

GRAND WATER & SEWER SERVICE AGENCY
Operating Committee Meeting
January 27, 2005

The meeting was called to order by President Wilson at 7:00 p.m. at the Agency office, 3025 East Spanish Trail Road, Moab, Utah. Other Operating Committee members present were Jerry McNeely (arrived at 7:05 pm), Rex Tanner, Dan Holyoak and Dan Pyatt. Absent was Al McLeod and Brian Backus. Those present established a quorum. Other Board members present were Karla VanderZanden (arrived at 7:15 pm), James Walker (arrived at 7:05 pm), Barbara Morra and Tom Stengel. Others present were Carrie Switzer, Dave Cozzens, Marsha Modine, Stacey Boender and Dale Pierson.

Minutes Motion by Tom Stengel to approve the minutes of the meeting of December 9, 2004 with the following corrections: Under the Power Generation section: "Barbara suggested the equipment be placed *only* on the irrigation system" and the motion set a "\$1500 limit on the preparation of a RFP *including legal fees.*" Second by Dan Pyatt. Gary Wilson-Aye, Dan Holyoak-Aye, Dan Pyatt-Aye, Rex Tanner-Aye, Tom Stengel-Aye, Barbara Morra-Aye, Jerry McNeely, Karla VanderZanden and James Walker were absent for the vote. MOTION CARRIED

Citizens to be Heard None.

Agency Deposit Policy Stacey Boender asked the Board's permission to stop collecting deposits from property owners since the Agency has the right to lien property. Dan Pyatt suggested a letter be sent to depositor's explaining that the Agency can still lien their property in the event of non payment. Motion by Tom Stengel to accept staff's suggestion of eliminating collection of deposits. Second by Dan Pyatt. Gary Wilson-Aye, Dan Holyoak-Aye, Dan Pyatt-Aye, Rex Tanner-Aye, Tom Stengel-Aye, Jerry McNeely-Aye, Karla VanderZanden-Aye, James Walker-Aye, Barbara Morra-Aye. MOTION CARRIED

Deposit
Policy

Water Study Appropriation Dale informed the Board the Valley Wide Aquifer Study act proposed by Representative Matheson failed to pass. The next step is to ask Senator Bennett for a direct appropriation of \$2 million to the County, USGS and the Agency to conduct a four year study. At the suggestion of Mr. Matheson, Dale proposed that he, Gary and Rex go to Washington, D.C. before March 17 to ask for the appropriation. Due to the nature of the political process, the presentation needs to be made in Washington D.C., not Salt Lake City. Rex asked what makes this study different than past water studies in the Valley. Dale said this study would tie all of the existing studies together and then fill in the gaps with a complete hydrology study of the entire Valley; which was not studied in the past. Tom motioned to authorize Dale and whomever he feels the best people are to accompany him to Senator Bennett's D.C. office to attempt to attain funding for a Valley Wide Aquifer Study and pay for the expenses. Second by Dan Pyatt. Gary Wilson-Aye, Dan Holyoak-Aye, Dan Pyatt-Aye, Rex Tanner-Aye, Tom Stengel-Aye, Jerry McNeely-Aye, Karla VanderZanden-Aye, James Walker-Aye, Barbara Morra-Nay. MOTION CARRIED

Water
Study
Appropriation

End of Year Irrigation Season Report Dale stated the end of year diversions to the Lake were 84% of average, total storage was 36% of average and 13% of capacity (due to the draw down and dam inspection). Snow water content was 122% at the end of the year and today it was at 115%. Karla asked about the state of the irrigation meters. Dale gave a lengthy explanation of the inherent problems in metering irrigation water for lawn and garden type customers given the available technology. Karla suggested the next newsletter contain an article about how the irrigation system works.

Check Approval The Board asked about a check to Agency Council. Dale explained the fees were for work regarding the failure of Emery County to pay its taxes to one of the Districts. Gary asked for the result of that work to be an Agenda item when it is resolved. After several questions regarding checks for normal daily operating expenses, Dan Pyatt suggested the Board stop micromanaging the staff. Tom motioned to approve checks, which included checks from the cancelled January 13 meeting and the end of 2004, in the amount of \$322,355.87. Second by Jerry McNeely. Gary Wilson-Aye, Dan Holyoak-Aye, Dan Pyatt-Aye, Rex Tanner-Aye, Tom Stengel-Aye, Jerry McNeely-Aye, Karla VanderZanden-Aye, James Walker-Aye, Barbara Morra-Nay. MOTION CARRIED

Items From Board & Staff

Dale informed the Board that Agency Counsel Brent Rose will be taking a three year sabbatical beginning in June and Ted Barnes and Steve Clyde will take care of the Agency's needs during that time. Dale also said Blaine Carlton will be down on February 10th to discuss the Agency consolidation. Marsh presented the Board with the Budget Calendar rules she must follow.

President Wilson declared the meeting adjourned. Hearing no objections the meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

ATTEST:

Dale F. Pierson, Secretary/Treasurer

Gary N. Wilson, President