

GRAND WATER & SEWER SERVICE AGENCY

Operating Committee Meeting June 12, 2002

The meeting was called to order by President Gary Wilson at 7:00 p.m. at the Agency office, 3025 E Spanish Trail Rd, Moab, Utah. Other Operating Committee members present were Dan Holyoak, Neal Dalton, Bill McDougald, Barbara Morra, and Dan Pyatt. Absent: Rex Tanner. Those in attendance established a quorum. Other Board members present: Kyle Bailey, Al McLeod, Jerry McNeely, James Walker, and Karl Tangren. Absent: Karla VanderZanden,.

Others present were: Mike Allred – Division of Water Quality, John Chartier – Sunrise Engineering, Dave Cozzens, Dale Pierson and Marsha Modine.

After calling for additions or corrections to the minutes of the Operating Committee meeting of May 22, 2002 and hearing none, President Wilson asked that the minutes be approved as circulated to the Board. Motion: Jim Walker. Seconded: Bill McDougald. Gary – aye, Dan H – aye, Neal – aye, Bill – aye, Dan Pyatt – aye, Jerry – aye, Al – aye, Kyle – aye, Karl – aye. (Barbara Morra was not present for the vote) Motion carried.

Citizens to be Heard none

TMDL's for Ken's Lake, Mill Creek and Onion Creek Mike Allred, Utah Division of Water Quality, passed out copies of the proposed Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) requirements for Ken's Lake, Mill Creek and Onion Creek to the Board. Mike explained the exceedences on each of the water bodies. A site-specific TMDL is being written for Ken's Lake and Onion Creek. There will be no mitigation recommendations for Ken's Lake. Mitigation recommendations for Mill Creek and Onion Creek primarily involve riparian improvements. Grand County may seek EPA 319 funds to mitigate Onion Creek

TMDL'S FOR
KEN'S LAKE,
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Barb Morra joined the Board at 7:11 PM.

Mike asked for questions regarding the TMDL's. Bill McDougald questioned the cold water fishery designation for Ken's Lake. Dale explained that the designation was made prior to construction of the lake and that the lake as constructed failed to meet the criteria. Mike stated that after reviewing the solutions to the problem it was determined to be simpler to write a site-specific TMDL for the lake rather than seek re-designation.

Jerry McNeely expressed concerns regarding Onion Creek. He said D. L. Taylor has similar concerns. He asked if no mitigations are planned for "Stinking Springs" why worry about the creek crossings? Dave Warner, Grand County Roads, has expressed concerns regarding the grading recommendations in the TMDL. Jerry said his perception was that the temperature exceedence was due to solar heating not vehicles. Mike responded that the concerns are not with the existing roadway. The concerns were with vehicles, primarily ATV's, using the creek itself as a roadway which have caused degradation of the riparian area and widening of the creek leading to increased solar heating. The TMDL only proposes restricting vehicle use to the road and not allowing driving in the creek itself in order to restore the riparian area.

Bill McDougald asked if Mike had spoken with DL Taylor. Mike said he had not. Bill recommended that he do so.

Mike explained that the public comment period on the TMDL's would remain open through the end of June and encouraged written comments on the TMDL's. He also explained that any remediation would be a voluntary effort.

South Corridor Agreement Dale explained that this agreement had been put together by the Spanish Valley Round Table which includes representation from Grand County, San Juan County, Moab City, GW&SSA and SITLA. Barb Morra asked if any GW&SSA Board members were serving on the Round Table. Dale stated that there were not. President Wilson asked if any Board members would like to serve. Barb said she would serve. Robert Hughie explained that the majority of the funding for the South Corridor planning would be provided by SITLA. A grant has been obtained from the Quality Growth Commission to provide for the cost share by Grand

SOUTH
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AGREEMENT

County, San Juan County, Moab City and GW&SSA. Karl Tangren asked who from San Juan County had approved the study and the agreement. Robert stated that the San Juan County Commission had approved both. Further discussion followed regarding the agreement. Motion by Dan Holyoak to approve the Interlocal Agreement to provide planning for the South Corridor. Second by James Walker, Gary Wilson-aye, Dan Holyoak-aye, Neal Dalton-aye, Bill McDougald-aye, Barbara Morra-aye, Dan Pyatt- aye, Kyle Bailey- aye, Al McLeod-aye, Jerry McNeely- aye, Karl Tangren- nay. Motion carried.

Amendment of Engineering Contract Dale mentioned that the contract was for review and discussion only at this meeting. Action on the amendment would be by the SVW&SID Board at their June 26, 2002 meeting. John Chartier, Sunrise, Engineering, spoke about the reasons for the amendment. The original contract was written prior to the commencement of final design of the water project. As the project progressed it became more complex with multiple contracts, additional wells, etc. The additional time required is therefore exceeding the original contracted amount. If the required engineering and inspection services for the remainder of the project are to be provided, the amendment would need to be approved. Barb asked if these additional engineering costs were included in the additional funding received from the Utah Division of Drinking Water. John stated that they were. Barb asked if that was why the additional money would be needed. John stated that the additional funding was primarily needed due to increased costs in well development. The additional engineering is only a small portion of the additional funding. Barb said she feels uncomfortable with Sunrise only budgeting for the development of one well, that it seems like an unreasonable assumption. Karl Tangren asked if this additional expense was included in the additional funding. John said yes. Karl then stated he couldn't see what the problem would be with amending the agreement.

