



***GAMERCO WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT MEETING
WEDNESDAY APRIL 16TH, 2025 AT 6:00 PM
206 RAY AVE, GAMERCO, NEW MEXICO
MINUTES***

Proof of posting: Website, Community Boards located at the Gamerco Water and Sanitation Office and the Gamerco Post Office Community Board.

1. Call Meeting to Order: Neal called to order at 6pm.

2. Invocation:

3. Director roll call:

- **Neal Eastridge** **President** – Present
- **Jacob Day** **Vice President** -Present
- **Antonia Estrada** **Director** – Absent
- **Mayna Benally** **Director** – Present
- **Rosa Garcia** **Director** – Present

4. Approval of last meetings minutes (3/19/25)

Neal motioned to approve last meeting's minutes. Mayna seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Financial Reports: Anna Bond

Total Income- \$63,219.54

Bank Total - \$200,869.29

Cost of Goods- \$-32,715.13

Gross Profit- \$30,504.41

Expense- \$-19,747.22

Net Income- \$10,757.19

- Anna reported that the two audits currently in process will be completed by next month's meeting. Anna found missing information for the audits. A third audit is due for GWSD. Each audit costs \$20,000.
- The bank account does not reflect the payment of \$30,000 in bills that as set to be paid tomorrow.
- 50 customers were on the shut-off list in March.
- Neal motioned to approve financial report. Mayna seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Report by Water Operator: Teresa Stevens-

Teresa reported that the company that cleans tanks is coming to Yatahey soon. She requested that the board set a budget for the vacuuming of silt out of the tank in operation as well as the pump house. Neal motioned to approve a budget for tank cleaning not to exceed \$6500. Jacob seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

One estimate for tank resurfacing has come in. Teresa sent information to two other companies for estimates.

7. Field Foreman Report: Clint Slaughter-

Clint reported that the tractor truck is needing repairs. Clint and the other workers have cleaned the sides of Chino Loop. The trailer is currently being worked on. The street signs have come in and the speed limit signs will be going up.

8. Old Business:

A. New Well Project Funding Update (Audits)

Completion of 2022 and 2023 audits should be done by the next board meeting.

B. Update on City of Gallup Water Service Agreement

Jason gave a report on the progress of the agreement. Negotiations with the City has taken place. Jason sat down directly without the lawyers. There is an agreement that the City of Gallup will charge Gamerco the lowest commercial rate for water and will only increase the sewer charges by 5%. Gallup is currently in need of \$30,000,000 for repairs to the sewer plant. The City of Gallup must raise rates in order to cover the costs. Jason asked the board for approval to move forward with the agreement with the above rates. Neal motioned to move forward with the negotiated rates. Mayna seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Jason and Anna will work out the rate changes and prices to reflect the new agreement. They will report at the next meeting.

Jason advised the board that they needed to ask the attorney to draft a water agreement with C&E to work out their usage of water.

C. Installation of light poles on Chino Loop

Neal is still working to get approval from the county to place lights along the road.

D. Church/Community Marquee Update

Jacob received a booklet with marquee options. He requested a workday be set up to make decisions on the marquee. The board set April 23rd at 1pm as the workday to complete these decisions.

E. Nuisance Properties Update (Neal)

Jason has reached out to the owner of one property. Neal has reached out to the owner of the property on Cascade. The need for the committee's work will not be needed for this property. Things are in motion, set forth by the property owner to help clean up this property.

F. Sign Resolution for Gamerco Work Truck

The board signed resolution #20250319-1

G. Covenant Sticker Update

Neal has scheduled an afternoon to complete the first round of tagging.

H. Traffic Sign Update

The signs are in and scheduled to be installed in the coming weeks.

9. New Business:

A. Steps towards forming an SB1 Entity Presentation by RCAC & NMED

A presentation was given by Ramon Lucero about the benefits of becoming an SB1 Entity. SB1 offers regional collaboration which takes several small entities and creates one large entity. This is especially beneficial for small water systems that have less than 500 connections by cutting operations costs from two down to one.

A minimum of two entities are needed to start an SB1 entity. The first two entities to join will be known as the founding entities, any entity to join later is known as a joining entity. SB1 entities are Political Subdivisions of the state like current water boards. SB1 entities are created to maximize the economies of scale. Financials are better, revenue is increased, and costs are reduced.

B. Motion to pursue information and steps to becoming an SB1 Entity.

Neal motioned to pursue information and steps to become an SB1 Entity. Rosa seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

10. Board member comments:

Neal took comments and concerns from residents.

- One resident addressed the board. This resident would like to keep the livestock they have on their property. Neal informed the residents that under the covenants put in place in the 80's livestock is prohibited in Gamerco. C-11 from the covenants was read out loud. The residents stated that they moved to Gamerco to have animals because it is not the city. Neal informed them that since the beginning of this board's administration they have had complaints from residents about livestock and the smells they create. The residents asked if a petition with signatures could be made to keep the animals. Neal explained that the covenants can only be changed by a vote of 80%. He explained that only property owners can vote. One vote per property.

11. Adjournment: Neal motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:37pm. Mayna seconded. Motion passed unanimously.