

**GWSSA OPERATING COMMITTEE MEETING
3025 E. SPANISH TRAIL ROAD, MOAB, UTAH
JUNE 16, 2022 – 7:00 P.M.**

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Gary Wilson at 7:05 p.m. at the Agency Office, 3025 E. Spanish Trail Rd., Moab, Utah. Other trustees present: Preston Paxman, Ken Helfenbein, Jerry McNeely, Rick Thompson, Trisha Hedin, Mike Holyoak, and Dale Weiss. Absent were: Dan Pyatt, Rex Tanner, Rani Derasary, and Brian Backus.

Others present were: Dana Van Horn and Ben Musselman via telephone.

Minutes of meeting 6-2-2022 Motion to approve the minutes of 6-2-2022 as presented by Dale Weiss. Second by Mike Holyoak. MOTION CARRIED 8-0.

Citizens to be heard None

Check approval Motion to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$86,571.18 by Dale Weiss. Second by Trisha Hedin. MOTION CARRIED 8-0.

Financial statement the May 2022 financial statement was presented.

Discussion and possible action regarding low operating water pressures on the irrigation system near Chapman Lane Dana provided a map of the irrigation system with locations and set pressures for the PRV stations. A pressure recording device was placed in the Chapman PRV on the 13th and removed at about noon on the 16th. The minimum pressure was 32.2, the maximum pressure was 69.22, and the average pressure was 50.7. Ben cleaned the screen on the pilot valve this morning and pressures increased. Dana and Ben explained that in the past, operators would go to the PRV at Chapman and increase the outlet pressure. This causes over-pressurization of the pipes downstream. The pipes are PIP schedule 35 and have a pressure rating when new of 118 psi with gasketed ends. Our pipes are over 40 years old and are glued together. The practice of turning up the PRV can no longer take place. One option would be to start the Corbin well and have the VFD motor compensate when the pressure is reduced by large flows. This option will cost approximately \$2,000 to \$3,000 per month and it would help the entire system. We could move Dr. Sorensen's connection approximately 600 feet to the south and connect it to the high side of the pressure zone. This would only help one customer. The staff was directed to talk to the golf course about adding a pressure sustaining valve so they could fill their ponds and maintain a certain pressure at the main. The irrigation project designed last year when GWSSA applied for the ARPA funding will eliminate the issue entirely. 90% of our system's users are located between the Chapman PRV and the Arena PRV. It was also discussed that Dr. Sorensen should replace his sprinklers with ones that operate at 40-45 psi. The board directed staff to clean the PRV screens on a schedule and to write Dr. Sorensen a letter outlining the discussion and that staff will turn on the Corbin well if the pressure gets low again.

Resolution 2022-06-16 – A resolution amending GWSSA employee compensation The salary committee met on May 25th to discuss salary increases for three hourly employees. The recommendation was an approximately \$2.00 per hour increase to better reflect their job performance and skill/knowledge levels. There was discussion regarding the current state of the economy and the board recommended we evaluate the salaries quarterly. Motion to approve Resolution 2022-06-16 – A resolution amending GWSSA employee compensation as presented by Dale Weiss. Second by Rick Thompson. MOTION CARRIED 8-0.

Project updates None.

Lake/Snow report the lake has 2237 AF in storage, SWE is n/a% of average and precipitation is 95% of average. Soil moisture is at 13%. No current restrictions are in place. The irrigation wells are off.

Committee report None.

Items from staff The water system performed well during the Pack Creek Mobile Estates fire. The fire department estimates the flow was 1,500 gallons per minute for over an hour. They used approximately 80,000 gallons of water to fight the fire. Dana was appointed to the Colorado River Authority Advisory Board. Their first meeting is Friday the 24th in Price. Dana met with Chuck Williams, Mack McDonald, and the firm doing the water resource management plan. They are in the data-gathering phase of the project. Interviews were held earlier in the day for the Billing Clerk position. The operator position has been more difficult to find candidates who meet the criteria.

Items from board members None.

Closed session if necessary None.

Vice President Gary Wilson declared the meeting adjourned. Hearing no objections; the meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

ATTEST:

Dan Pyatt, Chairman

Dana Van Horn, Secretary/Treasurer