

**GRAND WATER & SEWER SERVICE AGENCY**  
**Special Operating Committee Meeting**  
May 22, 2013

The meeting was called to order by President Pyatt at 7:00 p.m. at the Agency office, 3025 East Spanish Trail Road, Moab, Utah. Other Agency Board Members present were: Pat Holyoak, Jerry McNeely, Rex Tanner, Gary Wilson, Leon Behunin, Mike Holyoak, and Dale Weiss. Those present established a quorum. Absent were: Kyle Bailey, Preston Paxman, and Brian Backus.

Others present were: George Carter, Bill Love, Lynn Jackson, Jeff Richards, Marcy Till, Mark Sovine, Dana Van Horn and Marsha Modine.

**Minutes of board meeting 5/9/13** Motion to approve the minutes of 5/9/13 as presented by Tom Stengel. Second by Mike Holyoak. MOTION CARRIED 9-0.

**Citizens to be heard** Bill Love spoke to the board regarding Mill Creek. He is opposed to lowering the winter flows on Mill Creek. He said that between the diversion and the power dam that the creek is a recharge area for the aquifer and altering the stream flow would have a big impact on the aquifer.

**Check approval** Motion to approve checks in the amount of \$18,384.18 by Tom Stengel. Second by Gary Wilson. MOTION CARRIED 9-0.

**Financial statement** The April 2013 financial statement was presented.

**Approval of letter to GC Council and SJC Commission requesting support for changes to required flows on Mill Creek** The board discussed the agreement with the BLM and the required stream flows on Mill Creek. The Agency has approached the BLM about lowering the required stream flows in Mill Creek during the winter months and requests the Grand County Council and San Juan County Commission support GWSSA in the renegotiation of the contract. Dale Weiss brought several paragraphs to add to the letter. Motion by Mike Holyoak to have staff put the provided letter together with Dale's recommendations and send it to the councils/commissions and have the Chair of GCWCD/Agency President sign the letter(s). Second by Jerry McNeely. MOTION CARRIED 9-0.

**Lake/snow report / irrigation system update** The lake has 531 AF. YTD precipitation is 80% of average and soil saturation is at 42%.

**Discuss, consider, approve additional irrigation water restrictions** Dan explained that he was on the mountain a few days ago and the snowpack was gone. This prompted him to call the meeting early since he would not be able to attend the regular Thursday time. Mark said that there is an estimated 300 AF deficit at the current 50% allotment depending on the quantity and duration of the spring runoff. Estimated quantities are an additional 400 AF of runoff. The board discussed pumping scenarios and historic levels of existing groundwater wells. Possible culinary water restrictions will be discussed at a future meeting. Marcy Till asked the board about surcharges for the season. The method of calculation is dependent on customer use and percentage of water pumped. Motion to reduce the 2013 irrigation allotment from 50% to 40% and restrict RSI users to two (2) days per week by Rex Tanner. Second by Tom Stengel. MOTION CARRIED 9-0.

**Committee report** None.

**Items from staff** The dates to file a declaration of candidacy for the November 2013 election are June 3-7 at the Agency Office during business hours.

**Items from board members** Gary said that San Juan County is in the application process of declaring the county an agricultural disaster area. He asked that staff look into the process and requirements.

**Closed session if necessary** Motion by Mike Holyoak to enter closed session to discuss a real property purchase at 8:15 p.m. Second by Gary Wilson. MOTION CARRIED 9-0. Motion to exit closed session by Rex Tanner at 8:32 p.m. Second by Dale Weiss. MOTION CARRIED 9-0.

President Pyatt declared the meeting adjourned. Hearing no objections; the meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Dan Pyatt, President

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Mark Sovine, Secretary/Treasurer