there needs to be a change to the October minutes. When we were discussing Justin’s contract, we had in the minutes that he was being paid at a rate of $18.00 per meter and we approved an increase of $2.00 per meter. According to the old contract he was being paid $18.50 per meter, so the new contract will reflect a rate of $20.50 per meter.

Glenn made a motion to propose an amendment to the minutes and correct the contract to show $20.50 per meter.

Mike seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Glenn said other items to discuss is voting on Holly Sohn’s meter. Miles Whitney, our engineer, said that anything that is an inch and a half must be upgraded to a two inch before it is approved or added. That is the rule placed by TECQ.

Glen made a motion to approve the meter for Holly Sohns.

Seconded by Guy. Meter approved.

Glenn said he would send an email to Holly Sohns notifying her of the approval. Also, the installation fee will be $5,000 since they applied before the rate increase.

Justin said he also has two meters that were approved at the old rate.

Glenn said he did some research on propane tanks and the cost has gone up, $3,400 for a 500-gallon tank. Star Tex Propane and McAdams (They farm it out to a contractor, Chris Byford) located in McGregor. For a fee of $35.00 per year, they will put a tank monitor on it, and they will automatically come out and fill it and bill us. The current rate of propane is $2.89 per gallon.

Justin asked if they would also do the emergency filling in case of bad weather, etc.

Glenn said yes. Also, Chris Byford will coordinate with the installer to connect everything and make sure it all works.

Justin said they will want a piece of pipe or something in the slab where they can bring the copper up to where the motor is going to sit.

Glenn asked if there would be a separate pad for the tank and the generator, or one big pad.

Justin said it would be a pad for the generator.

Glenn said he would like to have one big slab and that he would call Chris Byford and see. Not sure if there needs to be a certain distance between the generator and the tank.

Guy also said the tank must be at least fifteen feet from the building.

Chris said we would like to have it close to the road.

Glenn said he called a couple of places about porta potties, and they run about $240 a month. There is a place in McGregor and the cost is $120 a month and they come out once a week. Once we start the work it would be nice to have one available.

Not much was done on the design of the building. Guy is going to help me with it. Also, need to get with Miles Whitney if we are going to go underground, what kind of electrical panel we will need, 200 or 400 amp.

Justin said that we may need to get a separate meter for the inside of the building. The meter up there is a demand meter. The bill is based off the peak demand. The bill this month was $2700, and it normally runs $400 for all three sites. They replaced the meter, and it was glitch, so the bill went back to $400. Because it is a three-phase industrial service, it is a demand meter. it is a Your maximum demand is your minimum. May need to talk to someone about that.

Glenn said he would talk to Miles about it.

Glenn said he also talked to Muns, and he was still undecided about whose name the property will be put in. Once he decides, we will file the paperwork. If he wants to keep the night light we can transfer that over as well.

Glenn said he would check on those things this week and start working on a drawing with specs and email it to everyone. Mueller buildings are good, you can get them in a kit. We can also get a contractor, and they would price it out.

Justin said that Wallace with Industrial does electrical. They are the ones that will put the Skada in and got the generator bid for us. They did a really good job at Leon Junction when they put the generator in.

Glenn said that is all he had.

Justin said that he received a call from a guy that told him he needed to talk to the judge over at Bell County. They are working with entities inside the county, and they found that they had CN’s that went outside the county. We are one of those; we have a certificate of convenience and necessity that goes into Bell County where the overhead is. They are getting a consortium together for everyone who might be interested in pursuing additional water. They are trying to get a deal before the state to be a regional authority. They are talking about drilling deep wells in East Texas and piping the water back. I went to the 23rd annual Bell County Water Symposium meeting; it was informative, and they touched the subject of the pipeline. The guy from the Lines Regional Water Authority, which is Kyle, San Marcos and Buda saying they going to need water back twenty years ago. They went East into the oilfield, a gas company that had wells, and are pumping the water back. There will be some more meetings and I need for y’all to make a motion for me to write a resolution that we want to be a part of it, and I will carry the letter down there. Right now, there is no cost to attend the meetings.

Glenn said that he would like to attend the meetings too.

Justin said the water loss was terrible this month; it jumped up to 55%. We had a bad one on Deer Ridge, and two on Hummingbird Lane. That line is a one-inch line and goes under the middle of the road. I have fixed probably twenty leaks in the past seventeen years. Chris James said that if we were interested in laying a new line, he would help with the cost.

Mike said we should find out how much he is willing to help with the cost.

Justin said that the line only serves three to four houses. The line would need to be moved to the side of the road and trenched down to the solid rock, twenty-eight inches or so.

Glenn asked if Justin could get an estimate, and he said he would.

Justin said that Amy put the notice for board applications on the November/December billings.

Glenn said he would review the timelines. Applications and procedures have not changed.

Glenn made a proposal that we continue to use the same applications, same election procedures and the board members are the election committee to review any applications we get from the public. Second, by Chris. motion approved.

Glenn said all applications are due by December 30th. If we get any applications, packets will have to be sent out by January 14th.

Justin asked if we could change the dates at the annual meeting. Notifications would mail on the first of November, and they would have to notify us by the first of December. That way we would have a full month to print out the applications and get the mail out ready if someone does want to run.

Guy said that would work. We could make the change after the annual meeting.

Justin said that it is a lot of paperwork and the mail in ballots. We should do away with those as well or they would have to request a ballot by a certain date.

Glenn presented the new contract to Justin for his signature and asked Guy to witness.

Chris made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Mike.

Meeting adjourned.

Old Business:

Proposal/Bids on building

New Business:

Update Justin’s contract; increase pay per meter from $18.50 to $20.50

Change the timeline for applications to be submitted to be on the board

Specs for building

Pads for generator and propane tank

Transcribed by Pam Seiler

Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Secretary/Treasurer: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Guy Mathews