GRAND COUNTY WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT SPECIAL SERVICE WATER DISTRICT

Regular Meeting -----September 18, 1984

The meeting was called to order by the Vice Chairman, ATTENDANCE D. L. Taylor, at 7:00 A.M. at the Ramada Inn. Other Grand County Water Conservancy District Board members present were Everett L. Schumaker, Gary N. Wilson, William T. Hines and James L. Walker.

Special Service Water District Board members present were Everett L. Schumaker, Dan Holyoak, George White and William D. McDougald.

Others present were Mark Page, Area Engineer, Utah State Division of Water Rights; David J. Bretzke, Executive Director; Dale Pierson, District Maintenance Man; Douglas Holyoak, Bookkeeper and Roberta R. Highland, Secretary.

Roberta Highland read the minutes of the meeting of September 4, 1984. The Chair called for any additions or corrections, and hearing none, declared the minutes approved as read.

MINUTES

David Bretzke stated that some people had paid a con- IRRIGATION nection fee a few years ago, but had never paid for any water, WATER USE and now they are coming in and requesting water. He asked the District to form a policy with regard to this type of customer. POLICY These customers were discussed, and David reported that a Moab Irrigation Company customer and asked him about the preference that Moab Irrigation Company customers were supposed to have, according to the contract. It was asked if this customer had owned the property when the contract was signed. Bretzke replied he had not. Everett Schumaker stated that his understanding was that this preference was intended for the first sign-up, and would not apply at this time. James L. Walker gave the opinion that Moab Irrigation Company customers were entitled to water on a preferred basis, and Bretzke was instructed to consult Brent Rose with regard to this preference of Moab Irrigation Company customers.

With regard to customers requesting water, who had previously paid for a connection fee, but no water, the Board decided they should be told they would be put on a preference list, and when water is available, they would be contacted first and have the first chance at available water. The Chair asked the staff to write a policy regarding these people who had paid connection fees, and present it to the Board.

Mark Page was asked if the District could apply for COLORADO additional Colorado River water rights. He told the Board they could apply, and the application would be held, but felt the District should concentrate on the use of the old filings. After questions, Mark Page gave the opinion that the District should develop their rights on the Colorado River, and handed those present a breakdown of all the District's rights. The

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possibility of putting in a sump at either Mill Creek, or somewhere near the Treatment Plant was discussed, and pumping the water up to handle most of the area nerth*of 5th West, in order to free more water from the reservoir for use in the upper valley. Mark Page thought that in this way, the District could mingle water from the Treatment Plant to improve the quality of the water for irrigation purposes.

David Bretzke reported that the Committee to Draft the new culinary water sales agreement with the City of Moab had met, and they had agreed the City could use 500 acre feet of water per year, through 1990, at \$70.00 per acre foot. Gary Wilson said that Bretzke should go ahead and draft an agreement according to the findings of the Committee. James L. Walker moved the Board accept the proposal of the Committee. Dan Holyoak seconded. MOTION CARRIED.

NEW WATER
SALES CONTRACT WITH
MOAB CITY

Dale Pierson reported that he and Russ Donoghue of the Rural Water Association had tested the water at four different places on the Spanish Valley water & Sewer Improvement District culinary water system, and had sent it to the Copper Institute for testing. He also stated that he had been in touch with a firm, K-Jell Water Consultants, and this firm had sent a representative, Marty Rice, who visted the system on Friday, and recommended a treatment system that would cost approximately \$16,000.00 per year for chemicals to correct the problem. Dale stated that he had done some research, and was in the process of consulting other companies to get estimates and compare prices. Bill McDougald gave the opinion that while in the process of contacting other companies, Dale and Larry Johnson should go out and test all the wells and springs in both the City of Moab and the Spanish Valley District, togenter with potential sources, such as the Chapman Well, and find out just how widespread the copper disintegration problem is.

WATER TEST-ING

After discussion of the letter from Brent Rose regarding legal fees, Dan Holyoak moved the District continue with the law firm of Clyde, Pratt, Gibbs & Cahoon on the present hourly basis. George White seconded. MOTION CARRIED.

LEGAL FEES

Mark Page reported that the Bickings had a water right until July 13, 1985, consisting of a creek right of 1.0 second foot and a diligence claim of 1.75 second foot of water from the well. After discussion of the need for some of the water rights from this source, it was decided to let the matter of the Bicking well drop until they prove up on this right. Mark Page said he thought this was a good decision.

BICKING WATER RIGHT

^{*} west - corrected at meeting of 10/2/84

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The Hance Well was discussed, and it was generally HANCE WELL decided after discussion this well might be further tested.

D. L. Taylor asked if there was any question on the FINANCIAL financial statement and the only question referred to the em- STATEMENT ployment of Shelly Nielsen. Bretzke explained that Shelly was a Job Partnership Training Act trainee, and her salary had EMPLOYEE been picked up by the Job Service for the summer, and was TIME SHEETS working up to 10 hours a week, with Job Service reimbursing the District for half her salary.

person who planned on using a small amount of water on the mountain, but that the irrigation company had not wanted to give him any right. Mark Page stated he would need to be sold some of our right, and suggested this should be done by contract. Dave Bretzke was directed to make up a policy regarding cabins on the mountain, and to provide for such water sales, so a cabin owner could then drill a well, and send in an application for 1/4 acre foot, together with a copy of the contract. Dan Holyoak moved the District set a price of \$280.00 per acre foot for such cabin water right, and sell a minimum of 1/4 acre foot. George White seconded. MOTION CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 A.M.

ADJOURNMENT

ATTEST:

D.L. Taylor, Vice Chairman

David I Bretzke Secretary