

GRAND WATER & SEWER SERVICE AGENCY

Full Board Meeting

September 5, 2013

The meeting was called to order by President Dan Pyatt at 7:12 p.m. at the Agency office, 3025 East Spanish Trail Road, Moab, Utah. Other Agency Board Members present were: Gary Wilson, Kyle Bailey, Pat Holyoak, Jerry McNeely, Brian Backus, Tom Stengel, Leon Behunin, Mike Holyoak, and Dale Weiss. Those present established a quorum. Absent were: Rex Tanner and Preston Paxman.

Others present were: George Carter, Kristin Millis, Beth Ransel, John Weisheit, George Carter, Chris Baird, Lisa Bryant, Jeff Richards, Heila Ershadi, Mark Sovine, Dana Van Horn, and Marsha Modine.

Minutes of board meeting 8/15/13 Motion to approve the minutes of 8/15/13 as presented by Gary Wilson. Second by Tom Stengel. MOTION CARRIED 10-0.

Citizens to be heard Chris Baird spoke to the board regarding the Agency's request to the BLM for winter flow reductions on Mill Creek. He said that a study of watering efficiency would be a better alternative to the reduction of flow study. He stated that the proposal should include a year to gather baseline data. He was concerned about invasive species overtaking natives in the study zone from dewatering the creek. Chris also said the public was wary and he found it alarming that the technical committee meetings were not open to the public. John Weisheit spoke of the Bureau of Reclamation's long term plan for the Colorado River. He said they knew of potential issues 25 years prior and did not make a plan until 2005. He believes we should follow their lead but have the plan sooner. George said the MIC's budget meeting is planned for 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday the 11th at Jones Accounting.

President Pyatt changed the order of the agenda to accommodate the citizens present for later items

Discuss, consider, approve agreement with Royce's Electronics for a communications device to be placed on the 3mg tank The agreement was amended to include a \$2 million liability insurance policy to be held by Royce, a subrogation clause in the policy, and rent at \$400.00 per month. Motion to approve the agreement as presented by Gary Wilson. Second by Jerry McNeely. MOTION CARRIED 10-0.

Discuss, consider, approve proposal to BLM for study of impacts of winter flow reduction in Mill Creek The board discussed the proposal. Beth Ransel of the BLM said that another right-of-way form must be filled out prior to submitting the proposal. She said the BLM would assist agency staff with the required forms. She said that it is possible that the proposal would involve a change to the RMP and that process is significantly longer and more involved than the NEPA process (for non RMP changes.) Gary said he would like to make sure that the monitoring is done by an impartial party. Mark said that he would like to incorporate some of the suggestions made by the technical committee into the proposal prior to submitting it. He said that he would like to begin measuring baseline conditions this winter. He said the changes and paperwork could be done by the next meeting. Kyle said he would like for the city to have more time to review the proposal. Motion to table by Kyle Bailey. Second by Gary Wilson. MOTION CARRIED 10-0.

Check approval Motion to approve checks in the amount of \$67,945.29 by Tom Stengel. Second by Jerry McNeely. MOTION CARRIED 10-0.

Discuss, consider, approve 5 year audit proposal Due to the size of the Agency's budget, a full audit is required. The board discussed the option to price the audit annually. Motion to approve the 5 year audit proposal as presented by Tom Stengel. Second by Dale Weiss. MOTION CARRIED 10-0.

Discussion and recommendations for comments regarding DDW's proposed annual fee to all Utah water systems Board and staff discussed the reasoning behind the proposed fee. If Utah loses primacy over drinking water to the EPA, the State Revolving Fund will be negatively impacted. The RWAU recommended that the DDW look to the Legislature for funding. The comment letter to the DDW reiterated RWAU's position. Motion to approve the comments/letter as presented by Gary Wilson. Second by Mike Holyoak. MOTION CARRIED 10-0.

Discuss, consider, approve CIB grant application for building improvements Board and staff discussed the proposal to apply to the CIB for a grant of \$200,000 with a match of \$100,000 to complete an addition to the present building and to re-skin the exterior. The money would also be used for improvements to the front of the lot such as parking lot and landscaping. The project would be an "A" priority for GWSSA and the application will be filed by October 1, 2013. Upon approval of the board, it will be added to the County's improvements list at the meeting next week. Motion to approve by Dale Weiss. Second by Tom Stengel. MOTION CARRIED 10-0.

Lake/snow report and irrigation system update The lake has 259 AF in storage. YTD precipitation is 87% of average and soil saturation is at 36%. Mark said the lake could draw down to approximately 200 AF before the system is shut off. There is still water coming in at approximately 3 CFS and our turn will be next week. Gary said that rain is in the forecast and staff should make adjustments accordingly to the shut off date. Letters will be sent to customers when a date is set.

Committee report The committee met last week and discussed the agenda.

Items from staff Mark said the delivery of the fuel tank went smoothly.

Items from board members Tom asked about OSTA's well. Mark said that they do not intend on using their well this year and will use culinary water for the grass at the ball field.

Closed session if necessary None.

President Pyatt declared the meeting adjourned. Hearing no objections; the meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

ATTEST:

Dan Pyatt, President

Mark Sovine, Secretary/Treasurer