

GRAND WATER & SEWER SERVICE AGENCY

Operating Committee Meeting
October 2, 2002

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Gary Wilson at the Agency office, 3025 East Spanish Trail Road, Moab, Utah. Other Operating Committee members present were Neal Dalton, Rex Tanner, Dan Holyoak, Barb Morra. Those in attendance established a quorum. Agency Operating Committee members absent: William McDougald, Dan Pyatt & Rex Tanner. Other Agency Board members present were Karla VanderZanden, James Walker, and Kyle Bailey, and Karl Tangren.

Others present were Dale Pierson, Marsha Modine, Geoff Freethey and Sue Bellagamba.

Motion by Dan Holyoak to approve the minutes of the September 25, 2002 meeting as presented. Second by Neal Dalton. Gary Wilson – aye, Dan Holyoak – aye, Neal Dalton – aye, Barb Morra – aye, Rex Tanner – aye, Karla VanderZanden – aye, James Walker – aye, Karl Tangren – aye. MOTION CARRIED.

Citizens to be Heard None

Water Project Report Mark Page was invited but had inspections in Blanding. He said that if he was unable to attend tonight, he will be at the next meeting. Rex asked about well monitoring. Donna Metzler, Brent Williams, Dale and Mark Page met two weeks ago. Dale felt that some points had been agreed upon, but Donna questioned those points of agreement. Dale had suggested that George White #4 be used as a monitoring well as we have a 20-year history on that well. The Agency is putting permanent probes in our culinary wells which will make it easy to keep records. Kyle stated he thought Donna wanted to check with the City's water engineer.

2002 Irrigation Season Dale stated that we are unable to run pumps because not enough people are using water on the irrigation system. If the irrigation system is to be shut down early, he would like to have lead time to inform the customers. Concern for the grape growers was expressed. Dale recommended ending the season mid-October. The electricity costs of pumping were discussed. (Kyle Bailey arrived at 7:05). Neal Dalton moved to shut off the irrigation October 20th. Second by Jim Walker. Gary Wilson – aye, Dan Holyoak – aye, Neal Dalton – aye, Rex Tanner – aye, Karla VanderZanden – aye, James Walker – aye, Karl Tangren – nay, Kyle Bailey – nay, Barb Morra – nay. MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution in Support of Task Force Efforts to Initiate Further Studies to Quantify Developable Water From the Sole Source Glen Canyon Aquifer Dale explained about the formation of the task force. Sue Belagamba said that more information is a good thing – that there is an opportunity for U.S.G.S. and Division Water Rights to garner more information. U.S.G.S. wants more field data to redefine the BYU model. Rex asked Geoff how studies differ since 3 or 4 studies have been done in the past. Geoff discussed the various studies that have been conducted and their good points and shortfalls. Rex asked if there have been any major advancements in technology? Geoff answered that there have been advances. The ground water flow study will cover 2-3 years and the study area will cover Spanish Valley up to the LaSals. Karla VanderZanden asked if agreeing to support the study was a commitment of Agency funds. Dale answered it was not. Motion was made by Jim Walker to approve the resolution. Seconded by Dan Holyoak. Discussion followed. Gary Wilson - aye, Dan Holyoak – aye, Neal Dalton – aye, Rex Tanner – aye, Karla VanderZanden – aye, James Walker – aye, Kyle Bailey – aye, Barb Morra – aye, Karl Tangren – nay. MOTION CARRIED.

Check Approval Motion by Dan Holyoak to approve the checks in the amount of \$53,506.68. Second by Kyle Bailey. Gary Wilson – aye, Dan Holyoak – aye, Neal Dalton – aye, Rex Tanner – aye, Karla VanderZanden – aye, James Walker – aye, Kyle Bailey – aye, Karl Tangren – aye, Barb Morra – nay. MOTION CARRIED.

Members Rex said that he would like to see the monitoring agreement with the City completed in this down time. Jim Walker asked about the silt in Ken's Lake. He wondered if a program to monitor lake capacity loss should be put in place. Jim also mentioned that Moab Irrigation Company will be turning their system off on the 15th.

President Wilson declared the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

ATTEST:

Gary N. Wilson, President

Dale F. Pierson, Secretary/Treasurer