

GRAND WATER & SEWER SERVICE AGENCY
Full Board Meeting
May 5, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dan Pyatt at 7:05 p.m. at the Agency Office, 3025 E. Spanish Trail Rd., Moab, Utah. Other trustees present were: Kyle Bailey, Lynn Jackson (arrived at 7:30 p.m.), Preston Paxman, Rex Tanner, Tom Stengel, Rick Thompson, Mike Holyoak and Dale Weiss. Those present established a quorum. Absent were: Gary Wilson, Jerry McNeely and Brian Backus.

Others present were: Jim Farnsworth, Philip Bowman, Rebecca Davidson, Bill Love and Zacharia Levine

Minutes of meeting 4-7-2016 Motion to approve the minutes of 4-7-16 as presented by Tom Stengel. Second by Mike Holyoak. MOTION CARRIED 9-0.

Citizens to be heard Zacharia Levine of Grand County said the Community Development office is interested in working with GWSSA to aid in future planning efforts.

Citizen: J. Farnsworth – mountain irrigation water Mr. Farnsworth asked to be placed on the agenda for this meeting to discuss the disposition of his Ken's Lake water on the mountain. In 1996 he made an arrangement with then manager, Dale Pierson to take 71 AF of his 171 AF during the winter months. There is only a handwritten note in his file. Staff was unable to locate discussion or action on this matter in the concurrent Conservancy District minutes. Mr. Farnsworth says the District asked him to take some of his water in the winter so that he took less in the summer months. Mark stated that 2013's drought and subsequent 60% restriction on all users, Mr. Farnsworth had already used his allotment before the season began. Mr. Farnsworth addressed the board and said that he was dissatisfied with the way he was treated and he was unhappy that no one from GWSSA contacted him prior to making a decision about his water. He said that his neighbor uses winter water from the same ditch and he said that it is likely that the water would not reach the neighbor's property without his flows in the ditch. Mark said that Mr. Farnsworth would still be able to take water all year long because of his other MIC shares. There was discussion about priority rights and about the need for change applications with the state. The board said they needed some time to become informed on this issue and would contact Mr. Farnsworth shortly. Mr. Farnsworth left at 7:22 p.m.

Check approval None.

Financial statement None.

Sewer treatment plant progress update – Moab City staff Rebecca Davidson, Moab City Manager said that the DEQ approved a loan of \$10.4 million at 1.15% interest for the new plant. She said that they are aiming for an 18-month construction phase that, if started in October/November of 2016, would be complete in the beginning of 2018. She passed out draft copies of the newly completed impact fee facilities plan and impact fee analysis reports. The proposed impact fee for GWSSA users is \$1360.00 per ERU. She asked for comments after the board had a chance to read them. The agreement is at the City Attorney's office to clarify the language. It will go back to GWSSA for consideration afterwards. Both parties are attempting to meet a July 15 deadline. Remaining public left at 7: 45 p.m.

2015 Annual Report Mark presented the 2015 annual report. The official record copy of the report is maintained as a permanent record in the office and is not included in the minute packet.

Discussion of cathodic protection for 1mg tank The packet contained the two quotes Mark received for the cathodic protection project budgeted for 2016. Mark attempted to get more than the two quotes, but was unable to get a response from the other firms he contacted. The recommended method of treatment is different than what was originally budgeted for and is more expensive. The board discussed the merits of the alternate treatment and advised Mark to proceed with the project. The difference will be addressed in the amended budget as needed.

Lake/Snow report Ken's Lake has 2274 AF in storage as of 5/5/2016. SWE is 244% of average and YTD precipitation is 124% of average. Soil moisture is at 66%.

Committee Report The hiring committee met to discuss advertising the manager job opening. The committee met to go over the preliminary impact fee report. They asked Robert and Mark to come up with a few scenarios concerning project priority and value. Mark said that Robert will have a revised report soon.

Items from staff The manager position is being advertised in the local paper and in several locations on the internet. Mark told the board about some grant monies available to put in a different weir or flume at the diversion.

Items from board members Lynn asked if the new affordable housing measures being considered by the County are going to have a negative impact on the water and/or sewer system. The board and staff discussed accessory dwellings and impact fees. If the property is able to be subdivided, then separate connections are required and impact fees are paid. If the property is deed restricted to prohibit subdivision, then existing connections may be shared and no additional impact fees are due.

Closed session if necessary None.

Chairman Pyatt declared the meeting adjourned. Hearing no objections; the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

ATTEST:

Dan Pyatt, Chairman

Mark Sovine, Secretary/Treasurer