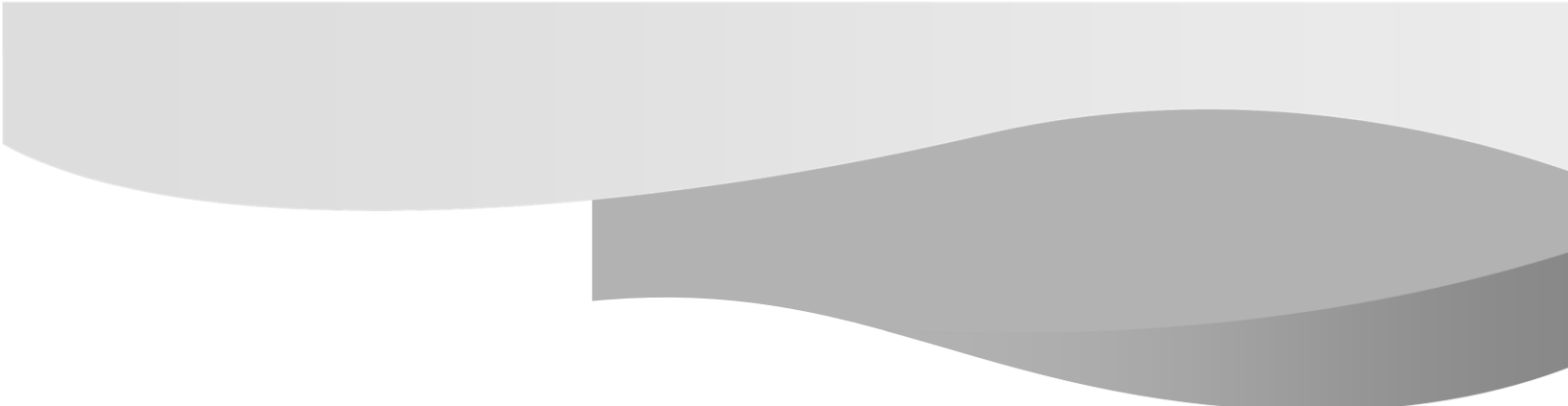




South Georgia Fire District

Prudential Committee
July 10 2025 Monthly Meeting
Done in person

DATE: July 10, 2025

Prudential Committee Members and Officers: Eric Strong, Dave Westover, Alan Richard, Laurie St. Gelais

