

GRAND COUNTY WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
GRAND COUNTY SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT

Regular Meeting -----March 1, 1988

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, D. L. Taylor at 7:00 A.M. Other Grand County Water Conservancy District members present were John "Dutch" Zimmerman, Gary Wilson and John Groo.

ATTENDANCE

Grand County Special Service District members present were D. L. Taylor, Gary Wilson, Dan Holyoak, William D. McDougald.

Others present were Paul Rattle, Dale Pierson, and Roberta Highland.

Paul Rattle reported he has water in his basement, and it has increased from 1 gal per minute in December to the rate of about 3 gallon per minute, making his basement essentially useless, and apparently the problem is increasing. He feels Pack Creek has increased in volume, and ground water is rising in the upper valley affecting about 3500 acres. Joe Gates has told him the USGS report has been held up, it having been returned to Paul Blanchard for some revisions and additions, but made it possible for Blanchard to give him a copy of the well data and some other data, which he has given to Dale. Gates told him there were some grant money available to a local proposal to study to answer the questions. The grant would pay half the costs of a study. The cause of the water table recharge needs to be pinpointed, and how much the Mill Creek Project is responsible for this problem. He feels there is enough basic data around to come up with the answers without spending too much time and money. He asked the Board to submit the questions and problems to the USGS for them to find out the cause and extent of the problem and how much it would cost. He suggested the County Commission and the Div. of Water resources might be happy to join in a combined request to the geological survey.

PAUL RATTLE -
GROUND WATER

D. L. stated he had tried to speed up the report, and though it has been delayed he still feels that is the first step. Paul mentioned he had talked with Dee Hansen, who had suggested the formation of a Flood Control District. George asked how far back the Geological Survey records of the water table go. Dale stated he has found the 1950's are about as far back as dependable records go. He has been gathering records from all available sources, including local weather records, and is getting together with Mark Page to study the Pack Creek flows, and once they get all the information down, he will present a report to the Board on their findings. George White reported his water table is about the same as when he first moved onto his ranch. He

USGS SURVEY -
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feels the four wet years is the main reason for the problem, as he has seen several wet and dry cycles. Dale presented the well chart he had prepared as a part of the complete report being prepared, and this chart was discussed. George suggested Arnel Holyoak be invited to a meeting as he has a long time knowledge of Pack Creek flows. GROUND WATER

D. L. feels the problem needs to be attacked, and the first step seems to be to gather all the information possible. William McDougald feels the Geological Survey is the first step, then we could go to the USGS for an estimate of the cost, then go to the Impact Board for a Grant and have a further study done. Dan suggested the University of Utah might be contacted. Dutch moved as soon as the Survey is available, we should get with the USGS and get a study made and apply for funding. George seconded. D. L. asked if the District should ask for co-requestors, such as the County Commissioners, the Dept of Water Resources. GROUND WATER

Mr. Rattle suggested the Board get the ball rolling right now without waiting for the report because of the number of people concerned right now, and because of the necessary time involved, he feels the project should be instigated as soon as possible. Dutch stated he had no problem with going ahead with the request, but that it is hard to request funds without the basic information. After a discussion, Dutch withdrew his former motion and moved to ask for assistance from the USGS to find out if the Mill Creek Project is causing the water table problems in Spanish Valley. Bill seconded. MOTION CARRIED. GROUND WATER

Dale reported the check protector lease is about up, and Marsha would like to get rid of it as it costs \$450. every two years. She is looking at programs that cost \$199.00 to \$500.00, and is going to check into one program today at Office Equipment. After a discussion, George moved Marsha be authorized to make the decision after investigation. Dan seconded. MOTION CARRIED. CHECK PROTECTOR CHECK WRITING PROGRAM

Marsha reported she called all the banks, including the State investment. Williamsburg pays the most interest by 1%. Dan moved we move the CD to the place with the most interest. Gary seconded. MOTION CARRIED. INTEREST ON C.D

The January Financial Statement was discussed, and Marsha explained that some of the expenditures had been kicked back into December. JANUARY FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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The irrigation report was discussed, and Marsha reported that only 16 acre feet might become available, and Dale reported that Gary Carmichael has applied for an additional 10 AF, and has first priority because of his Moab Irrigation Stock. 1988 IRRIGATION WATER SALES REPORT

Gary asked about metering some of the accounts, and that some over use is indicated. Dale reported about 10% of the accounts are metered, and at least one of those shows extremely excessive use. Dale reported he is still trying to get more customers metered. D. L. stated the District should have a policy regarding metered use. Dan feels every user should be metered. Costs of metering were discussed. Turbine meters were discussed vs. prop meters. D. L. asked Dale to project a cost of metering all the customers and report back at the next meeting. Gary suggested the meters being read, and reporting to the customer involved about his use. METERING THE IRRIGATION CUSTOMERS

Dan moved that Pierson take metered customers and read the meter in their presence, and if an over use situation occurs, charge the customer for extra use over a meter. Bill seconded. MOTION CARRIED. METERED CUSTOMER POLICY

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 A.M.

ADJOURNMENT

ATTEST:

D. L. Taylor, Chairman

Dale Pierson, Sec'y/Treas.