

GRAND WATER & SEWER SERVICE AGENCY

Operating Committee Meeting April 17, 2002

The meeting was called to order by President Gary Wilson at 7:10 p.m. at the Grand County Council Chambers, 125 E Center St, Moab, Utah. Other Operating Committee members present were Barbara Morra, Bill McDougald, and Dan Pyatt. Absent: Dan Holyoak, Neal Dalton, and Rex Tanner. Those in attendance established a quorum. Other Board members present Kyle Bailey, James Walker, and Karl Tangren. Absent: Karla VanderZanden, Al McLeod, and Jerry McNeely.

Others present were Dale Pierson; Rhonda Riberia; Marsha Modine; John Chartier – Sunrise Engineering; Don Lammert; Sherry Swink; Robert & Bebee Doherty, and ? [did not sign in].

After calling for additions or corrections to the minutes of the Operating Committee meeting of April 3, 2002 and hearing none, President Wilson asked that the minutes be approved as circulated to the Board. Motion: Bill. Seconded: James. Gary – aye, Bill – aye, Barbara – aye, Dan – aye, James – aye, Kyle – aye, Karl – aye. Motion carried.

Citizens to be Heard none

Irrigation Billing – Mitch Kelling Dale reported that a leak was located by Mitch, but whether the leak was sizeable enough to cause the overage was not known. After discussion it was determined to have Staff prepare a report showing the overage for the past few years both in acre feet and dollars. Motion to table until the May 8th meeting by Dan, second by Bill. Gary – aye, Bill – aye, Barbara – aye, Dan – aye, James – aye, Kyle – aye, Karl – aye. Motion carried.

Purchase of Water Rights – Robert Doherty Dale referred to a report in the Board packets detailing the underground rights Robert Doherty was offering for sale. Discussion included Board questions regarding currently owned Agency water rights, type of owned rights, excesses, if the offered rights could be converted to culinary water rights, and whether or not the offered rights were needed. In response to James' question Robert replied he would be willing to sell the full rights. Further questions included how the rights would be divided should the Agency disband, and how the current price per share matched with what has been paid in the past. At the end of the discussion James moved to purchase water rights #05-100, 05-178, and 05-378 for the amount of \$32,184.40. Second by Dan. Barbara requested the records reflect her opposition to the Agency purchasing water rights with mainly District monies; the District should be spoken to first. Gary – aye, Bill – aye, Dan – aye, James – aye, Kyle – aye, Karl – aye. Barbara – nay. Motion carried.

Don Lammert – request for sewer impact and connection fees Dale explained that a request has already been honored to refund the water connection fee and water impact fee (plus interest) as the project was taking much longer than initially anticipated. Dale continued to explain that Don was now asking for the sewer connection fee and sewer impact fee to be reimbursed. Sherry Swink explained the monies were needed to pay for a well for Don's property as Don had to haul water now, and that the monies would be paid back at \$250.00 per month until paid in full. Dale explained current Agency policies covering impact fees. After further discussion Bill motioned to refund the sewer impact fee \$1655.00 and sewer connection fee \$1100.00 to Don as a special exception. Bill continued his motion to stipulate it was understood by all parties the sewer impact fee and sewer connection fee (\$2755.00) was to be repaid to the Agency at \$250.00 per month until paid in full. Second by Kyle. Bill – aye, Dan – aye, James – aye, Kyle – aye, Karl – aye, Barbara – aye. Gary – nay. Motion carried.

2002 Irrigation Season Dale reported on the start up of the irrigation season, noting there wasn't enough usage as yet to start pumping. Dale also reported on the progress of setting up a seminar, and work on a letter to customers regarding cross connections between irrigation and culinary water lines.

Water Project – Report John Chartier reported on the progress of the project. Discussion regarding reseeded resulted in the Board requesting John approach SITLA to see if reseeded could not be done in the fall instead. John agreed to do so.

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**Financial
Statement**

The financial statement for March was presented to the Board.

Check Approval Bill motioned to approve the checks in the amount of \$21,216.78. Seconded: James. Gary – aye, Bill – aye, Dan – aye, James – aye, Kyle – aye, Karl – aye. Barbara – abstain. Motion carried.

Items from Board

Head's Up

Head's up Barbara spoke regarding her meter being raised. She expressed concern that current policy did not include knocking on the door to let residents know the water would be off. She added the unexpected outage caused her to miss a tutoring session and \$20.00 in wages. Board members agreed that from today forward efforts should be made knock on the door before disconnecting service due to repair issues. Board members clarified this did not apply in instances of shut off due to delinquent payments or emergency situations. Karl asked if Barbara was asking for a refund of \$20.00. She responded affirmatively, noting she would like a \$20.00 credit on her water bill.

Billing Question James asked regarding the rates for residential culinary water, noting his last bill seemed high. Rhonda said she would look into the matter for him.

Billing Question

Items from Staff - none

President Wilson declared the meeting adjourned. Hearing no objections the meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

ATTEST:

Gary N. Wilson, President

Dale F. Pierson, Secretary/Treasurer