## **GRAND WATER & SEWER SERVICE AGENCY**

## Operating Committee Meeting April 1, 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, Brian Backus and Rex Tanner. Those present established a quorum. Other Board members present were Karla VanderZanden, James Walker, Barbara Morra, Kyle Bailey and Jerry McNeely (arrived at 7:04).

Others present were Chad and JW Nelson, Ned and Carolyn Plasson, Michelle Wiley, Page Holland, Sharel Carlson, Stacey Boender, Marsha Modine and Dale Pierson.

<u>Minutes</u> Motion by Karla VanderZanden to approve the minutes of the meeting of March 18, 2004. Second by James Walker. Gary Wilson-Aye, Dan Holyoak-Aye, Dan Pyatt-Aye, Rex Tanner-Aye, Brain Backus-Aye, Karla VanderZanden-Aye, James Walker-Aye, Barbara Morra-Aye, Kyle Bailey-Aye and Jerry McNeely-absent for vote. MOTION CARRIED

## Citizens to be Heard None.

<u>Sherry Carlson</u> Dale introduced Sherry Carlson and her neighbors Ned and Carolyn Plasson to the Board. They live on Terra Lane which is located in San Juan County off of Sunny Acres Lane. The neighbors formally requested that the Agency provide water service to their properties. In September of 2003, the Tera Lane residents confirmed with Agency staff that water was available in their area and were told to pay their fees at the office when they were ready to connect to the system. The Carlsons, Plassons and Hammers jointly installed water lines in anticipation of service. The Hammer's received a water connection from the Agency. On October 16, 2003, Spanish Valley Water Improvement District passed a motion to "table indefinitely the Gilmore property service commitment decision." This motion inferred that a moratorium was placed on the Agency's ability to provide water in San Juan County. After discussion, the members of the Improvement District agreed to meet on April 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. to further review the request.

Sherry Carlson

Interlocal Agreement- Operating Committee Composition The Board was presented a copy of the Interlocal Agreement. Gary explained the idea was to dissolve the Operating Committee in order to streamline operations. Quorum requirements would be an issue. Gary suggested everyone read over the agreement and discuss the issue further at the April 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Interlocal Agreement

"Lost Water" Update Dale reviewed several spreadsheets comparing water produced versus water metered with the Board. The reworked numbers reflect a more accurate loss of 19%, a number that is still quite high. Dale explained one factor that skews the statistics is that a calendar year is used to compare lost water. The estimating of meters during the winter complicates the comparisons. Dale thinks that most of the lost water stems from inaccurate readings on the older customer meters on the system. He suggested increasing the priority of the radio read meter conversion project. Dale also explained that the master meters will be checked before the next board meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> and he will report on the findings at that time.

Lost Water

<u>2004 Irrigation Season</u> At the end of March, the snowpack was at 58% of average and the storage and stream diversion to the Lake was at 65% of average. Dale presented 2004 Irrigation Season predictions with a few scenarios if customers were allowed to use 58% or 75% of their allotted water. The Board discussed pumping the Corbin and Beeman Wells to supplement the Lake water. After further discussion, Rex Tanner motioned for the 2004 Irrigation Season to charge customers for actual pumping costs in excess of 75% of their allotted water. No one shall use more than 90%. Pumping costs are estimated to be between \$17 to \$20 per Acre Foot. Those who exceed 90% will be shut off. Second by Kyle Bailey. Gary Wilson-Aye, Dan Holyoak-Aye, Dan Pyatt-Aye, Rex Tanner-Aye, Brain Backus-Aye, Karla VanderZanden-Aye, James Walker-Aye, Barbara Morra-Aye, Kyle Bailey-Aye, Jerry McNeely-Aye. MOTION CARRIED

2004 Irrigation Season

<u>Check Approval</u> Rex Tanner motioned to approve checks in the amount of \$32,798.87. Second by James Walker. Gary Wilson-Aye, Dan Holyoak-Aye, Dan Pyatt-Aye, Rex Tanner-Aye, Brain Backus-Aye, Karla VanderZanden-Aye, James Walker-Aye, Kyle Bailey-Aye, Jerry McNeely-Aye, Barbara Morra-Nay. MOTION CARRIED

<u>Items From Board & Staff</u> Barb suggested having board packet materials available for the attending public. Karla wished to thank the Times Independent for its coverage of water issues in our area.

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	