

## GRAND WATER & SEWER SERVICE AGENCY

### Operating Committee Meeting March 20, 2003

The meeting was called to order by President Gary Wilson at 7:00 p.m. at the Agency office, 3025 East Spanish Trail Road, Moab, Utah. Other Operating Committee members present were Dan Holyoak, Neal Dalton, Barbara Morra, Dan Pyatt, and Rex Tanner. Other Board members present were Karl Tangren, James Walker, and Jerry McNeely. Those present established a quorum.

Others present were Dave Cozzens, Bill Love, Lisa Church, Gary & Judy Carmichael, Dale Pierson, Stacey Boender, and Marsha Modine.

#### **Minutes**

Motion by James Walker to approve the minutes of the meeting of March 6, 2003 with the following corrections. Kyle Bailey expressed concern that the \$1 million referred to in the Water Exchange contract with George White referred to 1296 acre feet. President Wilson suggested the Board have an Executive Session in another meeting to discuss the matter. Second by Dan Holyoak. Gary Wilson-Aye, Dan Holyoak-Aye, Neal Dalton-Aye, Dan Pyatt-Aye, Rex Tanner-Aye, Barbara Morra-aye, James Walker-Aye, Jerry McNeely and Karl Tangren-Aye. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by James Walker to approve the minutes of the meeting of March 14, 2003 as presented. Second by Dan Holyoak. Gary Wilson-Aye, Dan Holyoak-Aye, Neal Dalton-Aye, Dan Pyatt-Aye, Rex Tanner-Aye, Barbara Morra-aye, James Walker-Aye, Jerry McNeely and Karl Tangren-Aye. MOTION CARRIED.

**Citizens to be Heard** None.

**2003 Irrigation Season** President Wilson suggested that the board decisions regarding restrictions, if needed, will be made at the April 3 meeting. Dale Pierson stated that when the snowpack is around 90%, the Agency historically does not have to pump irrigation water later in the season.

**Report on Water Project** Dale reported that the 20 day period where protesters could ask for reconsideration of the Memorandum Decision has passed with no protests. The 30 day period where appeals could be made to the court also passed with no appeals filed.

At this point, the Agency can proceed with final preparations to bring the tanks on-line. The tanks have been drained, the lines flushed, and the wells tested. Once the lab results are received, the Agency will request a final inspection and apply for an operating permit from the Division of Drinking Water. Once the permit is issued there will be a 30 day period where the mechanics of the operation will be worked out. The public will need to be notified because they may see some dramatic changes in their water pressure. Two monitoring wells will be drilled after the operating permit is issued.

**Board Member Training** Gary Wilson encouraged Board members to attend a Grand County sponsored special district training workshop to be held March 25 at 7:00 pm at the Grand County Senior Center. Dale reminded the board that Agency Policy states that "Each member shall receive \$100.00 per day of training as described in 17a-2-102 subsection (2) of Utah Code that the Director completes providing that such compensation may not be paid more than once in any consecutive two year period."

**Rejection of Request to Reduce Mill Creek In-stream Flows by BLM** The board discussed the BLM rejection letter and the 3 cfs minimum creek flow requirement. Rex Tanner asked if the River Pumping Project was approved could more water be allocated to flow through Mill Creek. Dale said that sending more water down the creek is in the plan and it is an option should the board choose to do so.

2003 Irrigation  
Season

Report on Wa  
Project

BLM Rejection  
Letter

**February 2003 Financial Statement** The February 2003 financial statement was presented and discussed by the board.

**Check Approval** Motion by Dan Holyoak to approve the checks in the amount of \$278,832.84. Second by Jerry McNeely. Gary Wilson-Aye, Dan Holyoak-Aye, Neal Dalton-Aye, Dan Pyatt-Aye, Rex Tanner-Aye, James Walker-Aye, Jerry McNeely and Karl Tangren-Aye. Barbara Morra-nay. MOTION CARRIED.

**Water Connection Moratorium** Motion by Dan Pyatt to take the Water Connection Moratorium discussion off the table. Second by Neal Dalton. Gary Wilson-Aye, Dan Holyoak-Aye, Neal Dalton-Aye, Dan Pyatt-Aye, Rex Tanner-Aye, Barbara Morra-aye, James Walker-Aye, Jerry McNeely and Karl Tangren-Aye. MOTION CARRIED. President Wilson said that because the water project is now on track the culinary water connection moratorium proposal is unnecessary.

Water Connection  
Moratorium

Dan Pyatt motioned to abandon the Water Connection Moratorium idea. Second by Neal Dalton. Gary Wilson-Aye, Dan Holyoak-Aye, Neal Dalton-Aye, Dan Pyatt-Aye, Rex Tanner-Aye, Barbara Morra-aye, James Walker-Aye, Jerry McNeely and Karl Tangren-Aye. MOTION CARRIED.

**Items From Board** Barbara Morra expressed concern regarding a March 11, 2003 Spanish Valley Water & Sewer Improvement District meeting that has been rescheduled twice and has yet to take place. Dan Holyoak and Neal Dalton said they did not feel a meeting was necessary. No Spanish Valley Water & Sewer Improvement District meeting is scheduled at this time.

Barbara Morra asked President Gary Wilson if he had a conflict of interest in regards to the George White property purchase. Barbara thought a conflict might exist because President Wilson uses a large portion of irrigation water from Ken's Lake and he is also the head of the Grand County Water Conservancy District, the District who will hold title to the property. President Wilson said that he feels he has no conflict of interest in regard to the White property purchase. He also stated that the Board had voted and that a majority of the Board had favored purchase of the property by GCWCD acting through the Agency. Dan Pyatt pointed out that President Wilson uses irrigation water and the George White property purchase relates to culinary water.

Due to the recent articles and letters to the editor in the Times Independent, Rex Tanner requested the staff to draft a schematic of the Agency and its forming districts. The purpose of the document is to clarify some misinformation and explain who does what and how the different boards operate. The draft would be presented to the board for their input. Once the board approves the document it could be published in the local newspapers.

**Items From Staff** None.

President Wilson declared the meeting adjourned. Hearing no objections the meeting adjourned at 8:09 pm.

ATTEST:

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Dale F. Pierson, Secretary/Treasurer

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Gary N. Wilson, President