Officers: Cindy Mobbs

System Manager: Jeff Vance

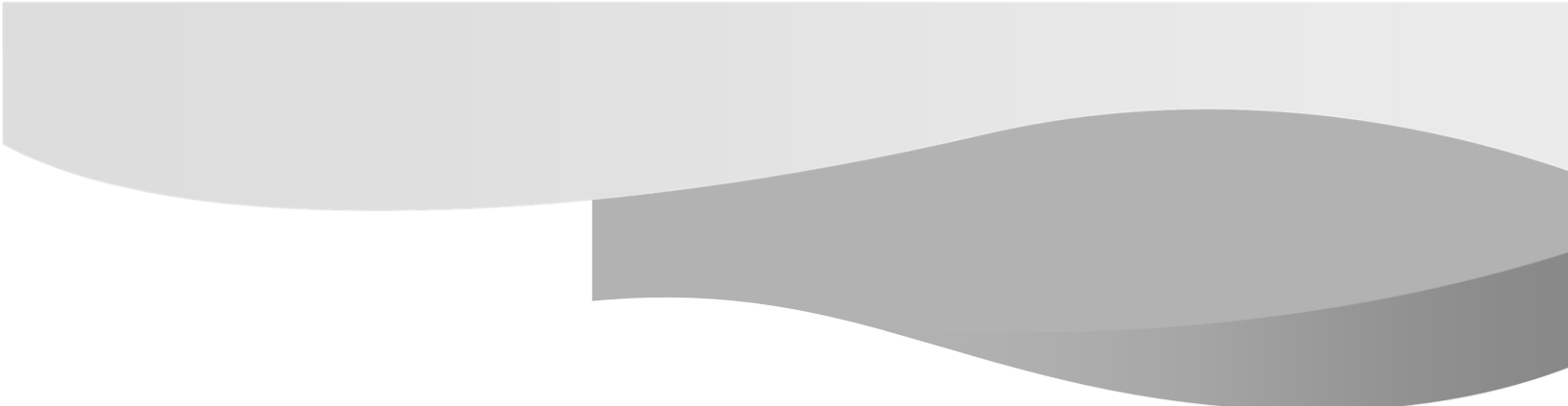
Absent: Jeff Keller

Public: Carlene Smyth, Fred & Jane Cardinal

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm by Eric Strong

Roll call, 4 Board Members present

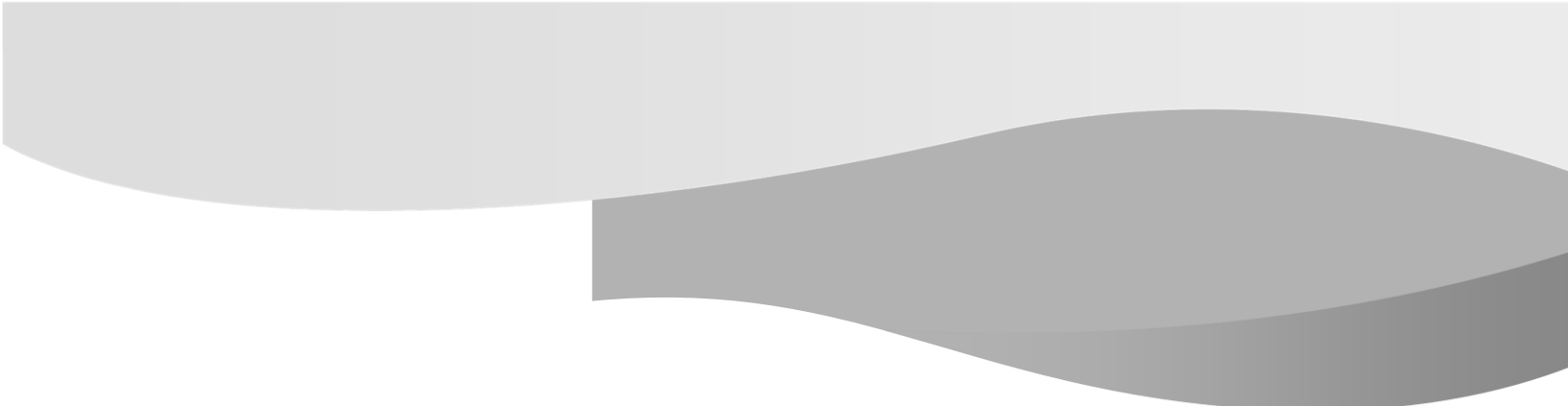
Eric asked for a motion to accept the minutes from the June 12th 2025 meeting.
Laurie St. Gelais made a motion and it was seconded by Dave Westover.
Voted and accepted by all Board members with 4 ayes. Approved.



Treasurer Report:

- Had our normal expenses
- All water bills have been mailed out
- Cindy paid for water testing, and Electric bill, lawn mowing.
- The finance reports can be viewed on the SGFD/WIX site under the finance tab.
- Eric asked for a motion to accept the treasurer report.

A motion was made by Laurie St. Gelais and seconded by Alan Richard.
Voted and accepted by all Board Members with 4 aye votes. Approved



System Manager's Report

Activities report for: 6/1/2025 – 6/30/2025

6/1/25 Turn heaters off in buildings, and turn vent fans on.

6/2/25 Get water sample and bring to lab, Trouble shoot system level display issue, and reset Procontrol.

6/3/25 Add water sample to website.

6/10/25 Send one full year of daily master meter readings to Jeff Keller and Justin from Pinnacle engineering

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6/12/25 Meeting, Type up June draft minutes, Post May 2025 minutes as final and June 2025 draft minutes, Post May 2025 money report.

6/15/25 Install new display at pump house.

6/25/25 Read meters and read master meter. Ready program was not showing map at first and then did not show what meters had been read. Had to reboot program and all is well

6/26/25 Drop off Lead Copper sample bottles to 4 locations.

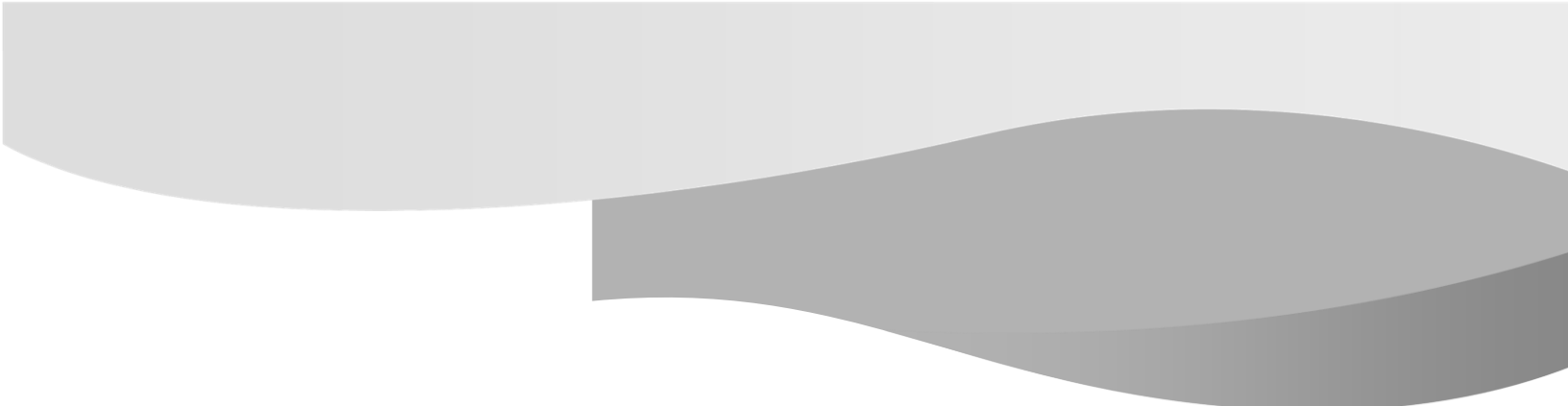
6/27/25 Pick-up Lead Copper samples and bring to lab.

