

**GRAND WATER & SEWER SERVICE AGENCY**  
**Operating Committee Meeting**  
**May 1, 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, William McDougald (arrived at 8:05 pm) and Rex Tanner. Other Board members present were Jerry McNeely and Karla VanderZanden. Those present established a quorum.

Others present were Dave Cozzens, Shannon McComber, Vern Steele, Norma Nunn, Dean Brady, Bill Love, Richard McElhaney, Danny Flemming, Judy Carmichael, Ed McElhaney, John Wieshiet, Jim Walker, Dale Pierson, Stacey Boender, and Marsha Modine.

**Minutes**

Motion by Karla VanderZanden to approve the minutes of the meeting of April 17, 2003 as presented. Second by Dan Holyoak. Gary Wilson-Aye, Dan Holyoak-Aye, Neal Dalton-Aye, Dan Pyatt-Aye, Rex Tanner-Aye, Jerry McNeely-Aye, Karla VanderZanden-Aye, Barbara Morra-Aye. William McDougald-absent for vote. MOTION CARRIED.

**Citizens to be Heard** Bill Love informed the board that he is part of a group that is suing Grand County over Cloudrock and Johnson's Up on Top. He is concerned about promising water service to new customer's, especially out of the county, and the subsequent loss of property value in Grand County if there is not enough water to serve everyone's needs.

**Best Tasting Water Award** Danny Flemming, Vice President of the Rural Water Association of Utah, presented the Best Tasting Water in Utah award to the Board. The Agency won the best tasting water contest at Rural Water's 2003 Conference held in St. George earlier this year.

Web Page

**Agency Web Page** Vern Steele and Shannon McComber, computer technicians at the Rural Water Association of Utah, explained the process of creating a web page to the Board. Vern and Shannon met with Agency staff earlier that day and determined the staff would be able to create and maintain the web page in-house, assuming the Board wants a simple informational site. Vern would be willing to come down for a day and help get the site started. The Board requested the staff prepare a list of possible web content for the next Board meeting. Karla VanderZanden motions that the staff move along on the web page with a budget of up to \$2,000 to establish the page including staff time. Second by Rex Tanner. Gary Wilson-Aye, Dan Holyoak-Aye, Neal Dalton-Aye, Dan Pyatt-Aye, Rex Tanner-Aye, Jerry McNeely-Aye, Karla VanderZanden-Aye, Barbara Morra-Aye. William McDougald-absent for vote. MOTION CARRIED.

**Gilmore Property Service** Rick McElhaney requested water and sewer service for two parcels of land where he intends to build an affordable housing community on half acre lots. The first parcel is 26 acres in San Juan County and abuts the Grand County Line. The other 14 acre parcel adjoins the 26 acre parcel and is located in Grand County. The Board explained that this property would need to be annexed into the Spanish Valley Water & Sewer Improvement District and that Dale Pierson could help him start the annexation process.

Gilmore Propo

**Conservation Oriented Water Rate** Karla VanderZanden, speaking on behalf of the Conservation Committee, proposed that the Board adopt another tier in the rate structure to promote conservation. The example rate presented would create another level that would charge \$1.75/1000 gallons for those who use over 25,000 gallons in a month. However, the committee is not adamant about the dollar amount to charge or where the next usage tier starts. The Conservation Committee thinks the most effective way to curb excessive water use is through higher water bills. In fact, the Agency's last rate increase proves this method works. Karla VanderZanden also pointed out that the Agency water rates are well below what the average Utah water bill is in other parts of the state. If the Board decides to adopt a fourth tier, a public hearing would need to be held first.

Conservation  
Rate

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**Oriented Water Rate**

Although the point of the rate increase is to lower water use, and not fundraise; the committee suggests that additional monies collected from the proposed rate change be earmarked to further conservation efforts. Those efforts could include low flow fixtures, education and other assistance to benefit the culinary water customer. Karla VanderZanden also reported that Sunrise Engineering could do a water conservation study for \$17,000 to \$20,000.

Blue Sky Pow

**Blue Sky Power Program** Marsha Modine proposed that the Board enroll in Utah Power company's wind generated power program for the electricity used at the Agency office. Motion by Dan Pyatt to buy 3 blocks of wind power at \$1.98 each per month. Second by Dan Holyoak. Gary Wilson-Aye, Dan Holyoak-Aye, Neal Dalton-Aye, Dan Pyatt-Aye, Rex Tanner-Aye, Jerry McNeely-Aye, Karla VanderZanden-Aye, Barbara Morra-Aye, William McDougald-Aye. MOTION CARRIED.

Irrigation Seas

**2003 Irrigation Season** Dale Pierson reported the inflow to Ken's Lake was 88% of normal for April. The current storage is at 60% of average. The flow is still at 6 cfs to 7 cfs through Sheley Tunnel. Dale has no recommendation for water restrictions at this time.

**Report on Water Project** Dale informed the Board that the Agency is still waiting for the final operating permit.

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Project

**Check Approval** Motion by Dan Holyoak to approve the checks in the amount of \$43,252.21. Gary Wilson-Aye, Dan Holyoak-Aye, Neal Dalton-Aye, Dan Pyatt-Aye, Rex Tanner-Aye, Jerry McNeely-Aye, Karla VanderZanden-Aye, William McDougald-Aye. Barbara Morra did not vote. MOTION CARRIED.

**Items From Board** Neal Dalton noticed that there were a few Moab Irrigation Company shares listed in the newspaper as delinquent and would like to pursue buying them. Dale will call MIC about the shares.

Barbara Morra asked if NRCS had been contacted about funding the George White property purchase.

**Items From Staff** None.

President Wilson declared the meeting adjourned. Hearing no objections the meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

ATTEST:

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Dale F. Pierson, Secretary/Treasurer

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Gary N. Wilson, President