SITLA Lease 1300 Dale stated that this item was also for review and discussion only. The Operating Committee is only authorized, by the Interlocal Agreement forming the Agency, to approve expenditures up to \$10,000.00 – per individual contract. As the SITLA Lease exceeds \$10,000, it will have to be acted upon by the full Agency Board at their meeting on June 26, 2002. Barb Morra stated that she feels the Board still needs to be cautious, that the ground should still be purchased. She has spoken to SITLA's administrator and he has said they would sell the ground and that the Agency would not have to go through the bid process. Gary Wilson asked why a First Right of Refusal to re-lease was not incorporated in the document. Gary said that if this was included he didn't feel that any better terms in either a lease or a sale could be had. Barb responded that the Board felt that the agreement with George White for the use of George White Well #4 was a good deal at the time, and now it is apparent that it is not. The same could hold true with this lease. Dan Holyoak said that in the late 1970's the GCWCD decided to lease SITLA ground under Ken's Lake Damn. It seemed like a good idea at the time but he now feels that land should have been purchased. Staff was instructed to set up a time when a phone call could be made to SITLA regarding this issue with Barb Morra attending.

Review of Conservation Oriented Water Rate Dale presented the review to the Board. Methods of achieving conservation through water rates was discussed. Dale mentioned that the rate should be adjusted as it begins to become ineffective. After further discussion motion by Dan Holyoak to leave the rate structure 'as is'. Second by Neal Dalton. Gary Wilson – aye, Dan Holyoak – aye, Neal Dalton – aye, Bill McDougald – aye, Barbara Morra –aye, Dan Pyatt, aye, Kyle Bailey – aye, Al McLeod – aye, Jerry McNeely – aye, Karl Tangren – aye. Motion carried.

Water Project Report John Chartier reported that 5 Points Utilities has asked for release of their 5% retainage in the project funding. John said he would not recommend release of the retainage until the SCADA System and the Punch List are complete. 5 Point has not completed all of the re-vegetation work and will have to complete that this fall. \$20,000 will be retained from 5 Points to insure completion of the re-vegetation.

ENGINEERING
WATER
PROJECT
CONTRACT
AMENDMENT

SITLA LEASE

CONSERVATION
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PROJECT

The 3 mill
gallon storage

tank has been filled for the second time. The tank passed the specified leak test, however, it still has a seep around the bottom on the west side. John has informed Build Inc. they have to come back and try to stop the seep.

JCI Contracting will be here the week of 6/17/02 to finish the remaining parts of the Distribution System Contract. Primarily this will be flushing and disinfection of distribution system lines at the upper end of the system.

2002 Irrigation Season Report Dale stated that for the first twelve days of June, creek flow had dropped to 12% of normal. Original projections to achieve the 80% delivery rate to irrigation customers was based on creek flow at 35% of normal. The local BLM office has been contacted and they will allow use of the 400 acre foot conservation pool this season. Dale said that with use of the conservation pool delivery rates could be set at 65% of normal for the remainder of the season. Without use of the conservation pool, deliveries would have to be 50% of normal. These figures include all possible supplemental pumping to the irrigation system. The Board agreed by consensus that staff should contact the BLM and inform them that the conservation pool would have to be used and to inform all customers that they should restrict use to 65% of normal. Dale said that the irrigation meters had been read and that the meter reading information would be included in the letter. He reminded the Board that it was possible that further adjustments to the delivery rate might have to be made as the season progresses.

IRRIGATION
SEASON
REPORT

Check Approval Motion by Dan Holyoak to approve the checks in the amount of \$216,246.94. Second by James Walker, Gary Wilson – aye, Dan Holyoak- aye, Neal Dalton –aye, Bill McDougald – aye, Dan Pyatt – aye, Kyle Bailey – aye, Al McLeod, Jerry McNeely – aye, Karl Tangren -aye, Barb Morra – Nay. Motion carried.

CHECK
APPROVAL

Items From Board Members - None.

Items From the Staff Dale reported briefly on Rhonda Riberia's health status.

RHONDA'S
HEALTH
STATUS

Adjournment – Motion by Kyle Bailey to adjourn the meeting, second by Barbara Morra. Gary Wilson – aye, Dan Holyoak – aye, Neal Dalton – aye, Bill McDougald – aye, Barbara Morra –aye, Dan Pyatt – aye, Kyle Bailey – aye, Al McLeod – aye, Jerry McNeely – aye, Karl Tangren – aye. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

ATTEST:

Gary N. Wilson, President

Dale F. Pierson, Secretary/Treasurer