

GRAND WATER & SEWER SERVICE AGENCY
Operating Committee Meeting
August 15, 2013

The meeting was called to order by President Dan Pyatt at 7:01 p.m. at the Agency office, 3025 East Spanish Trail Road, Moab, Utah. Other Agency Board Members present were: Gary Wilson, Pat Holyoak, Preston Paxman (arrived at 7:04), Brian Backus, Rex Tanner, Tom Stengel, Leon Behunin, Mike Holyoak, and Dale Weiss (arrived at 7:02). Those present established a quorum. Absent were: Jerry McNeely and Kyle Bailey.

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

Minutes of board meeting 8/1/13 Motion to approve the minutes of 8/1/13 as presented by Mike Holyoak. Second by Tom Stengel. MOTION CARRIED 8-0.

Citizens to be heard Chris Baird spoke to the board regarding the Agency's request to the BLM for wintertime flow reductions on Mill Creek. He read excerpts from several pieces of correspondence from the late seventies related to the 3 cfs requirement between various agencies and the Conservancy District. He said that the number was not arbitrary and that the board should be very cautious when considering altering the agreement. Mark read an email from Bill Love, citizen. The email said that approximately 115 acres of land was for sale just below the diversion for Ken's Lake. He recommended Moab City and the Agency work to purchase the land or a conservation easement on the land to protect the water supply from septic systems. Mark then spoke for Richard Walter, citizen who left Mark a voice mail that stated he was opposed to GWSSA waiving the impact fees for OSTA and furthermore, he also disagrees with connecting OSTA to the culinary system for irrigation at all.

Check approval Motion to approve checks in the amount of \$57,705.47 by Tom Stengel. Second by Mike Holyoak. MOTION CARRIED 10-0.

Financial Statement The July 2013 financial statement was presented.

Lake/snow report and irrigation system update The lake has 290 AF in storage. YTD precipitation is 82% of average and soil saturation is at 20%. Mark said the lake could last up to 36 more days depending entirely on usage patterns and inflow to the lake. It is likely the shutdown date will be determined at the next meeting.

Committee report The committee met last week in Monticello to inspect the fuel tank being offered by Rocky Mountain Power. The tank appears to be in excellent condition, however, the cost to remove it from its present location may prove to be prohibitive. Mark said there will be other costs associated with the "free" tank including: pumps, cement pad, emergency shut off system wiring etc... He asked the board for a general consensus to proceed with researching cost information and attempt to find someone who could move it. The board agreed it would be good to continue with the process.

Items from staff Mark said that he would like to go to the CIB for assistance with the building addition. He is working on the application and the Agency has in kind contribution money in the budget. He will ask Grand County to add this item to the master CIB list and proceed with the application cycle in October. If approved, funding will occur in February. Dana said that she spoke to the board members who missed the annual training before the meeting. The board and staff discussed potential dates for the board party that will be held at Dale Weiss' house this year.

Items from board members Rex asked about OSTA's impact fee request from the last meeting. Mark said he canvassed all of the board members. He apologized to Rex as he thought he spoke to him too. The consensus among the board members was not to waive the impact fees for OSTA. Mark spoke to Steve Swift

and told him it was highly unlikely. The Agency received a check for the full impact fees due today. The board discussed potential policy for restrictions on the time of use and types of use for culinary water. It will be discussed at a later meeting. Mike said he and Mark met with Sam Somerville to discuss his water rights. Sammy owns most of the water right and if he diverts his water to the lake then the other three users on the ditch will be impacted. A meeting with the other users will be held to discuss potential solutions. Mark said that he forgot to mention in staff items that San Juan Spanish Valley Special Service District (SJSVSSD) was approved by the Division of Water Rights for 500 AF in the valley and an additional 100 AF on Bridger Jack Mesa.

Closed session if necessary None.

President Pyatt declared the meeting adjourned. Hearing no objections; the meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

ATTEST:

Dan Pyatt, President

Mark Sovine, Secretary/Treasurer