

MINUTES - BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Date	Apr 16, 2025	Time	1:30 pm
Location	Fire Hall upstairs		
In Attendance	Trustees: Jennifer Moore JM Jane Waterman JW John Colongard JC (Acting Chair) Phillip Tidd PT Regrets: Ron Smith RS (Chair)	Staff: Sandra Haszard (Admin, Recorder) SH Joseph Scott (Operations Coordinator) JS Trevor Morrison (Water Operator) TM Mark Robert (Fire Chief) MR (at 4 pm) Regrets: Marianne Segers (Water Operator) MS	Public: Terry Hollo TH Sylvia Praught SP Ron Arnold RA Anar Lalani-Arnold AL

Agenda Item	Lead	Outcome	ACTION
1. Call to Order	JC	JC called the meeting to order at 1.35 PM.	Noted
2. Welcome to Public Guests	JC		
3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest	JC	JW for Wall St subdivision discussion	Noted
4. Approve Agenda	JC	Agenda was approved with addition	Moved PT 2 nd JW
5. Approve Minutes	JC	Last meetings minutes approved	Moved JW, 2 nd JM
6. Residents Speak		<p>TH spoke about identifying concerns and risks from Zyrox mining. VAID Trustees are Stewards. 2 main concerns</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> TH is very familiar with area and has been flow patterns – risk may seem minute now but could change with climate & atmospheric rivers. Flow from pond to lake is possible. Geographical factors such as elevation and fractured rock (from Alluvia 2014 report – on VAID website) cause difficulty assessing of ground water flow. Concerns need to be on record at Environmental Protection. Will be writing to EP herself. Biggest voice will be from VAID. Our only water source. <p>Board response: did not have info before Monday's Zyrox public meeting, documents are promised. Docs were promised at previous stage but never provided. Previous was Stage 1 – core sample. Stage 2 now – 2,000 tonne bulk sample to be processed on Crescent Bay Rd property – to determine if mining viable. Stage 3 coming.</p> <p>Scheduled for board discussion later in meeting.</p>	
7. Safety Moment	TM	Shared safety info from Worksafe on driving accidents and employers duty to prep staff on vehicle maintenance and provide resources on handling pressure.	
8. Water, Dam, & Operations Report	TM/JS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Using lots of salt for on exchangers – still backwashing on alternate days as recommended while waiting for test results. Dam inspected weekly, no issues. Running fast after so much rain. New work orders system working great for all involved. Pressure testing – 56 complete, 36 not located. 9 leaks found on property line to house. New chlorine analyser - shipper error - delivered to Air Force base tho addressed to VAID. Security hurdles getting it back. 2nd brine tank to be installed and integrated next week. 	JS contact HomePlus for test results