6/29/25 Pick-up material at Lowes to insulate water tank valve building, and install.

6/30/25 Get master meter reading and submit to ANR and Cindy and Jeff K.

July water test: Passed

June water usage: 812,767 gal



Open Discussion

Jeff discussed upcoming project for pipe replacement this year on Manor Drive and junction of Cedarwood Terrace. This would affect 6 homes and would be done in two phases. Hope to start end of August to mid-September. Jeff will meet up with the contractor to go over the project very soon.

Eric asked for input from the public to discuss the **possible** rate increase. Everyone hates to see it go up, but did understand. Dave Westover Agreed that he didn't want to see it happen to him or anyone else but we have no choice if we are going to continue to replace water lines to rebuild the system, and everyone agreed.

Suggestion made by the members of the public and the board:

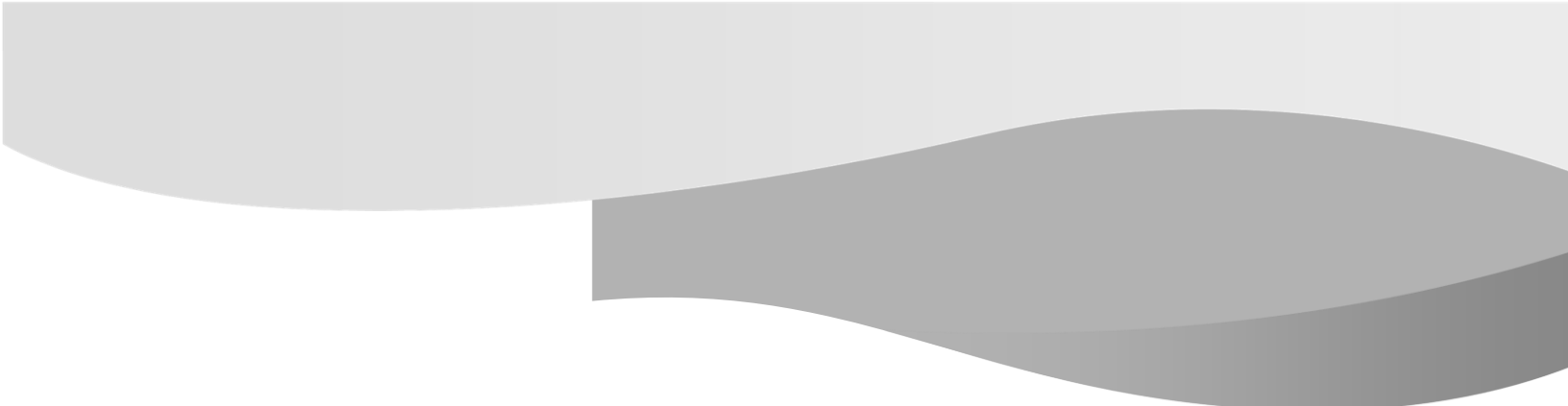
Option 1) Raise the per gallon rate by one 10th of a cent per gallon used.

Option 2) (*only if needed*) Raise the base rate by anywhere between \$5 or up to \$25 making the base rate anywhere from \$55 to \$75 from the \$50 that it is now.

After great discussion, "The board and public felt" that an increase to the **per-gallon rate** of water used by a customer (**Option 1**) would most likely be the first step to help cover water line replacement cost and **increased** cost of electricity and insurance, and other expenses we have incurred over the last couple years.

"After a few months", the board can review the finance reports with the treasurer to see what improvements have been made by using (**option 1**) first. **"Then if needed"** additional action would be taken. The board would then choose to change the base rate (**Option 2**). This would be the final step. We are all hoping (**option 1**) will do what is needed to meet our financial goals.

Note: No final decision has been made or voted on yet.



The discussion went very well and some old history of the water system was talked about. Many laughs had been shared and it was great to see members of the water system come to the meeting.

Eric asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made by Laurie St. Gelais and seconded by Alan Richards.

Voted and accepted by all board members with 4 aye votes.
Approved adjourned at 8:00 pm
Respectfully submitted by Jeff Vance (acting Clerk)