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

Full Agency Meeting **January 17, 2008** 

The meeting was called to order by President Dan Pyatt at 7:00 p.m. at the Agency office, 3025 East Spanish Trail Road, Moab, Utah. Other Agency Board members present were: Gary Wilson, Mike Holyoak, John Hartley, Brian Backus, Lance Christie, Tom Stengel, John Keys, and Kyle Bailey. Those present established a guorum. Absent were Rex Tanner and Jerry McNeely.

Others present were: Marsha Modine, Dana Van Horn, Sarah Fields, Harold Shepherd, Mark Page, and Ron George.

<u>Minutes</u> Motion by Lance Christie to approve the minutes of the meeting of January 3, 2008. Second by Mike Holyoak. Dan Pyatt-Aye, Gary Wilson-Aye, Mike Holyoak-Aye, John Hartley-Aye, Brian Backus-Aye, Lance Christie-Aye. Tom Stengel-Aye, John Keys-Aye, Kyle Bailey-Aye. MOTION CARRIED.

<u>Citizens to be heard</u> Harold Shepherd spoke to the board about alternate "beneficial uses" for water rights that included instream flows for wildlife habitat preservation etc...He said that according to Utah Code 73-33 that the State has the right to purchase water to put into instream flows. John Keys noted that Special Service Districts are unable to hold rights for instream flows at this time. Sarah Fields directed the board's attention to a letter that was provided in the board book. She highlighted three concerns that are in the letter. 1. The ability for the board to hire the same consultant that is being used by a private party to find water (Mancos Resources). 2. She believes that the Agency should publish a request for proposals for the water so that anyone can bid. 3. When a party comes before the board they should be able to demonstrate that they will be able to use the water by the proper date and that they have the financial resources to see their proposed project come to fruition.

<u>Check Approval</u> Motion to approve checks in the amount of \$121,758.34 by Lance Christie. Second by Gary Wilson. Dan Pyatt-Aye, Gary Wilson-Aye, Mike Holyoak-Aye, John Hartley-Aye, Brian Backus-Aye, Lance Christie-Aye. Tom Stengel-Aye, John Keys-Aye, Kyle Bailey-Aye. MOTION CARRIED.

<u>Financial Statement</u> All 2007 bills have not been received. Marsha will present the 2007 year end financial statement as soon as possible.

Discuss, consider, approve leasing water to Mancos Resources – Tabled item Motion to untable this agenda item by Lance Christie. Second by Gary Wilson. Gary Wilson-Aye, Mike Holyoak-Aye, John Hartley-Aye, Brian Backus-Aye, Lance Christie-Aye. Tom Stengel-Aye, John Keys-Aye, Kyle Bailey-Aye. Dan Pyatt-Nay. MOTION CARRIED. Lance told the board that given the lengthy licensing processes that projects such as this must go through; it would be unlikely that beneficial use of the water could be demonstrated by the expiration date ten years from now. He said he would like to see background and financial information for Mancos to ensure that they have the financial resources to endure. John Keys said that he spoke with a representative of Cedar City. John says that the pipeline may not be done in the ten year timeframe; however, one can apply for an extension with justification. Motion to retable this agenda item by Lance Christie. Second by Gary Wilson. Dan Pyatt-Aye, Gary Wilson-Aye, Mike Holyoak-Aye, John Hartley-Aye, Brian Backus-Aye, Lance Christie-Aye. Tom Stengel-Aye, John Keys-Aye, Kyle Bailey-Aye. MOTION CARRIED.

<u>Water right report – Mark Page</u> Mark Page presented the water right report that he prepared to the board. The board discussed the report, specific water rights and water rights laws.

**Snow Report** The Snotel says that the snow water equivalent is 7.1 at this time. The average is 6.2

<u>Items from board members</u> John Keys said that he met with Donna Metzler twice last week to discuss the proposed WWTP agreement. He also said it was possible that Central Iron County (Cedar City) may wish to be on the agenda for the February 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.

| <u>Staff Report</u> Mike Holyoak and Gary Wilson volunteered to meeting on January 21 <sup>st</sup> . | attend the Moab Irrigation shareholder's |
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| Executive Session None                                                                                |                                          |
| President Pyatt declared the meeting adjourned. Hearing no p.m.                                       | objections the meeting adjourned at 8:30 |
| ATTEST:                                                                                               | Dan Pyatt – President                    |

Gary Wilson – Vice President