

GRAND COUNTY WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
GRAND COUNTY SPECIAL SERVICE WATER DISTRICT

Regular Meeting -----August 14, 1997

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Gary N. Wilson at 7:00 A.M. at the District office. Other Board members present were Bobbie Domenick, Ned Dalton, Bill McDougald and John Groo. ATTENDANCE

Special Service District members present were George White, Dan Holyoak, Bill McDougald and Gary Wilson.

Others present were Dale Pierson, Jolyne Hoffmann, Marsha Modine, Brad Palmer and Paul McKee.

After calling for additions or corrections to the minutes of the meeting of July 17, 1997, and hearing none, the Chair declared the minutes approved as circulated to the Board. Motion: Bill Seconded: Bobbie MOTION CARRIED MINUTES APPROVAL

CHECK APPROVAL: Motion: Bobbie Seconded: Dan MOTION CARRIED CHECK APPROVAL

CAMPING REGULATIONS AT KEN'S LAKE: Brad Palmer from the BLM said there is a problem with homeless people and seasonal people working in town who can not afford to pay rent so they camp on public land. The BLM restrictions state that camping is limited to 14 days per visit. Continued camping after the 14 days can only take place at sites outside a 30 mile radius of the previous camp site. The BLM is currently working through issues of using the area for recreation versus occupancy with their law enforcement people. The main emphasis of the BLM is to get people to camp in the designated camp sites. The BLM has invoked emergency restrictions at Ken's Lake until they can put together a management plan for the Lake and Mill Creek areas. The restrictions limit camping to designated camp sites. A Mill Creek partnership was formed to provide a forum for people in the community to say what they would like the BLM to do with Mill Creek. In November, there will be a workshop for people to help form a long term plan for the area. Brad asked that a representative from GCWCD attend the November forum. They have tentatively planned a key note speaker for the first Friday in November followed by a workshop on Saturday from 9-3. Bill said he would try to attend. CAMPING REGS AT KEN'S LAKE

Brad stated that the BLM appreciates the job that Paul McKee has done but they have received some complaints from people who have been asked to move from the Lake or to designated camping areas. The BLM asks their camp host to provide information to people and act as the agencies eyes and ears. Brad emphasized that the camp host's job is not one of enforcement and problems should be brought to the attention of the BLM instead for resolution. The camp host is there to provide information to visitors and try to make their experience as pleasant as possible. Paul McKee said there were campers he thought were trying to homestead and that he simply provided them with a paper stating the BLM rules. Mr. McKee suggested that the campers in question were engaged in illegal activities although he did not have proof. He said the San Juan county sheriff is aware of these activities. Gary said that the District has neglected to publish the rules in the past but will provide written rules and camp host duties to avoid further misunderstanding. Gary directed Paul to report any infraction to Dale to contact the proper authorities. Dale said on weekends and nights Paul should call the Grand County Sheriff. Brad stated that the BLM emphasizes to their camp hosts to be consistent in their treatment of people. Dan

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suggested handing people the regulations when they first come into the campground. Brad said that people who come in at night may not be able to identify the campsites. The BLM has found that if the camp host hands them a trash bag and notifies them they are not in a designated camp site, they usually move. Dale asked the Board members to review the Camp Host job description in their packets. Gary asked Paul if he had any comments. Paul said no. Gary said to go ahead with the job description unless something changes in the future.

IMPACT FEE RESOLUTION NO. 03-97 DISCUSSION: Gary said the discussion from the last Board meeting was tabled until questions concerning impact fees for existing homes could be answered. Dale talked to Stan Weiler, the Principle Planner for Hofman Planning Associates who did the Public Facilities Analysis and Capital Planning, concerning the basis of the impact fees. Stan said they assumed existing buildings were already connected to services and based their study on vacant properties and new buildings. Dale recommended that existing buildings be exempt from impact fees based on this information. The Board agreed and the Resolution stands as passed.

IMPACT FEE
RESOLUTION
NO. 03-97
DISCUSSION

REVIEW WAGES AND POLICIES ON CONTRACT EMPLOYEES: Gary said the auditor recommended the District look at their contract employees to determine if they should be considered employees of the District and subject to workman's comp and FICA. The contract employees concerned are the meter reader, cleaning person and the camp host. Dale presented the Board with a checklist to help determine their status. He recommended that Pat be considered a part time employee. Dale will work though the BLM on Paul McKee's position. The cleaning person is considered a contract employee. She is hired to do a job and she determines when and how that job will be accomplished. It was the consensus of the Board to follow Dale's recommendations.

REVIEW WAGES
& POLICIES ON
CONTRACT
EMPLOYEES

COMBINING DISTRICT BOARDS: Dale explained the concept of creating an Over Sight Board from the three existing Boards to oversee the entire operation of the Districts. An Over Sight Board would be able to assign priorities and simplify the funding process for projects; reduce administrative costs; reduce confusion to state agencies, the public and suppliers; and ensure policies are consistent. The Over Sight Board would be formed through an interlocal agreement. All current Board members would be on the Board. A method to reduce the number of Board members over a period of time would have to be worked out. Dale said he needed the authorization of the Board to have Brent Rose continue. Gary said he would like more Board members present to discuss the issue and asked that it be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

COMBINING
DISTRICT
BOARDS

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: The Board was presented with a July 1997 financial statement for their review.


FINANCIAL
STATEMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:20.

ATTEST:



Dale F. Pierson, Secretary/Treasurer



Gary N. Wilson, Chairman