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Annual General Meeting

Review of Fiscal year Jan 2025 – Dec 2025

Date: Thursday May 7th, 2025

Time: Meeting to commence at 6pm (PST)

Location: GID Office, 611 16th Avenue, Genelle, BC

Trustees present: Rae Walker, Ian Ball, Brad Spender, Kevin Rogers

Staff present: Amy Lockhart (Administrator) & Wendy Settle (Water Operator)

Ratepayers present (in alphabetical order): Kurt Bonde, Shane Closson, Dean Gaudry, Darrell Grutzmacher, Doug Niminiken

1. Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm by Brad Spender, Chair.
2. Reading of the Agenda
 - No additions to the agenda requested. Chair, Brad Spender, declares agenda as read and circulated. Kurt Bonde motions to adopt the agenda as presented. Dean Gaudry seconds.
3. Reading & Adoption of 2025 Meeting mins
 - Brad Spender motions to adopt the May 5th, 2025 Annual General Meeting minutes as presented. Doug Niminiken seconds. Motion carried. Minutes adopted as presented.
4. Chair/Trustee Report distributed (attached)
 - Read aloud by Chair, Brad Spender.
 - Discussion about the Whispering Pines Mobile home park. Ratepayers were advised that Whispering Pines has historically paid water taxes & therefore if the park were to request a water connection to the GID system, this could be granted with stipulations on upgrades to their distribution system.

5. Auditor's Report/Financial Statements presented (audited by Doane Grant Thornton)
 - Kurt Bonde motions to approve and adopt the GID Financial Statements Dec. 31st, 2025 as presented. Darrell Grutzmacher seconds. No opposed. Motion carried. 2025 Financial Statements adopted as presented.
6. Appointment of Auditor – 2026
 - Childs Chanton Chartered Professional Accountants has recently merged with Doane Grant Thornton. Therefore, there is only one accountant local to Castlegar. Ratepayers were advised the GID could reach out to accountants from Nelson or Creston to provide audit services, but this would result in working remotely.
 - Dean Gaudry motions to appoint Doane Grant Thornton as GID's 2026 Auditor. Kurt Bonde seconds. No Opposed. Motion carried. Doane Grant Thornton Accounting firm appointed to perform GID's 2026 financial audit.
7. 2026 Budget Presented
 - Review of the Budget with some talking points from the Administrator, Amy Lockhart:
 - i. No fixed asset purchases planned for 2026, as many upgrades were completed in 2025: radio antennae, chlorine injector, and new well pump and motor.
 - ii. The trustees do not wish to withdraw funds from the replacement reserve to cover these asset purchases, and will use surplus operating funds instead.
 - Discussion about the life of the water pipes/distribution system and asbestos piping. The new GIS mapping project can include details such as replacement/repair dates & locations, hot tap results, types of materials etc. The board would like to complete the initial GIS mapping project and then work with the Water Operator to determine the quality of the water system and the long-term plan for the distribution system.
 - Darrell Grutzmacher motions to adopt the 2026 budget as presented. Doug Niminiken seconds. No opposed. Motion carried. 2026 Budget adopted as presented.
8. Election of Trustees
 - Only two nominees applied to the GID office. Therefore, Ian Ball was elected by acclimation for a 3-year term (2026-2029) and Shane Closson was elected by acclimation for a 3-year term (2026-2029).
9. Setting of Honorarium
 - Dean Gaudry motions to increase the honorariums, effective May 7th, to the following:

- a) Meeting expense per trustee = \$30 per meeting
- b) Honorarium per trustee = \$55 per meeting

Kurt Bonde seconds this motion. No opposed. Motion carried. 2026 Honorariums set as above.

- The ratepayers requested that next year's AGM include a list of other local improvement districts and their honorarium expenses. This would help the ratepayers make a more informed decision on setting honorariums.
- The ratepayers also wish to record that their recommendation would be to gradually increase honorariums each year, in order to ensure that the honorarium is helping trustees to cover their out-of-pocket expenses such as fuel for travel, office supplies, etc.

10. Open the floor to questions/concerns:

- A discussion occurred in regard to sprinkling regulations, as the board recently decreased the sprinkling hours from 8 hours/day to 6 hours/day.
 - i. Dean Gaudry feels that it is unfair to decrease water use, while keeping the water taxes & tolls the same. He feels that green yards are important to many members of the community and that many ratepayers will respond negatively to the sprinkling change.
 - ii. The board will re-consider the sprinkling regulations at the next board meeting. All ratepayers present requested an update on the sprinkling regulations via email.
- A discussion occurred in regard to Upper Genelle residents experiencing low pressure and/or no pressure at times during the summer months. This concern is one of the reasons why the board chose to decrease sprinkling periods, in hopes of eliminating overlap of both underground and above-ground running at the same time.
 - i. Kurt Bonde is an Upper Genelle resident who experiences this issue. He notices sudden loss of water pressure in his shower, as well as on a pressure gauge in his basement that is attached to his washer hookup.
 - ii. The board and water operator would like to work with Kurt Bonde to gather some data from his water system, and asked Kurt if he would consider allowing a data logger to be installed. Kurt agreed to this study and left his email with the administrator. Shane & Brad to look into data logging technology and then reach out to Kurt for install.
 - iii. Shane suggests checking hydrant pressures overnight or in the early morning to compare to daytime pressures that have been recorded previously.

- Darrell would like to see statistics that show the number of underground sprinklers vs. the number of above-ground. Wendy to look at assessment rolls.
- Ratepayers present feel that it would be helpful to provide more education on proper lawn care, fire-safe/drought-safe grasses, etc. in order to advise the community of how they can care for their lawns without using large amounts of water. Amy to include some of this education in the summer newsletter.

11. Adjournment

- Brad Spender motions to adjourn the AGM at 7:21pm. Ian Ball seconds. No opposed. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:21 pm PST.