

# Grand Water & Sewer Service Agency

Operating Committee Meeting  
March 14, 2001

The meeting was called to order by President Gary Wilson at 7:00 p.m. at the Agency Office, 3025 E Spanish Trail Road, Moab, Utah. Other Operating Committee members present were Neal Dalton, Dan Holyoak, and Karl Tangren. Absent: Paul Morris and John Keys. Those in attendance established a quorum. Other Board members present were Jerry McNeely, Bill McDougald, James Walker, Al McLeod, Kyle Bailey, Karla VanderZanden, and Rex Tanner.

Others present were Dale Pierson, Rhonda Riberia, Marsha Modine, John Chartier – Sunrise Engineering, Mayor Bruce Keeler – Castle Valley, Barbara Morra, Franklin Seal, and Bill Love.

After calling for additions or corrections to the minutes of the Full Agency meeting of February 21, 2001 and hearing none, President Wilson asked that the minutes be approved as circulated to the Board. Motion: James. Seconded: Neal. Gary – aye, Neal – aye, Dan – aye, Karl – aye, Bill – aye, James – aye, Al – aye, Kyle – aye, Jerry – aye, Karla – aye, Rex – aye. Motion carried.

**Citizens To Be Heard** None

**Cloudrock – Request for Commitment of Service** Dale explained that Michael Liss was unable to attend tonight's meeting, and requested that this item be offset to the next meeting. Dale explained that Michael was asking the Agency for a commitment of service and Dale had recommended that Cloudrock commit to annexing into Spanish Valley Water & Sewer Improvement District.

**Castle Valley Request for Monetary Assistance – Hydrology Study** Mayor Bruce Keeler introduced himself to the Board, and presented a history to date regarding the hydrology study being done by Utah Geologic Survey for Castle Valley. Bruce explained that the request to the Agency was for \$15,000.00 or a portion thereof to complete the funding for the Ground Water Quality Analysis. Bill Love asked if the *Citizens to be Heard* agenda item could be reopened as he had arrived late and wished to speak. Gary explained the Board had a long agenda to complete but that perhaps, time providing, it could be reopened later. Discussion followed regarding the request from Castle Valley with the consensus of the Board being they wished to assist though perhaps not for the full \$15,000.00. James motioned to table this item until the next Board meeting to give Staff time to research. Seconded: Dan. Gary – aye, Neal – aye, Dan – aye, Karl – aye, Bill – aye, James – aye, Al – aye, Kyle – aye, Jerry – aye, Karla – aye, Rex – aye. Motion carried.

**North Corridor Development** Dale referred to the results of the Public Information Hearing questionnaire for North Corridor property owners included in the Board packet. Dale noted that out of ten responses eight were yes, one no, and one neither yes or no. Dale explained the latter was Nature Conservancy who indicated they would not have a use for water or sewer service. Discussion followed. Dale added that items being researched are: a)including the Atlas property; b)annexing the Arches National Park Visitor Center and employee housing into the Agency; and c)a method of assessing properties on both acreage and value with the capability of reassessing properties as they further develop. Rex noted that as per conversations he had had, Ferral Gas Products would most likely not support the project. Dale noted that the issue of the four properties not included in the original annexation was being corrected. The omission was apparently due to an inadvertent error.

**Irrigation – 2001 Season** Dale presented to the Board a chart depicting average, 2000, and 2001 storage in Ken's Lake. The chart shows the current status as far below both the average and 2000 readings. Dale also presented the current snow pack report which shows snow water content at 84%. Gary remarked there may be a discrepancy in the report, the actual content could be between 89-94%. Dale noted that normally the irrigation season begins around March 15<sup>th</sup>, but as this has been a wet spring he recommended starting April 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Board agreed, requesting Staff send a letter informing irrigation customers. Further discussion followed. James mentioned it may be beneficial to look into purchasing the hardware required for automated diversions. After discussion, Gary asked to Dale to looking into funding.

Cloudrock  
Request –  
Postponed

Castle  
Valley  
Request

North  
Corridor  
Development

Irrigation  
2001 Season

James Wa  
– Report  
Mill Cr

**Meeting** James reported that one of the few changes to come about will be changing Bob Byrnes – River Commissioner’s job from renewing yearly to every five years.

