GRAND WATER & SEWER SERVICE AGENCY

Operating Committee Meeting February 19, 2004

The meeting was called to order by President Gary Wilson at 7:00 p.m. at the Agency office, 3025 East Spanish Trail Road, Moab, Utah. Other Operating Committee members present were Dan Holyoak, Dan Pyatt, Barbara Morra and Rex Tanner. Absent was Neal Dalton and William McDougald. Those present established a quorum. Other Board members present were Karla VanderZanden, Jerry McNeely, Tom Stengel, Kyle Bailey and James Walker.

Others present were Judy Carmichael, Dave Cozzens, JW Nelson, Brian Backus, Roy Krist, Michelle Wiley, Judy Bane, Ken & Louise Seiler, Audrey Graham, John Weishiet, Bill Love, Stacey Boender, Marsha Modine and Dale Pierson.

<u>Minutes</u> Motion by Barbara Morra to approve the minutes of the meeting of February 5, 2004. Second by Dan Holyoak. Gary Wilson-Aye, Dan Holyoak-Aye, Dan Pyatt-Aye, Rex Tanner-Aye, Karla VanderZanden-Aye, James Walker-Aye, Jerry McNeely-Aye, Tom Stengel-Aye, Kyle Bailey-Aye, Barbara Morra- Aye. MOTION CARRIED

<u>Citizens to be Heard</u> Bill Love expressed concern about an item on 2002 audit cash flow statement and urged the Board to take retained funds into consideration prior to a rate increase. Ken Seiler, member of Trail Mix and Southeast Backcountry Horseman, formally requested the Board consider a trail easement across the George White property. He stated if the easement were granted the trail would lead to the Spanish Trail Arena and he would approach other neighboring land owners for easements across their property leading to Johnson's Up On Top. The Board requested that he submit a map of the proposed trail system at some point.

Trail Proposal

Award Maintenance Contract

The Board reviewed bids submitted by JW Nelson Construction and Dave Cozzens Construction. Dale presented a comparison of the two contractor's rates for a "typical job" lasting 4 hours. Dale explained the criteria for selecting a contractor was not solely based on price. Experience, training, and ability to give priority to the Agency's work day and night are major factors in awarding the contract. Because the bids were not in the same format and difficult to compare, a motion was made by Rex Tanner to table the issue until the next board meeting. Second by Barbara Morra. Gary Wilson-Aye, Dan Holyoak-Aye, Dan Pyatt-Aye, Rex Tanner-Aye, Karla VanderZanden-Aye, James Walker-Aye, Jerry McNeely-Aye, Tom Stengel-Aye, Kyle Bailey-Aye, Barbara Morra- Aye. MOTION CARRIED

Maintenance Contract

White Property Lease The Board reviewed a memo from Dale dated February 11th that outlined several issues regarding a potential lease of 80 acres on the White property. Gary expressed concern with ensuring the top soil would be properly covered so it does not blow away. The ground is currently covered with hay stubble which would prevent major erosion. If the fields were leased, they would have to be replanted because the alfalfa is dead. The going rate to rent a piece of farm land this size is around \$4800. Attorney's fees for the contract would be around \$1,000. Mr. Krist said that if the property sold before he was able to reap his crop, he would need to be reimbursed for his seed and fertilizer expenses. Kyle Bailey motioned to lease the land to Roy Krist with all of the conditions outlined in Dale's memo satisfied and with an insurance policy at the same level as required by State Lands. Second by Tom Stengel. After an indiscernible vote and subsequent discussion over the meaning of the motion, Chairman Wilson declared the MOTION FAILED. Motion to place this item on the next agenda by Kyle Bailey. Second by Rex Tanner. Gary Wilson-Aye, Dan Holyoak-Aye, Dan Pyatt-Aye, Rex Tanner-Aye, Karla VanderZanden-Aye, James Walker-Aye, Jerry McNeely-Aye, Tom Stengel-Aye, Kyle Bailey-Aye, Barbara Morra- Abstained. MOTION CARRIED

White Property Lease

<u>Mid-Year Irrigation Meter Readings</u> The purpose of this agenda item was to discuss creating a policy that requires irrigation meters to be read mid-season in addition to the regular end of season readings. Tom pointed out that the Water Conservation Plan created by the Conservation Committee and adopted by the Agency already stated that irrigation meters would be read during the middle of the season.

Mid Year Irrigation Reads

<u>February Financial Statement</u> The Board was presented the February financial statement.

<u>Check Approval</u> Dan Holyoak motioned to approve checks in the amount of \$52,676.13. Second by Jerry McNeely. Gary Wilson-Aye, Dan Holyoak-Aye, Dan Pyatt-Aye, Rex Tanner-Aye, Karla VanderZanden-Aye, James Walker-Aye, Jerry McNeely-Aye, Tom Stengel-Aye, Kyle Bailey-Aye, and Barbara Morra-Nay. MOTION CARRIED.

<u>Items From Board</u> Karla suggested the Conservation Committee meet soon to discuss revision of the Water Conservation Plan.

President \	Wilson declared the meeting adjourned. Hearing no	objections the meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.
ATTEST:		
	Dale F. Pierson, Secretary/Treasurer	Gary N. Wilson, President