

**GWSSA OPERATING COMMITTEE MEETING  
3025 E. SPANISH TRAIL ROAD, MOAB, UTAH  
MAY 5, 2022 – 7:00 P.M.**

The meeting was called to order by President Dan Pyatt at 7:00 p.m. at the Agency Office, 3025 E. Spanish Trail Rd., Moab, Utah. Other trustees present: Gary Wilson (arrived at 7:02), Preston Paxman, Jerry McNeely, Rani Derasary, Rick Thompson, Mike Holyoak, Ken Helfenbein, and Dale Weiss. Absent: Rex Tanner, Trisha Hedin, and Brian Backus.

Others present: Dana Van Horn

**Minutes of meeting 4-7-2022** Motion to approve the minutes of 4-7-2022 as presented by Mike Holyoak. Second by Rick Thompson. MOTION CARRIED 8-0.

**Citizens to be heard** None

**Check approval** Motion to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$180,683.18 by Dale Weiss. Second by Rani Derasary. MOTION CARRIED 9-0.

**Financial statement** Dana presented the first-quarter financial statement.

**Discussion of sewer rate study** The committee met with Matt from RCAC yesterday. The proposed rate increase will likely be \$3 to \$4 per equivalent residential connection per month. Much of the rate increase is a pass-through of the treatment increase imposed by the City of Moab starting this month. The public hearing will be held on May 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Project updates** LeGrand finished the road patches this week. The water loss tracking is proving to be not as cut-and-dry as hoped. Staff has eliminated several places from the search. Ben recalibrated the meters at George White wells and the 1MG tank that accounted for roughly 90-100gpm. Sunrise quoted the fencing bid and the exposed waterline off Lake Lane at \$2,500 each. Dana will apply for a grant for the fence in a couple of weeks whenever the plans are done.

**Lake/Snow report** the lake has 1510 AF in storage, SWE is n/a% of average and precipitation is 106% of average. Soil moisture is at 56%.

**Approve MOU for Pack Creek gauge** Motion to approve MOU with the Division of Water Rights for GWSSA participation of a one-time meter purchase in the amount of \$2,300.00 by Gary Wilson. Second by Ken Helfenbein. MOTION CARRIED 6-3 with Jerry McNeely, Preston Paxman, and Mike Holyoak opposed.

**Committee report** The committee met yesterday and discussed the sewer rate increase and water loss tracking. They met a couple of weeks ago and discussed the golf course's request for a trade of water. The committee and staff agree that there is already a precedence set disallowing this practice. The board did express a willingness to try to turn the system on as soon as practicable and shut it down as late in the season as practicable to allow for more time for the golf course to use the irrigation water. Dana will write them a letter to this effect.

**Items from staff** Yoppify is up and running. Board members are welcome to go to the website and chat with us while we get used to the new program. Dana and Chuck Williams are going to give a short presentation on local water use and issues at a meeting of the Colorado River Salinity Control Forum next week. Dana applied for a position on the Colorado River Authority Advisory Board.

**Items from board members** Dale wanted to make sure that signage for the water tank is included in the grant application.

**Closed session if necessary** none

President Pyatt declared the meeting adjourned. Hearing no objections; the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Dan Pyatt, Chairman

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Dana Van Horn, Secretary/Treasurer