

# GRAND WATER & SEWER SERVICE AGENCY

Operating Committee Meeting  
September 27, 2000

The meeting was called to order by President Gary Wilson at 7:00 p.m. at the Agency office, 3025 E Spanish Trail Rd, Moab, Utah. Other Operating Committee members present were Paul Morris, Neal Dalton, Karl Tangren and John Keys. Absent Operating Committee members: Ned Dalton and Dan Holyoak. Those present established a quorum. The other Agency Board members present were Kyle Bailey, and James Walker. Absent Agency Board members: Karla VanderZanden, Bill McDougald, and George White.

Others present were Dale Pierson, Rhonda Riberia, Marsha Modine, Maria Retherford, Joe West, James West, Gary Walter, Rex Tanner, B. Paxman, Nate Knight, Kirsten Peterson, Bud Tangren, Jim Lewis, and Rory Paxman.

President Wilson called for any corrections or additions to the minutes of the September 13, 2000 meeting. Dale commented the minutes from the special meeting of August 30, 2000 had been approved by a motion by Bill, a second by James, and a response of aye from all board members present. This reference was inadvertently left out of the September 13, 2000 minutes. Paul moved to amend the September 13, 2000 minutes to show the approval for the August 30, 2000 minutes. Seconded: Neal. Gary – aye, Paul – aye, Neal – aye, Karl – aye, John – aye, Kyle – aye, James – aye. Motion carried.

**Citizens To Be Heard** None present.

**North Corridor – Sewage Collection Options** President Wilson moved this item forward. Dale explained that Moab City is planning to build the sewer line portion running from the sewage plant to the edge of the District. The Board asked the North Corridor owners to tonight's meeting to discuss possible options to cover the cost of extending the portion being built into the District. Dale noted that of the \$1.6 million of funding requested from Congress, \$1 million has been approved by the Senate. He added that that particular line item still has to go through Conference Committee, but will not be reduced any further than 50%. Additional funding will be asked for from various agencies. At this time, the Board is unable to approximate rate or taxation levels required to repay infrastructure financing. A question arose regarding Club Utah's de-annexation. Paul explained that though the process could be done by anyone, that further de-annexation could affect the cost per ERU for infrastructure repayment. A question arose regarding the timeline for the project. Dale answered bids were anticipated to be opened in approximately one year. A question arose regarding ownership of the lines after completion of the project, and how possible future de-annexation would affect ownership. Dale answered the District will own the lines. He added that due to the outstanding debt that will be accrued from the project, water and sewer bills would still be paid to the District, and the lines would continue to remain District property as per State Code and Federal law. A question arose regarding any foreseeable stumbling blocks regarding the funding package. Dale answered none foreseeable, and that a meeting would be announced once the funding package is complete. A question arose regarding the determination process for the fee structure. Dale answered he does not expect the fees to be the same as the fees in place for Spanish Valley, an approximation could not be offered at this time. Discussion followed regarding seasonal rates. A question arose regarding a time frame for reaching an approximation on fees/rates. Dale answered that Sunrise Engineering had begun looking into that, and possibly in one – three months an approximation may be reached. He added the owners will be contacted at that time. A question arose regarding the \$1

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grant. Paul answered it was a grant. Gary asked if there were any more questions from the owners, and hearing none, thanked everyone for attending.

**Joe West – West Auto Repair – Commercial vs. Residential Rates** Joe explained that there are two shops (one of which is currently unused), his home, and several RV pads connected to the same meter but billed at commercial rates. As Joe felt most of his water usage was for the home and not the business, he asked the Board if they would consider charging him half residential fees and half commercial fees for his usage each month. Joe added that at commercial rates, his bills were running close to \$100.00. Paul explained that since the property had a business license tied to it, the commercial rates had to be charged as per Agency policy. He noted that though Joe's offer was generous, the Board could not split the billing. Discussion followed regarding

possible options for Joe. Paul added that it would be impossible to monitor when the RV pads were rented and what quantity of water they use. The Board asked Joe to consider installing a separate meter for the house, noting they could help by charging the actual cost of installation as opposed to the \$925.00 hookup fee. Dale cautioned that though likely the actual cost of installation might be lower, it could also be higher. Joe said he didn't feel that option would work as he would still have to install water lines from the new meter to the house. The Board asked him to consider the option, and welcomed him back to another meeting for further discussion.

**Water Project** Dale reported to the Board that the letter they had asked State Lands to provide noting their reasons for the tank location to be moved, preference of concrete tank vs. glass fused steel, location of the chlorination facility had been received.

