

Grand Water & Sewer Service Agency

Regular Full Board Meeting
August 21, 2002

The meeting was called to order at 7:49 p.m. by President Gary Wilson at the Agency Office, 3025 E Spanish Trail Rd, Moab, Utah. Other Board members present were Dan Holyoak, Neal Dalton, Bill McDougald, Kyle Bailey, Al McLeod, Barbara Morra, Dan Pyatt, Jerry McNeely, and Karla VanderZanden. Absent were Rex Tanner, James Walker, and Karl Tangren. Those present established a quorum.

Also present were Doug Rasmussen of Sumin, Rich, and Marsing, John Chartier of Sunrise Engineering, Doug Ward, Cory Dezelsky, Stacy Dezelsky, Bill Love, Lisa Church of Times Independent, Darren Jones of Channel 6 News, Dave Cozzens of Cozzens Construction, Russ Donoghue of Rural Water Association of Utah, Marsha Modine, and Dale Pierson.

Motion by Bill McDougald to approve the minutes of the Operating Committee meeting of August 7, 2002. Second by Jerry McNeely. Gary Wilson – aye, Dan Holyoak – aye, Neal Dalton – aye, Bill McDougald – aye, Barb Morra – aye, Dan Pyatt – aye, Karla VanderZanden – aye, Al McLeod – aye, Kyle Bailey – aye, Jerry McNeely – aye. MOTION CARRIED.

Citizens To Be Heard Doug Ward asked the Board if he could be allowed to make monthly payments on his sewer hookup/impact fee. Due to the fact that his residence is within 300 feet of the sewer main, he is required to pay these fees. Doug does not have income sufficient to pay these fees in full at this time. Barbara Morra asked if this was new construction. Dale replied “No”, and explained the differing fees for existing dwellings vs. new construction. Doug asked that he be put on the agenda for the September 11th Operating Committee meeting for consideration.

Audit Presentation Doug Rasmussen of Sumin, Rich, and Marsing presented the 2001 Audit to the Board. He mentioned that this audit, along with the three District audits presented tonight, are all “unqualified” with no management letter. Doug spoke to the fact that receiving this “unqualified” designation was a very rare occurrence, and speaks to the good work done by staff and Marsha Modine in particular. Discussion and questions from the Board followed. Motion by William McDougald to accept the 2001 audit as presented. Second by Dan Holyoak. Gary Wilson – aye, Dan Holyoak – aye, Neal Dalton – aye, William McDougald – aye, Barb Morra – aye, Dan Pyatt – aye, Karla VanderZanden – aye, Al McLeod – aye, Kyle Bailey – aye, Jerry McNeely – aye. MOTION CARRIED.

President Wilson asked that item 10 on the agenda – 2002 Irrigation Report – be moved forward to this point in the meeting. The Board agreed by consensus to do so.

2002 Irrigation Report Dale reported that water ceased to flow from Ken’s Lake on August 15, 2002. Water is still being pumped to the lower portion of the system, but the pumps are not capable of pumping above Chapman Lane. Dale referred the Board to a letter in their packet outlining a turn system for those who are still able to get water.

Stacy Dezelsky addressed the Board. She has a grape vineyard in the Sunny Acres area and is unable to get water from the pumps. Stacy described the watering needs of grapes to the Board. She expressed the concern that those needs were not taken into consideration when watering restrictions and schedules were set. She also expressed concern that the water available was mis-managed this year.

President Wilson spoke to the hope that there would be late season water available from the lake.

Karla Vanderzanden mentioned that she felt that the next time a Board position was open, a “voice of the grape grower’s” should be recommended for appointment.

Audit
Presentation

2002
Irrigation
Report

Dale explained to the Board that President Wilson had asked him to explore the feasibility of pumping Colorado River water rights to the area of Ken's Lake. Dale referred the Board to cost projections done by Sunrise Engineering in their packet.

