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

## Operating Committee January 18, 2007

The meeting was called to order by President Dan Pyatt at 7:03 p.m. at the Agency office, 3025 East Spanish Trail Road, Moab, Utah. Other Agency Board members present were: Gary Wilson, Mike Holyoak, Dan Holyoak, Tom Stengel, John Hartley, Brian Backus, Rex Tanner and Lance Christie. Those present established a quorum. Absent were: Kyle Bailey, Jerry McNeely, and James Walker. Others present were: LaRue Christie, Dana Van Horn, Terry Sykes, Jonathan Olschewski, John Keys, William Love, Carol DeFrancia, George B. Carter and Dennis K. Wacker.

<u>Minutes</u> Motion by Lance Christie to approve the minutes of the meeting of January 4, 2007. Second by Mike Holyoak. Dan Pyatt-Aye, Gary Wilson-Aye, Lance Christie-Aye, Mike Holyoak-Aye, Dan Holyoak-Aye, Tom Stengel-Aye, John Hartley-Aye, Brian Backus-Aye, Rex Tanner-Aye. MOTION CARRIED.

<u>Citizens to be Heard</u> Jonathan Olschewski expressed a deep concern with the planned development proposed near the Chapman Well. Mr. Olschewski believes that the housing development is planned in a draw down zone for the aquifer. He also believes that an agreement regarding easements around the well between the agency and Andrea Castellanos has been breached by this development. Terry Sykes responded to Mr. Olschewski's concerns by stating that the agency is fully aware of the situation and is taking all necessary measures to protect our aquifer. He also stated that the easement agreement is an entirely different matter that is also being addressed by the agency. Lance Christie advised that the developers have yet to come to the Agency for a Will Serve Letter and all of Mr. Olschewski's concerns among others will be addressed in the letter. Lance also stated that he and Terry are actively working on long term protection measures in all of the areas of recharge and watershed protection.

William Love spoke to the board regarding Cloud Rock and Karin Ridge Subdivisions. He stated that Moab City has done this before and the agency would be wise to coordinate with them in order to use their experience with protecting their zones. Mr. Love also advised the board that a house may be built in Millcreek on the Steel Bender Road. He said that Millcreek is a direct recharge for our aquifer. He said he had a USGS map that showed part of Karin Ridge and Johnson's On Top as recharge zones. He said he would try to get copies of the map to the board in a few days. Lance said that it is the board's intention to fully involve the City of Moab as we share the same aquifer.

<u>Discuss, consider, and approve funding of pressurized irrigation study. Not to exceed \$6560.00</u> Motion to approve funding for a pressurized irrigation study by Mike Holyoak. Second by Tom Stengel. Dan Pyatt-Aye, Gary Wilson-Aye, Mike Holyoak-Aye, Tom Stengel-Aye, Dan Holyoak-Aye, Brian Backus-Aye, John Hartley-Aye, Rex Tanner-Aye, Lance Christie-Aye. MOTION CARRIED.

<u>Discuss status of WRDA study. Consider resolution including Castle Valley</u> Terry told the board about a meeting he had with The Nature Conservancy, USGS and a representative from Castle Valley. Castle Valley would like to be incorporated into the study area. Due to recent elections, the previously approved funding is not available. The request must go through the current Congress for re-approval. Motion to approve the current updated resolution without adding Castle Valley by Gary Wilson. Second by Lance Christie. Dan Pyatt-Aye, Gary Wilson-Aye, Brian Backus-Aye, Mike Holyoak-Aye, John Hartley-Aye, Rex Tanner-Aye,

<u>Check Approval</u> Motion to approve the checks in the amount of \$92,937.89 by Rex Tanner. Second by Tom Stengel. Dan Pyatt-Aye, Gary Wilson-Aye, Mike Holyoak-Aye, Dan Holyoak-Aye, Rex Tanner-Aye, Tom Stengel-Aye, John Hartley-Aye, Lance Christie-Aye, Brian Backus-Aye. MOTION CARRIED.

Items From Board members & Staff

A memo was prepared by Marsha and presented to the board by Terry. The memo outlined the early payoff of the GO Bonds as requested in a previous meeting. Terry stated that the agency was still waiting to hear from San Juan County regarding the funding of the wastewater study. It was also noted that Mr. Keys has been approved and we are waiting only on the paperwork at this time. The wastewater / water committee met earlier the same day. They discussed San Juan County and the funding of the wastewater study. Gary said that they will give San Juan another couple of weeks to overcome the first of the year workload and then the agency will contact them again. Terry was asked about the snowpack. He stated that the precipitation was 137% of normal, however, the water content was only 75% of normal based on the weekly report that he is provided.

<u>Executive Session to Discuss the purchase, exchange, or lease of real property</u> The executive session will be moved to next meeting.

President Pyatt declared the meeting adjourned. Hearing no ob	ojections the meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.
ATTEST:	Dan Pyatt – President
Gary Wilson – Vice President	