

# GRAND WATER & SEWER SERVICE AGENCY

Regular Meeting -----August 11, 1999

The meeting was called to order by Acting Chairman, Dale Pierson at 7:03 p.m. at the Agency office. Other Agency Board members present were George White, Ned Dalton, Karl Tangren, Dan Holyoak, Bill McDougald, Neal Dalton, and James Walker.

Others present were Dale Pierson, Rhonda Riberia, Marsha Modine, Bud Tangren, Doug Tangren. Bill Stringer, Maggie Wyatt, and Rob Sweeten - BLM.

After calling for additions or corrections to the minutes of the meetings of July 28, 1999 and hearing none, Acting Chairman Pierson declared the minutes approved as circulated to the Board. Motion: Bill. Seconded: George. Motion carried

**Citizens To Be Heard** None present.

**Rob Sweeten - Ken's Lake Recreational Improvements** Maggie Wyatt - BLM Field Manager, Bill Stringer - BLM Assistant Field Manager, and Rob Sweeten - BLM District Landscape Architect introduced themselves to the Board. Dale provided some background for the Board noting the enclosed letter to Maggie from Miles Moretti - Regional Supervisor with the Division of Wildlife Resources. Mr. Moretti's expressed concerns regarded various stipulations to the 1979 agreement between the Agency and the BLM that DWR regarded as unmet. One of the stipulations noted was a 400 acre foot conservation pool. Dale noted that Larry Anderson of DWR had related to him that a donation from DWR was to have been made for the conservation pool, and this had not occurred. Discussion followed regarding the inherent basin seepage of the lake, which would call for every few years the lake being drawn down sufficiently to allow for repair of new leaks. How far the draw down would be depends on the location of the leak itself. Due to this draw down, it would be improbable to say the conservation pool would always be at 400 acre foot.

Ken's Lake  
Recreational  
Improvements

Continued discussion showed the BLM representatives and the Agency Board members agreeing that the some stipulations in the 1979 agreement may not have taken into account future needs, actual growth of the recreational draw of the lake area, possible basin seepage, how low the lake may drop at the end of an irrigation season, and that some stipulations were meant to be temporary in nature. Bill Stringer noted the primary concerns for them were the conservation pool, the mandatory 3 cfs for wildlife, and completion of the recreational area.

Dale stated he would draft a letter to Miles Moretti reviewing the stipulations in question, and present it to the Board for their approval. After Board approval it would be forwarded to Maggie Wyatt. Everyone agreed there was an apparent need to rewrite the agreement itself, and that each entity would review the stipulations and make any changes they felt necessary before meeting again to start defining the final agreement.

**Moab Irrigation Company Meters** Dale reported that Don Andrews with NRCS met with several members of MIC and him on August 4<sup>th</sup>. They looked at the problems and perceived problems with the meter installed on the Berry property. George Roberts and Bob Byrnes felt the simplest maintenance to alleviate the problem of the meter clogging with debris, would once water is cut out of ditch for flood, refill, shut down again, and flush. If this didn't work the meter could be physically pulled and cleaned. The fluctuation in the flow rate seemed minor, between 10-20 gpm out of 1,000 gpm. The actual number needed is the totalizer, and Dale felt that should be accurate as the meter is specifically calibrated for the pipe in which it is installed.

MIC Meters

James asked if the meter was running backward. Dale explained that the wrong head had been installed originally, and that had been corrected.

**Development North of Moab** Dale reported that Sunrise Engineering had run into a snag preparing the cost estimates. They are trying to locate digitized mapping for the North area that was supposedly done. If the mapping is indeed completed, their cost will be substantially less. Sunrise had hopes of completing the estimate for the August 25<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. Dale continued to explain that planning grants from the Utah Division of Water Quality, Utah Division of Drinking Water, and Permanent Community Impact Board would be made to help offset the cost of the preliminary engineering. This is needed as currently there are no customers or paid taxes from the North area property owners.

Development  
North of  
Moab

**Possible Well Purchase - Dan Holyoak** Dale reported that he and Dan had visited the area near the Moffett well, and that samples at a well close to it had been taken. Dan had nothing further to report.

Moffett  
Well

**1999 Irrigation Season** Dale reported that there were no changes from the report in the enclosed memo [dated August 3, 1999]. Irrigation customers had been notified by mail [see enclosed letter] that the voluntary 80% usage restriction had been lifted.

1999  
Irrigation  
Season

**Check Approval** Motion to approve checks: James. Seconded: Ned. Motion carried.

**Items from Board** None

**Items from Staff**

**Water Conservation Committee Meeting** Dale reported that the Water Conservation Committee would be meeting August 12, 1999 at 4:00 p.m. at the Agency office to discuss the ***Water Management & Conservation Plan***. Once that Committee had approved the Plan, it will be presented to the Board for their approval.

Water  
Conservation  
Plan

**Meeting to discuss the Southeastern Utah Water Plan** Dale reported a meeting had been set for August 12, 1999 at 2:00 p.m. to invite comments on the Southeastern Water Plan.

Southeastern  
Utah Water  
Plan

Meeting adjourned: 8:32 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Gary N. Wilson, President

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Dale F. Pierson, Secretary/Treasurer