Colorado
River
Water

These projections are very rough but do show that such a project may be feasible. In order to determine the actual feasibility, an in-depth study would have to be conducted. John Chartier of Sunrise Engineering presented a proposal to conduct such a study for the amount of \$16,000. Board discussion followed. Karla VanderZanden stated that she was, on principal, opposed to such a project. Barbara Morra said that as the upgraded drinking water system was designed to provide the valley water for the next 20 years, additional water development was not needed. Dan Pyatt said that while he understood and sympathized with the concept of leaving water in the river, he also understood that if this water is not used here, it will be used downstream by Nevada, Arizona, or California. He favors using local water rights locally. Al McLeod left the meeting at 9:19 p.m. After further discussion, a motion was made by William McDougald to authorize Sunrise Engineering to proceed with the study as outlined in the proposal. Second by Jerry McNeely. Gary Wilson – aye, Dan Holyoak – aye, Neal Dalton – aye, William McDougald – aye, Dan Pyatt – aye, Jerry McNeely – aye, Karla VanderZanden – nay, Barbara Morra – nay, Kyle Bailey – nay. MOTION CARRIED.

Water Project Report John Chartier, Sunrise Engineering, reported that the project was mostly at the same stage it had been at the Operating Committee Meeting of August 7th. Build Incorporated has been instructed to return to finish work on the tank. Once the Memorandum Decision on the water rights transfer is received, the system is ready to be put into use. President Wilson asked the Board if they felt it appropriate to contact the Office of the State Engineer and urge a rapid conclusion to the Memorandum Decision process. After discussion, no conclusion was reached.

Water
Project
Report

Amend Water Conservation Plan Dale presented the proposed language for the amendment to the Water Management and Conservation Plan. The amendment has been recommended by the Agency's Conservation Committee. Following discussion on the language of the amendment, a motion was made by Kyle Bailey to amend the Water Management and Conservation Plan with the language as presented. Second by Jerry McNeely. Gary Wilson – aye, Dan Holyoak – aye, Neal Dalton – aye, William McDougald – aye, Barb Morra – aye, Dan Pyatt – aye, Karla VanderZanden – aye, Kyle Bailey – aye, Jerry McNeely – aye. MOTION CARRIED.

Amend
Water
Conservation
Plan

Resolution to Declare Certain Documents Protected Under Gramma After brief discussion, a motion was made by Kyle Bailey to place the item on the table. Second by Barb Morra. Gary Wilson – aye, Dan Holyoak – aye, Neal Dalton – aye, William McDougald – aye, Barb Morra – aye, Dan Pyatt – aye, Karla VanderZanden – aye, Kyle Bailey – aye, Jerry McNeely – aye. MOTION CARRIED.

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Executive Session to Discuss Security Matters Not needed.

SITLA Lease 1300 Remained tabled

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1300

Financial Statement The financial statement was presented to the Board.

Check Approval Motion was made by Kyle Bailey to approve the checks in the amount of \$29,122.64. Second by Jerry McNeely. Gary Wilson – aye, Dan Holyoak – aye, Neal Dalton – aye, William McDougald – aye, Barb Morra – aye, Dan Pyatt – aye, Karla VanderZanden – aye, Kyle Bailey – aye, Jerry McNeely – aye. MOTION CARRIED.

Items From Board Karla VanderZanden asked if each of the forming entities and their Board makeup could be included on the Agency's letterhead.

called the Board's attention to the letter in their packet regarding cloud seeding. This will be an agenda item at the next meeting.

Adjournment A motion was made by Dan Pyatt to adjourn. Second by Karla VanderZanden. Gary Wilson – aye, Dan Holyoak – aye, Neal Dalton – aye, William McDougald – aye, Barb Morra – aye, Dan Pyatt – aye, Karla VanderZanden – aye, Kyle Bailey – aye, Jerry McNeely – aye. MOTION CARRIED.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

ATTEST:

Gary Wilson, President

Dale F. Pierson, Secretary/Treasurer