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pump house totalizer and meter to be reset, changed to metric, and calibrated, in May. Chlorine pump leak fixed this morning. Floating pump raft listing – unknown structure, diver coming soon to inspect. Will look at replacing float with one from boat club. Now pumping from well. Well pump initial turn on caused geyser of mucky water. Forstas needed frequent cleaning after switch to well pump but needing less now. 	
9. RV Park water cost		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AL asked if board could revisit cost per cubic meter for park. Increased from initial cost of 1.75 when metered billing started in 2023 to 2.75 for 2025. Appreciate the detail given on invoice. Trying to keep costs down for residents supported by govt. Currently have 10 sites open – 50 occupied. Some residents still running water in freezing weather even with heat tracers on waterlines. Trustees to discuss later (in camera) 	
10. Zyrox report		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SP showed images from 3-D Modeling report – not allowed to share full report (Zyrox). Concern for sampling wells on Priest Lake side of catchment divide. Groundwater movement difficult to predict. Monitoring wells will show if water going to lake changes. Mining may cause mineral change in lake. JM has requested a copy. VAID to ask for a copy of the report and well sampling results. “Zyrox Mining – Texada Min Product. Yew Site Numerical 3D Modelling Dec 2024 by HDI Water Solutions” Solution channels happen in limestone mines; this area is basalt. SP had shared Alluvia report with Zyrox’s Robert Papalia. Land previously owned by Stan Beale. Looked at Alluvia report online, for risks and reference to fracturing. 	SH request report and results - ongoing
11. Old Business	JC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> VAID vehicle – JC purchased 2006 F150 at River City Auto for \$3k. Discussion re fleet insurance later on Agenda. Congratulations to PT for initiating this. Owner of previous vehicle considered but not purchased offered to pay for inspection VAID had done. Benefits now active. Residential Waterline Installation and Repair – “major” added to repairs on private property requiring VAID inspections. Moved by JW, seconded by JM to accept document as VAID Procedure (part of Policy & Procedure). PT against imposing standards of piping on people who can’t afford it - prefers “recommend”. Add sentence re parts available from VAID at cost. Delivery of Notice of Leak on Private Property – new situation with pressure testing, how best to handle. Op delivers notice and does 2 week follow up, then Trustee and Op visit if no action. Unless owner’s reaction is abusive or non-compliant, in which case Trustees will visit. Need letter for follow up giving 2 weeks to fix or contact for alternate arrangements. SH create and send to board for approval AGM – add website banner for meeting; contact us to see draft financials, store posters, sign on firehall, coffee, one or 2 trustees – PT done, RS standing for re-election, JC not sure but prob will continue. 	<p>Moved JW, 2nd JM</p> <p>SH update doc</p> <p>SH document procedure and create letter</p>

