

GRAND WATER & SEWER SERVICE AGENCY
Operating Committee Meeting
May 18, 2017

The meeting was called to order by President Dan Pyatt at 7:00 p.m. at the Agency Office, 3025 E. Spanish Trail Rd., Moab, Utah. Other trustees present were: Gary Wilson, Jerry McNeely, Preston Paxman, Rex Tanner (arrived 7:04), Mike Holyoak (arrived 7:06), Rick Thompson, Ken Helfenbein and Dale Weiss. Those present established a quorum. Absent were: Brian Backus, Kyle Bailey and Curtis Wells

Others present were: Art Wollenweber, Dana Van Horn, and Robert Worley

Minutes of meeting 5-4-2017 Motion to approve the minutes of 5-4-2017 as presented by Dale Weiss. Second by Rick Thompson. MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

Citizens to be heard None.

Check approval Motion to ratify/approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$43,610.91 by Preston Paxman. Second by Gary Wilson. MOTION CARRIED 9-0.

Financial statement The April 2017 financial statement was presented. The board asked that the sewer truck be moved from Miscellaneous Expense.

Presentation Water Project status and application Robert Worley of Sunrise Engineering explained the timeline of the application process to USRDA. There were a couple of mitigation measures required for the environmental work and the project will go into the Finding of No Significant Impact process that takes approximately two to four weeks after the application is submitted. Following that, we will be given an offer of financing. Upon acceptance by GWSSA, after public comment/hearings, the interest rate will be set and the project may commence. Robert also gave a brief overview of the project scope and need.

Discussion and approval of Water Project application submission to USRDA Motion by Dale Weiss to approve submittal of Water Project to USRDA. Second by Rex Tanner. MOTION CARRIED 9-0.

2016 Annual Report Dana presented the 2016 Annual Report. The board and staff discussed ways to manage culinary water loss and theft of services. The amount of water the DWR reports going into Ken's Lake for 2016 is under investigation by DWR staff. Agency staff intends to replace the Sheley Tunnel meter to compare with the USGS meter at the diversion. DWR staff estimated usage in some cases and the error percent could be significant. Staff will present a final seepage report as soon as the number is finalized.

Lake/Snow report The lake is at 2369 AF, SWE is *% of average and Precipitation is 95% of average. Soil moisture is at 50%. The runoff is not complete. The past few days brought new snow to the mountains.

Committee Report The committee met and discussed the water project with Robert. They also discussed a letter to be written to the BLM, Grand County and SJ County regarding the lack of tax revenue / funding for the recreation facilities at the lake beginning 2018 budget.

Items from staff Art said the Moab Area Watershed Partnership had no protest for the water rights transfer into the lake. They asked if it would be possible for us to throttle the flow to the lake instead of sending it all at once when we are ready to turn more water down the creek. Dana and the board thanked Art for his work and wished him the best in his future endeavors.

Items from board members None.

Closed session if necessary None.

President Pyatt declared the meeting adjourned. Hearing no objections; the meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

ATTEST:

Dan Pyatt, Chairman

Art Wollenweber, Secretary/Treasurer

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