**Water Project – Report** John Chartier reported on the progress of the distribution, storage, and source portions of the project. Karla offered a positive comment on JCI’s crews professionalism and willingness to explain in detail exactly what they were working on. Gary noted he too had heard a number of positive comments. Bill Love asked if reseeding along East Bench Road would be done. Gary responded he was uncertain as reseeding all areas had not been funded. Barb Morra asked regarding a section of Pack Creek being diverted. Discussion showed that due to erosion the course of the creek had been altered. When work was done in that area, the creek was returned to its original course as further erosion threatened to take out an existing line. Barb thanked John and said she would pass the information along.

Board  
Packets

**Board Packets** Gary noted this item was in response to Karla’s request to consider possible elimination of paperwork for Board meetings. Karla stated her concerns had been well represented at the last Agency meeting – that the duplication of paperwork for Board meetings (one set mailed, one set inserted in the packets) was cost prohibitive both for materials and man-hours. Dale referred to the contact information update form in the packets, explaining the form gave each Board member the option of having the meeting information either: a)mailed and placed in the packets, b) emailed and placed in packets, c)mailed only, d)emailed only. Those members selecting mailed or emailed only would bring their materials to the meeting. Each Board member was requested to complete the form and return it to Staff.

Bill Love

**Citizens to be Heard – reopened** Gary asked if there was any opposition to reopening the Citizens to be Heard agenda item, and hearing none did so.

Barb Morra

Bill Love asked about sewage treatment outside of the District, asking if that meant Cloudrock could not be serviced.

Barb asked to speak. Gary reminded her she was present when this item was originally opened and had not spoken then. Gary permitted Barb to continue. Barb asked Dale to further explain why Cloudrock was asking for a commitment of service. Dale reiterated the comments he had made earlier.

Hearing no other comments, Gary closed the Citizens to be Heard item.

**Check Approval** Karla asked about the payment for phones. Marsha explained. James motioned to approve the SVWSID checks totaling \$695,297.80 and the GWSSA checks totaling \$36,077.04 for a grand total of \$731,374.84. Seconded: Dan. Gary – aye, Neal – aye, Dan – aye, Karl – aye, Bill – aye, James – aye, Al – aye, Kyle – aye, Jerry – aye, Karla – aye, Rex – aye. Motion carried.

Sheley  
Tunnel

**Items from Board Members**

**Shares from Sheley Tunnel** James asked what the notations of \* and x meant on the list of shares from Sheley Tunnel. Marsha explained the x’s indicate shares not assigned to a specific connection.

SITLA  
Timeframe

**Timeframe** Karla asked what the timeframe on rectifying the SITLA issues before other funding had to be procured was. Dale answered that he and Brent Rose had met with State Lands on March 13<sup>th</sup> and hoped to have a re-draft of the agreement shortly. When the draft is ready a joint meeting will be called for SVWSID and the Agency for action from both Boards. Discussion followed.

**Well Application** James asked regarding a well application for a well on Powerhouse, that used the same water as Agency wells in that area. James suggested protesting the development of this private well.

Well  
Applicati

Report on  
Mill Creek  
Meeting

Water  
Project

Sewer  
Agreement  
with City  
Moab  
noted that  
had he  
concern

expressed regarding how the Agency Board may view ownership of the sewage plant. Points regarding partial ownership, percentage thereof, building a separate plant, and retaining status quo were discussed. Bill Love recommended halting growth in San Juan County. Gary thanked everyone for their input, concluded that Committee already in place would continue to work on the issues.

**Welcome** Gary welcomed Rex to the Board, and apologized for doing so at the end of the meeting.

**Operating Committee Member Election Needed** Gary noted a Special Full Agency meeting was needed in order to elect an Agency member to fill the open slot vacated by Ned on the Operating Committee. Gary added that as per the Interlocal Agreement, the member elected must be from the GCWCD Board, meaning either Bill, James, or Rex. Dan motioned to change the regular Operating Committee meeting on March 28<sup>th</sup> to a Special Full Agency meeting. Seconded: James. Gary – aye, Neal – aye, Dan – aye, Karl – aye, Bill – aye, James – aye, Al – aye, Kyle – aye, Jerry – aye, Karla – aye, Rex – aye. Motion carried.

**Water line work** Al mentioned an issue regarding payment for work on Murphy Lane to west of Canyonlands Circle. The payment of \$3181.00 has been requested of the Roads Department as the work done was required for changes they made to drainage. Dave Warner has asked that the Agency pay this bill instead of the Roads Department. Gary asked if the item needed to be placed on the agenda to which Al responded no, he would speak with Dave Warner.

**Items from Staff** none

President Wilson declared the meeting adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Gary N. Wilson, President

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Dale F. Pierson, Secretary/Treasurer

**Welcome**

**Full Agency  
Meeting  
Called**

**Water line  
work**