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12. New Business	JC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Express Lines – AGM held, check website; new vehicle; water restrictions, changed; burn ban. Financial plan – may look better to have one for funding ops (from meeting of VA and GB Admins). Currently have annual budget and 5-10 yr capital planning. Can combine and add some words. Low priority. Fleet insurance – info from Underwriters, will save and not need named drivers but not eligible till June 2026. Put on calendar for next spring. Continued after Fire Report 	<p>SH submit</p> <p>SH calendar</p>
13. Fire Report	MR	<p>Calls for the month:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fire - 0 MVA - 0 F/R medical - 6 Duty officer - 0 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two of the medical calls were CPR calls. Both times CPR was done for 40 minutes. Had one page for a fire. It ended up being someone burning in a barrel at 2.30 am. It was at the building next to Dan Fudge's shop. By the time Paul found it, the people/person disappeared back into the building. For the next couple of days, the RCMP did lots of drive-bys, and the people/person left the island. There is still one of their trucks left behind. George Franklin joined the department. He has been with GBFD for a couple of years; now living in Van Anda. Member numbers to practices are usually 5 for the month of March, on one day it was 4. The average number of members responding to March calls is 4. One medical call had 5. 3 members did an air brakes course. They all passed the course; one has passed ICBC test with the other 2 to do. One firefighter has resigned due to health issues. The new truck is great - everyone that has used it loves it. We still need to set it up some more. I have contacted Impact Signs to put our Fire Department badge on the doors and Texada Rescue on the canopy windows. We are going to call the new truck 604. The new truck has one rust damage area that should fixed as soon as possible. It's on the back left side wheel well. It also needs a base two-way radio installed – to be done in PR. There are a few other things we need for it - first aid kit, fire extinguishers, and road cones, to start. Possibly a small tank. Premier Plastics recommended, can add baffles or do other modifications on request. I am ok with water works personnel that are also fire department members using the truck in their workday so they can respond to calls from their job sites. Easter Egg hunt planning – have bought some supplies; Lafarge donated candy, Tex store hotdogs and candy. Letters to TICS, CU, and Zyrox. Lafarge has new way to ask for donations – MR will forward SH this info. New water ops truck 610 can have some fire stuff such as extinguisher, shovel, mattock. 	<p>SH check on records transferred</p> <p>SH check for info</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fire extinguisher annual check next month – MR has pics of to do item, will send to SH 602 brakes failed since repair. Breezy fixed it, going for test drive later today. Part could be under warranty. 	SH check for info
14. New business cont'd		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Zyrox – JM request site visit, they said yes, date to be arranged. Letter written by RS – action needs further discussion. Additions from email discussion. Need to deal with ASAP, before AGM. Board to meet next week after RS back (and site visit?). MLA e-meeting with PR-Sunshine Coast Electoral District ID's on ID needs– was planned for around this time but no word yet. SH check with Doug Nikirk, who has been in contact with her office. Wall St tank replacement quote from Davis Ventures for entire job – JS also has quotes for parts only. Quote is very reasonable. AD wants to do ASAP. Same size tanks but 4 instead of 3. No need for building adjustments to fit them all. Arnolds to pay 5/6 as in subdivision water connection agreement. Invoice other property owner for 1/6 although there was not an agreement with them. VAID can cover this part if no contribution. Can this be CEC funds use? No, it doesn't increase capacity for all connections. Leak detection from Velocity qualifies for CEC – repair of identified leaks definitely increased capacity. SH create letter to Arnolds "have been provided with written final quote for ..." VAID is supplying pumps. Motion to ask Arnolds for their share of cost moved by JM, seconded by PT. Motion to accept quote and proceed also moved by JW, seconded by PT. Peak reporter query passed on to JM who did not reply – Chair (RS) is VAID official spokesperson. 	<p>SH ask Doug</p> <p>SH charge to CEC, update Capital costs so far</p> <p>SH write letters</p> <p>Moved by JM, 2nd PT Moved by JW, 2nd PT</p>
15. Admin Report	SH	<p>WATER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Purchases – new padlocks, salinity/TDS meter, Software & ongoing costs for metering Scrap to dumpster Copper Queen connection Mapping Main/Alley loop review Pressure test review Valve location review Smelter repair Chlorine analyzer Webinar (distribution system flushing) <p>FIRE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Purchases – medical, traffic control, turnout gear, rescue truck, Update FUS with water supply form, correct truck year, LG map Hydrants out of service 	<p>MEETINGS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Water Ops Coordination Reg board meeting Ops planning meetings AI Davis planning VAID & GBID Trustees VAID & GBID Admin <p>COMMUNICATIONS/ CORRESPONDENCE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annual Water System Report Letter from Zyrox LG re boundary spread in Petitions Notices to Smelter owners re works Phone Smelter residents re water off Water leak notices to owners <p>FINANCIAL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Media change invoicing Back pay for benefits Audit – answers and documents to to DMD

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		OTHER <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Get leak detector working • AGM planning • Benefits • Meter grant • Residential Waterline Standards • Hierarchy & job descriptions • Website menu & search LEGAL <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Watershed maps • Telus to Raincoast Agreement assignment • Meter grant resolution • MOT sketches • Policy review – cell phones, callouts 	
16. Financial review	JC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overdues down to 27k. 2 customers owing large amount since 2024, send reg letters. 	SH letters
17. Policy & Bylaw	JC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cell Phone Policy update - added that on duty operator must have phone handy. Moved by JW, seconded by PT, to approve Policy. • Call Out Policy update – location of Operator phone number. Moved by JW, seconded by JM, to approve Policy. 	SH process Moved by JW, 2 nd PT Moved by JW, 2 nd JM
18. Next meeting	JC	AGM April 26 9.30 Legion Monthly Board Meeting – Wednesday, May 14 at 1:30 pm Firehall	Info
19. Public meeting adjourned	JC	Public meeting adjourned 4.07 pm	
20. In camera		Minutes in separate document	
21. Meeting adjourned		Meeting adjourned 5.00 pm	
Monthly Board Meeting Wednesdays at 1:30pm, Firehall 2025: Jan 15, Feb 12, Mar 12, Apr 16, May 14, June 11, July 16, Aug 13, Sept 17, Oct 15, Nov 12, Dec 17, AGM April 26			