Dale noted the pre-bid tour for the Well portion of the project was held September 25, 2000. The bid opening was set for October 6<sup>th</sup>, with the bid award slated for October 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Impact Fees for Existing Homes** Dale reported that as requested, Sunrise Engineering looked at the cost of installing water hookups during the project as opposed to after project completion. As the trenches would be open and the roads already torn up, savings were built into hookups done during the project. John Chartier noted that a cost of \$618.32 could be offered to customers along the project route. Paul suggested \$625.00 which would be a savings of \$300.00 off the normal (and/or after project) fee of \$925.00. The Board agreed by consensus and asked Staff to advertise to Water Project customers.

**Award Bid for Sewer Meter Vaults** Dale noted that this was for two meter vaults at the High School. Gary accepted Paul's notarized letter declaring a conflict of interest, reading it aloud. Gary continued to state that Live Action Too, Inc. was the apparent low bidder for the project, with a bid of \$18,960.00. Gary added Live Action Too, Inc. was also the only bidder. Motion to award the bid to Live Action Too, Inc. by James. Seconded: John. Gary – aye, Neal – aye, Karl – aye, John – aye, Kyle – aye, James – aye. Paul abstained. Motion carried. Gary noted the project timeline was 45 days.

**Bond Closing – Marsha to sign as Secretary/Treasurer** Dale explained that since Neal was unable to go to Richfield, a motion was needed to approve Marsha Modine signing in Neal's stead. Motion: Neal. Seconded: John. Gary – aye, Paul – aye, Neal – aye, Karl – aye, John – aye, Kyle – aye, James – aye. Motion carried.

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Meter Vault

Bond Closing

**Additional  
Operator**

**Hiring** Dale explained the cost breakdown presented to the Board. Dale added that some of his work load and some work currently performed by Cozzens Construction would also be done by another Operator on staff. Dale noted that Pat Jones had resigned as meter reader, but would be able to train a replacement if that replacement was hired in a timely manner. The anticipated salary range could be \$22,000.00 - \$24,000.00/year depending on experience. Discussion followed regarding necessary qualifications to which Dale added that mandatory training for certification would be needed for Culinary Water, Wastewater, and Cross-connections. Paul motioned to direct Staff to begin the process by: creating the job description, advertising for the position, and interviewing possible candidates. Seconded: James. Gary – aye, Paul – aye, Neal – aye, Karl – aye, John – aye, Kyle – aye, James – aye. Motion carried.

Cloud  
Seeding

**Cloud Seeding** Dale referred to the letter from North American Weather Consultants in the Board packets. Karl motioned to decline their offer of cloud seeding. Seconded: James. Gary – aye, Paul – aye, Neal – aye, Karl – aye, John – aye, Kyle – aye, James – aye. Motion carried.

**Financial Statement** The August financial statement was presented to the Board.

**Check Approval** Motion by Paul to approve the checks. Seconded: James. Gary – aye, Paul – aye, Neal – aye, Karl – aye, John – aye, Kyle – aye, James – aye. Motion carried.

**Items from Board** None.

**Items from Staff** None

**Resignation – George White** Dale reported to the Board that George's letter of resignation from the SVWSID Board was included in their packets. He noted that the position would advertised as soon as Ned's position on GCWCD was filled (which is slated for the October 25, 2000 agenda). Dale added that the process for filling George's position is as follows: letters of interest are reviewed by the Agency Board, their recommendation is made, and the Grand County Council approves the appointment. George's position on the GCSSWD Board is appointed by SVWSID. Once the selection process for his SVWSID Board position is complete, SVWSID will appoint an SVWSID Board member to the GCSSWD board.

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**October 11, 2000 meeting** Dale reported that after discussion with President Wilson, the October 11, 2000 meeting would be a short agenda. The award for the Well project would need to be done that evening.

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meeting

**Leak – Ken's Lake** Dale reported a leak discovered in Ken's Lake was currently being repaired by Cozzens's. Gary noted that last year the repair work was bid out, but became such a time consuming process, he felt this leak was an emergency, and as such needed to be repaired immediately by the Agency Maintenance Staff. Dale added completion of the repair was anticipated in three weeks time.

Ken's  
Lake Leak

**Sewer/Water Service for San Juan County** Several more requests have been received from residents in the San Juan portion of Spanish Valley. John Keys was asked to contact the Committee discussing this issue, and see if a meeting could be set.

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**applicant** Paul introduced Rex Tanner, explaining Rex had submitted a letter of interest regarding the opening on the GCWCD Board.

Dale added that the process for selecting a GCWCD Board member is as follows: letters of interest are received and reviewed by the Board, who recommends their choice to San Juan County and Grand County, the counties make their recommendations which are then sent to the Governor for appointment. Dale added that as Ned is a member of the Operating Committee, after the process is completed a Special Election would need to be held to fill the Committee spot.

President Wilson declared the meeting adjourned. Hearing no objections the meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Gary N. Wilson, President

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Dale F. Pierson, Secretary/Treasurer