

GRAND WATER & SEWER SERVICE AGENCY
Operating Committee Meeting
October 16, 2014

The meeting was called to order by President Dan Pyatt at 7:06 p.m. at the Agency office, 3025 East Spanish Trail Road, Moab, Utah. Other Agency Board Members present were: Brian Backus, Preston Paxman, Rex Tanner, Tom Stengel, Leon Behunin, and Dale Weiss. Those present established a quorum. Absent were: Kyle Bailey, Jerry McNeely, Pat Holyoak, Gary Wilson, and Mike Holyoak.

Others present were: Mark Sovine, Dana Van Horn, Robert Worley, and Richard Relph

Sewer bill reduction request – Edge of the Desert *This item was moved to the top of the agenda to accommodate Mr. Relph.* A clerical error by Agency staff resulted in the Edge of the Desert mobile home park not being billed for sewer services for over 12 months or approximately \$7200.00. Mr. Relph asked the board if they would like to settle the matter by accepting half of the balance due if he paid it right away. Most recently, in 2007, a similar error was settled by allowing a payment plan without penalty or interest to the account over a period of months. The board declined the settlement and asked staff to coordinate a payment plan with Mr. Relph for a predetermined period of time. Mr. Relph left the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Presentation by Robert Worley of Sunrise Engineering - Water Master Plan proposal Robert said that the original master plan was reaching 20 years old. He recommended updating the plan and that there was a potential to have the entire study paid with grant money from the DDW. The low MAGI for Moab classifies our location as a hardship area. The board discussed an optional valve exercising component of the plan and concurrent update of the hydraulic water model. The board advised Robert and staff to proceed with an application for the grant/study.

Discussion and approval of CIB priority list Mark and Robert presented an area of The Highlands as a potential CIB funding opportunity for the partial replacement of their sewer system. The system is old, poorly installed, poorly designed, undersized, and has had numerous repairs/problems over the past several years. The County has not approved the final CIB list presently and Mark requested the Agency add this item to the list. Actual application dates and full scope of the project are undetermined at this time, however, any size request must be on the approved County list prior to application to the CIB. Motion to approve the addition to CIB priority list by Tom Stengel. Second by Leon Behunin. MOTION CARRIED 7-0. Robert Worley left the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Minutes of board meeting 8/14/2014 Motion to approve the minutes of 8/14/2014 as presented by Tom Stengel. Second by Preston Paxman. MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

Minutes of board meeting 9/18/2014 Motion to approve the minutes of 9/18/2014 as presented by Tom Stengel. Second by Dale Weiss. MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

Citizens to be heard None.

Check approval Motion to approve checks in the amount of \$110,314.48 by Rex Tanner. Second by Tom Stengel. MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

Lake/snow report The lake has 1095 AF in storage. YTD precipitation is 50% of average and soil saturation is at 43%. The system will be shut off on October 27, 2014.

Committee report None.

Items from staff The plans for the building remodel are at the County Building Inspector's office for final approval. Mark expects construction to begin in the next few weeks. He is working on the budget and said that the County has a bid out for next year's insurance provider.

Items from board members Tom and Rex apologized for not being at the party. Everyone thanked Preston for hosting and remarked on how great the food was.

Closed session if necessary None.

President Pyatt declared the meeting adjourned. Hearing no objections; the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

ATTEST:

Dan Pyatt, President

Mark Sovine, Secretary/Treasurer