

GRAND COUNTY WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
GRAND COUNTY SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT

Special Meeting -----May 5, 1986

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, ATTENDANCE
D. L. Taylor at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of the
Grand County Courthouse. Other Grand County Water Conser-
vancy District members present were Gary Wilson, John
"Dutch" Zimmerman, and Georgia Hamblin.

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

Others present were Bill Hance, Grand County Com-
missioner; Ray Holyoak, Gary Holyoak, Arnel Holyoak, Neal
Dalton, Eldon L. Ray, Jay Coates, Mr. & Mrs. Sammy
Sommerville, Karl Tangren, Mr. & Mrs. F. A. Mathie, Lloyd
Neet, Robert Dille, Richard Nunn, John Keogh, Johnny
Olerain, Mac & Helen McNeely and Lynn Boulden, San Juan
County customers; Dale Pierson, Roberta Highland and Marsha
Modine.

D. L. Taylor reported to those present the Board ANNEXATION
action to absorb the costs of annexation rather than charge
the customers. He gave a brief summary of the project and
some of the problems leading up to the present situation.
He reported both Grand and San Juan County Attorneys had
been approached about helping with some of the work neces-
sary for this annexation, and that they had both declined,
indicating this was not part of their official duties and
pointed out that since they were not specialists in water
matters, it might be to our advantage to keep using the firm
of Clyde & Pratt because of their expertise. He mentioned
the annexation should go smoothly unless a protest is made.

Dale Pierson told those present that petitions PETITIONS
giving the property descriptions of the property being
annexed would have to be signed by all owners of record, and
also stated he had contacted the San Juan County
commissioners. The taxes in San Juan County at present is 2
mills, and the taxes in Grand County are 2.77 mills, so the
properties being annexed would face a raise in total taxes
of .77 mills. He also stated they would have to be de-
annexed from the San Juan Water Conservancy District. He
has talked with Craig Halls, the attorney for the San Juan
Water Conservancy District, who had hoped someone from that
District would attend this meeting.

Bill Hance asked about the property descriptions, PROPERTY
and asked if they had to annex all their property, whether DESCRIPTIONS
they intended to irrigate it or not. Dale pointed out that
a customer should annex any property that he might ever want
to irrigate, because if he did not and then in the future

decided to irrigate a field, that field would have to then be annexed, and any future annexation costs would have to be borne by the customer involved.

D. L. asked John Keogh for any information he could give regarding the costs of getting legal descriptions and John reported it might be as cheap to annex all their property, rather than go to the cost of getting legal descriptions written for individual fields.

Gary Holyoak asked if the District could guarantee de-annexation from the San Juan Water Conservancy District, as there was a possibility of double taxation if the San Juan Water District did not de-annex them. Dale stated that both the attorney for the San Juan Water Conservancy District, and the San Juan County Commissioners had stated they had no objections to this de-annexation. D. L. pointed out that the District could make no such guarantees as this matter was between the citizens and the San Juan Water Conservancy District.

Mrs. Mathie asked when the properties are annexed, where would they pay their taxes. She was told it would be paid with their San Juan County taxes, and the San Juan County Treasurer would remit the GCWCD taxes to the Grand County Treasurer, who would then remit to the District. She then asked about the method of paying for the water, and Dale told her the water would be billed each year, and the customers would only be billed for the water applied for. When asked about the guarantee of future water, D. L. replied that even if a customer were to annex more property now than they intended to irrigate, the District could make no guarantees of future water availability for that property. However, if the extra property was not annexed now, and there was water available and the owner desired to irrigate with it, that customer would have to annex the property at his own expense in order to obtain the water.

Mrs. Mathie asked if once water is purchased, could it then be sold to anyone. Dale pointed out that water purchased is not a "water right", simply a yearly water purchase. He pointed out that when a property is sold the new buyer has a #1 priority, and has first chance at the water previously sold to irrigate that property. If that buyer did not desire to purchase the water, it would then become available to the next people on the list. Dan stated that in his opinion, when water is purchased, that person could do anything he wanted with it. D. L. stated that he would like legal clarification of the matter of transferring purchased irrigation water.

Gary Holyoak asked if the Board would take the initiative to get the San Juan Water Conservancy District to de-annex their properties, and asked if there would be a fee for this deannexation. D. L. reiterated we had been able to get no information from that District, and it was really the responsibility of the San Juan County customers to make the petition to the San Juan District. Georgia Hamblin suggested the customers get together and attend a meeting of the San Juan Water Conservancy District. Dale gave those present the telephone numbers of Craig Halls, the attorney for the District and Norman Nielson, the Chairman of the Board.

DE-ANNEXATION

Mrs. Sommerville asked if this annexation would involve people with hooking on to the sewer, and it was explained to her that the Spanish Valley Water & Sewer Improvement District had nothing to do with this annexation.

SEWER PROBLEM

De-annexation was again brought up, and D. L. read the appropriate passages from the Water Conservancy Act, and told the people that that should be taken up with the other Conservancy District, as it would not be appropriate for this Board to interfere in the actions of another Conservancy District.

DE-ANNEXATION
PROCEDURE

A deadline for the annexation was brought up, and it was suggested letters enclosing the letter of intent be sent to other customers, with ten days to return the signed letter of intent. Dale asked all those present to contact their neighbors, and see if they would like to annex at this time and to contact the office if they would. Everyone was thanked for attending and 11 signed letters of intent were turned in.

ANNEXATION
DEADLINE

The responses by engineers to the invitations to make presentations was reviewed and discussed in depth. Georgia Hamblin moved the District hire Bedke Consulting Engineers. Dan Holyoak seconded. MOTION CARRIED.

CONSULTING
ENGINEER'S
PROPOSALS

Dale reported he had been contacted by a firm desiring to lease our water right to the Colorado river, and Dutch Zimmerman stated that N P Industries had contacted the Commissioners about moving a plant to Cisco and would need water. Gary Wilson moved the District sell them the water needed, at the going industrial rate, with no obligation as to pipelines, delivery, etc. Dutch seconded. MOTION CARRIED.

N P ENERGY
PROPOSAL TO
LEASE CISCO
WATER RIGHTS

After a question, Dale reported he was still trying to get a commitment from the Cemetery Board about the Cemetery District Well, but that they were waiting for more water bills before they made that commitment. Dan suggested

CEMETER WELL
AGREEMENT

Grand County Water Conservancy District
Grand County Special Service Water District
May 5, 1986 - Page 4


the Spanish Valley Water & Sewer Improvement District might be able to serve the Cemetery with water cheaper than the \$110.00 per acre foot the City would need. It was agreed to take this matter up at the meeting of the Spanish Valley Water & Sewer Improvement District on May 14, 1986.

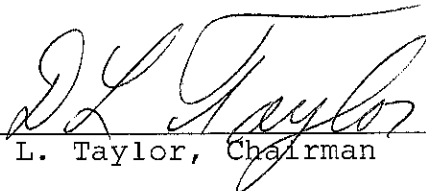
Dale reminded everyone of the Rural Water Seminar on rate setting and cross-connect control at the Council Chambers on May 8, 1986, at 7:00 P.M. RWAU SEMINAR

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

ATTEST:


Dale Pierson, Sec'y/Treas.


D. L. Taylor, Chairman