

GRAND WATER & SEWER SERVICE AGENCY

Operating Committee Meeting -----January 13, 1999

The meeting was called to order by the President, Gary N. Wilson at 7:01 p.m. at the Agency office. Other Agency Board members present were Paul Morris, George White, Ned Dalton, Neal Dalton, Dan Holyoak, John Groo, and James Walker.

Others present were Dale Pierson, Rhonda Riberia, Marsha Modine, Daron LeBlanc - Sunrise Engineering, Bud Tangren, Len Sorenson, Louise Berg - Division of Wildlife Resources, Clair Tangren, Brad Palmer, Rob Sweeten and Alex Van Hemert - BLM.

After calling for additions or corrections to the minutes of the meeting of December 16, 1998, and hearing none, President Wilson declared the minutes approved as circulated to the Board. Motion: Ned. Seconded: Neal. Motion carried.

Check Approval: Motion to approve checks for GCWCD, GCSSWD, SVW & SID, and GW & SSA was made by Paul. Seconded: George. Motion carried.

Brad Palmer - Conceptual Plans for Ken's Lake: Brad Palmer, Louis Berg, Rob Sweeten, and Alex Van Hemert presented their conceptual plans for Ken's Lake to the Board consisting of: 1) improving the fishing by various means including adding a floating pier, a launch area for non-motorized boats, 2) added foot trails, 3) a small bridge to promote hiking, 4) improving the camping areas. Rob noted the project could run \$150,000.00 with most of the work being done in-house by the BLM. Rob stated some of the project money could be funded, and some which could be paid by charging for overnight camping at the 20-30 sites planned. Brad commented that the Habitat Council has shown a willingness to fund projects of this type. John Groo asked about the anchoring of the pier, concerned about the blanket that protects the reservoir. Louis answered the pier was a floating pier, and would be attached to the shore by a concrete track. Brad explained the next step was to adopt a conceptual plan, then present it to the public. After discussion, the board agreed it was a good idea, and Gary suggested including San Juan County in the next meeting.

Conceptual
Plans for
Ken's Lake

Citizens Concerns:

Len Sorenson - The Board was brought up to date on Len's issue with Ralph Olsen Excavation. To date, Len received a letter from the CIC's attorney David Zimmerman denying payment for the damages caused to Len's property. David Zimmerman's letter states "...By copy of this letter to Liza Loveridge, counsel for Ralph Olsen Excavation, I am requesting the she forward your claim to Ralph Olsen Excavation's liability carrier..." Dale asked Len if he knew if this was done or not. Len did not know. After discussion it was recommended that Len send a letter to Ralph Olsen Excavation's insurance company. It was also recommended that Len make claim against Spanish Valley Water & Sewer Improvement Districts insurance company, although it was also noted to expect this claim to be turned denied. The Board asked Dale to speak to Ted Barnes regarding this matter, assuring Len they would do what needed to be done for him.

Len
Sorenson

Bob Norman was not present at this meeting.

Bob
Norman

Policies and Procedures:

Accepting existing policies: Dale presented to the board the Rules, Regulations, Policies and Procedures outline. As previously discussed the Agency needs to adopt existing policies, directing the Staff to bring policies that don't agree to the Boards attention for modification. Dan made a motion to that effect. Seconded: James. Motion carried.

Acceptance
of Existing
Policies

Revision of Development Specifications for Water and Sewer: These specifications have been revised to fit new Division of Drinking Water Construction Standards, and include a requirement for the developer to give a one year guarantee on the infrastructure materials, and labor. James made a motion to accept both the Development Specifications for Water and the Development Specifications for Sewer. Seconded: Paul. Motion carried.

Revision of
Development
Specs for
Sewer and
Water

Good Customer Automatic Deposit Refund Policy: Dale reported to the Board that since the District first started taking deposits, these deposits were held until the owner sold the property. At that point, the deposit and accrued interest were either applied to the account or refunded as needed. The suggested policy before the board would automatically apply the deposit and any interest to the customer's account after 18 consecutive payments have been made. After discussion, Dan made a motion to accept this policy and to begin applying current customer deposits effective March 1, 1999. Seconded: Paul Motion carried. Gary asked the Staff to notify rental property owners as renters are no longer being charged deposits or asked to sign agreements (as per District Attorney, Steve Russell).

Automatic
Deposit
Refund
Policy

Turn On/Turn Off Service Fee: Presented to the board is the current policy that charges ten dollars for each instance of turn on/turn off. This amount has not been increased since 1981. Motion to increase turn on/turn off fees to thirty five dollars each instance was made by Dan with the stipulation that this fee does not apply to emergency situations. Seconded: James. Motion carried.

Turn On
Turn Off
Service Fee
Policy

Arches Village Special Service District: The Board was presented with a method to absorb AVSSD into SVW & SID and provide service, and a letter from Walt Dabney assuring Arches National Park's support. Nate Knight has been asked to get a petition together and have it signed by the property owners, which is not yet complete.

AVSSD

Sewer Project: Dale reported on the progress of Condie Construction, noting that the rocksaw should be here this week. To date, Condie Construction has not received any payments from CIC, but has asked that the Board not contact CIC just yet regarding this.

Sewer
Project

Water Project:

Proposed Rate Schedule: Daron presented to the Board the rate structure selected by the Water Conservation Committee, along with the structures they did not select. Dale noted that the Water Conservation Committee stipulated the new rate structure should be revisited in one years time to assure it is working correctly for the Agency and Agency customers. Daron noted that the increase for lower water consumption users will be minimal, the three tier rate structure will affect higher end users more. After discussion, James made a motion to accept the Water Conservation Committee's recommended rate structure and to present the new rate structure to the public at a public hearing separate from the Agency's regular meetings. The Public Hearing would also include the proposed water system upgrade. Seconded: Paul. Motion carried.

Acceptance
of
Recommended
Rate
Structure

The Board asked Dale to see if the Grand County Council Chambers were available for Thursday, February 4, 1999 at 7:00 p.m.

Sewer Variance Policy: Tabled.

MIC Meters: Tabled until the results of the first court case have been returned.

Nominate Records Officer: Ned made a motion to appoint Rhonda Riberia as Records Officer for the Agency. Seconded: Dan. Motion carried.


Nomination
of Records
Officer

Meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

ATTEST:



Dale F. Pierson, Secretary/Treasurer



Gary N. Wilson, President