

**GRAND WATER & SEWER SERVICE AGENCY**  
**Operating Committee Meeting**  
February 26, 2013

The meeting was called to order by President Pyatt at 7:06 p.m. at the Agency office, 3025 East Spanish Trail Road, Moab, Utah. Other Agency Board Members present were: Pat Holyoak, Jerry McNeely, Preston Paxman, Tom Stengel, Leon Behunin, and Dale Weiss. Those present did not establish a quorum until Brian Backus arrived at 7:11 p.m. Absent were: Kyle Bailey, Rex Tanner, Gary Wilson, and Mike Holyoak.

Others present were: Mark Sovine, Dana Van Horn, and Marsha Modine.

President Pyatt changed the order of the agenda due to the lack of quorum at the beginning of the meeting.

**Items from staff** Service personnel responded to over 78 calls for frozen water meters this winter. The Corbin water line that belongs to the City of Moab is old and prone to leaks. Mark plans to install a valve and shut the line off on Spanish Valley Drive. Meters for the Cemetery Well and the Deloy Lance Well were recently sent to the factory for calibration.

**Financial Statement** The December 2012 and January 2013 financial statements were discussed by board and staff.

Brian Backus Arrived at 7:11 p.m.

**Minutes of board meeting 1/17/13** Motion to approve the minutes of 1/17/13 as presented by Tom Stengel. Second by Jerry McNeely. MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

**Citizens to be heard** None.

**Check approval** Motion to approve checks in the amount of \$292,518.39 by Tom Stengel. Second by Jerry McNeely. MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

**Lake/Snow report and discussion of irrigation season start-up** Mark made a brief presentation on the status of Ken's Lake. Restrictions for 2013 are likely and Mark will keep the board apprised of the lake level, soil moisture and precipitation. The lake has 337 AF in storage. The snow-water equivalent is 107% of average and the ytd precipitation is 88% of average. Soil saturation is 7%. The board discussed the letter to the irrigation customers advising them that lake start-up will not begin until at least April 1<sup>st</sup> and current conditions indicate a 30% restriction for the 2013 season. Jerry McNeely said he recently met with BLM officials to discuss the required 3 cfs to the creek. The BLM is concerned with the wildlife and riparian areas around the creek. Mark said he has attempted to discuss managing the flow for seasonal temperatures and has not received a favorable response from the BLM. Jerry also said that Sam Sommerville's water in Pack Creek overflowed this winter and caused damage to San Juan County roads. The board and staff discussed the history of the water right/deed and possibilities for exchanging water with Mr. Sommerville. Mark expressed concerns over the status of his water right. The State of Utah may not have the same numbers as Mr. Sommerville and potentially the water right could be reduced if transferred. Pat Holyoak said that the ditch is still in use downstream from Mr. Sommerville's property for winter livestock watering.

**Committee report** None.

**Items from board members** None.

**Closed session if necessary** None.

President Pyatt declared the meeting adjourned. Hearing no objections; the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Dan Pyatt, President

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Mark Sovine, Secretary/Treasurer