



## **ACTION ONLY MINUTES**

Georgetown Divide Public Utility District Board of Directors  
6425 Main Street, Georgetown, California 95634

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**Regular Meeting**  
**Thursday, January 25, 2024**  
**3:00 P.M.**

#### **Finance Committee**

Andy Fisher, Chairman	Steve Miller
William Gorenc Jr, Vice Chairman	Vacant
M. Martha Helak, Secretary	Vacant

#### **Board of Directors Liaison**

Mitch MacDonald  
Robert Stovall

#### **Presenting Staff**

Nicholas Schneider General Manager    Jessica Buckle Office Finance Manager

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#### **MISSION STATEMENT**

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It is the purpose of the Georgetown Divide Public Utility District to:

- Provide reliable water supplies.
  - Ensure high-quality drinking water.
  - Promote stewardship to protect community resources, public health, and quality of life.
  - Provide excellent and responsive customer services through dedicated and valued staff.
  - Ensure fiscal responsibility and accountability are observed by balancing immediate and long-term needs.
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A full record of this meeting is available in the recording on the District channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hCWsiUPR7Xk&t=243s>

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER-ROLL CALL-PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**Chairman Fisher called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.**

**Roll Call was taken.**

**Present:** Andy Fisher, William Gorenc Jr., Steve Miller, M. Martha Helak

**Absent:** None

**Member Helak led the Pledge of Allegiance.**

#### **2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**Public Comment:**

No comments were received.

**Chairman Fisher requested from the committee that agenda item 6 Action Items be moved before item 5 the Informational Items for the meeting.**

**Member Gorenc motioned to adopt the agenda with the amendment of moving item number 6 above item number 5. Member Miller seconded the motion.**

**Chairman Fisher called for the vote.**

**Ayes:** Steve Miller, M. Martha Helak, William Gorenc Jr., and Andy Fisher

**Nays:** None

The motion passed **unanimously. The amended agenda was adopted.**

**3. PUBLIC FORUM:**

Steven Dowd

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Meeting December 7, 2023**

**Public Comment:**

No comments were received.

**Member Helak motioned to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2023 Finance Committee special meeting. Member Miller seconded the motion.**

**Chairman Fisher called for the vote.**

**Ayes:** Steve Miller, M. Martha Helak, William Gorenc Jr., and Andy Fisher

**Nays:** None

The motion passed **unanimously.**

**6. ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Receive and Evaluate the Loan Program for Auburn Lake Trails Property Owners within the Wastewater Disposal Zone**

**Public Comment:**

Steve Dowd

Cherie Carlyon

**Member Miller motioned to use the Federal Poverty Income level requirements, requests for additional qualification consideration would be placed into situational categories utilizing trackable metrics which would require Board approval. Member Gorenc Jr. seconded the motion.**

**Chairman Fisher called for the vote.**

**Ayes:** Steve Miller, M. Martha Helak, William Gorenc Jr., and Andy Fisher

**Nays:** None

The motion passed **unanimously.**

**B. Review and Accept Conceptual FY 2024-25 Budget Process Timeline**

**Public Comment:**

No comments were received.

**Member Gorenc Jr. motioned to recommend the Budget Process Timeline as proposed to the Board of Directors for approval. Member Miller seconded the motion.**

**Chairman Fisher called for the vote.**

**Ayes:** Steve Miller, M. Martha Helak, William Gorenc Jr., and Andy Fisher

**Nays:** None

The motion passed **unanimously.**

**5. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**A. Financial Reports**

Office Finance Manager Jessica Buckle shared the Finance Reports and fielded Committee inquiries.

**Public Comment:**

Cherie Carlyon

**7. FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMITTEE COMMENTS AND REPORTS**

Chairman Fisher shared that the member’s and committee's purposes are to give the ratepayers confidence that the budget is being reviewed and to ensure transparency. The committee is available and would like to hear from the public and community.

**8. AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**

Member Gorenc Jr. asked about a timetable for the audit.

Chairman Fisher asked about the Prop 218 timeline and requested that the committee be at the forefront and up to speed with the process. The General Manager shared that this item is expected to be presented initially during the March committee meeting.

**Public Comment:**

Steven Dowd  
Cherie Carlyon

**9. NEXT MEETING DATE AND ADJOURNMENT** – The Finance Committee set the fourth Thursday of each month at 3:00 PM for regular committee meetings. The next meeting will be on February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024.

**Member Helak motioned to adjourn the meeting. Member Gorenc Jr. seconded the motion. The motion passed by acclamation. The meeting adjourned at 3:59 p.m.**

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Nicholas Schneider General Manager

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Date

**Attachments:**

- 1. Public Comment

Also  
FINANCE COMMITTEE 1-25-24  
3pm

Public comments by Cherie Carlyon  
GDPUD Board Meeting  
January 4, 2024 2:00pm

Subject CPA FY23/24 budget

I am very concerned about that this year's \$90,000 CPA budget. As of 11-30-23 it is over \$127,169.

At the last meeting I asked about the 10-06-23 check of \$29,467.50 to LSL and was told by the GM that is was a billing for the current audit. On 11-9-23 a check was paid out for \$48,087.50 to LSL. Why is the district expending all of these funds to LSL to help with the audit when the actual auditors are only receiving \$21,000? The district's staff have always been responsible for accumulating the majority of the necessary documents for the auditors, not the district's CPA'S.

Last year from 7-1-22 to 11-30-22, the district paid out \$26,534 to LSL for CPA services. If the district was able to get through last year's audit period for \$26,534, why are they now spending \$127,169?

This spending is not in the best interest of the ratepayers and this board should look into this situation.

I also think that the CPA budget should have an actual account number like legal and the audit accounts and not be lumped into the professional services account.

update 1-25-24 FC meeting

CK 35629 LSL \$25,420 12/8/23

This brings the Total YTD 7-1-23-12-31-23  
To \$152,589

which is \$62,589.30 over budget.

A Budget amendment should be completed.