

GRAND COUNTY WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
GRAND COUNTY SPECIAL SERVICE WATER DISTRICT

Regular Meeting ----- January 25, 1990

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, D. L. Taylor at 7:00 A.M. at the District office. Other Board members present were Gary Wilson, John Groo, David Maki and James Walker. ATTENDANCE

Special Service District members present were George White, Dan Holyoak, D. L. Taylor and Gary Wilson.

Others present were Brian Ballard, Randy Day, Horace Beeman, Ferne Mullen, Dale Pierson, Marsha Modine and Roberta Highland.

James Walker moved the minutes be accepted as mailed out. George White seconded. MOTION CARRIED. MINUTES

Dale reported that due to objections from co-users, Bob Norman had called and withdrew his offer of the tank site. Dale explained that Spanish Valley Water had some water rights in that well, and asked if the District should keep pursuing the well without the tank site. The Board agreed by consensus to table the matter at this time. NORMAN TANK SITE WITHDRAW

Dale reported Beeman had pulled the shaft at the Lance well and is going to clean the perforations. Some of the column, bushings and other parts need to be replaced. The agreement with the City of Moab is that we do the maintenance on the well. The depth of the well was discussed, and Beeman stated he could drill a little deeper inside the casing now that the pump was pulled. He can then find out if the well had been plugged with concrete or if gravel had filled to the pump. The state of the casing and deepening the well was discussed. The pump on the Schumaker well was suggested as a replacement. The Schumaker well repairs were brought up, and Beeman's recommendation was to clean, re-perforate, put the original pump back, then test pump and see what it would do, then if necessary, replace that pump with a properly sized pump. The estimate of the cost is about \$3,000.00. Beeman was asked about the condition of the Lance well pump. Beeman stated the bowl assembly was in pretty good shape, but some pipe needed to be replaced. The Board agreed by consensus for Beeman to go ahead with the repairs on both wells as outlined. A smaller casing inside the Lance well casing was discussed, and Beeman stated he could put 12" casing in that well if necessary. TV monitoring of the well was discussed and Beeman stated it cost about \$500.00 per well in Arizona. D. L. suggested we not do anything about the pumps until the wells were tested and we know exactly what is involved. D. L. also suggested that the pump from Schumaker #1 be used to pump test the LANCE WELL REPAIRS

Lance well prior to both these pumps being reinstalled in their respective wells.

Dale reported he had talked with Horace about drilling a 6" well, 360' deep, at the reservoir, which would cost about \$35,000. the 6" would be a test hole. D. L. suggested we go ahead with the refurbishing of the two wells, and pursue a new well later.

RESERVOIR WELL

Beeman was asked about the lease of his well for the irrigation system. Gary asked Beeman for a proposal for the use, lease or sale of his well.

BEEMAN WELL
LEASE

The applications for a new director was discussed.

NEW DIRECTOR

Jim Walker asked about the two measuring devices, one at the gas station and one at Williams Way, and asked if the irrigation company should go ahead and put them in and bill the District. After a brief discussion, the Board agreed. Jim Walker then asked how the District measured the flow from Schmaker #3. Dale stated that since the well had shown consistent flows when pumped to the City, they had used those figures. He stated that probably more water went to the ditch than to the City because the well was being pumped open discharge. Walker asked for a meter at Schumaker #3. He stated the irrigation co. would also like a meter at the Lance well. D. L. stated that when the well is refurbished, the meter would be relocated. Walker asked for a review of Byrnes' figures on the creek flows. Dale stated he had gone over Byrnes' figures with him. Walker stated his Board was questioning the figures and wanted clarification of how the figures were derived. D. L. stated we need totalizing meters at all points.

MOAB IRR. CO.
MEASURING
DEVICES

Walker then asked for clarification of the flows at the tunnel, and why Byrnes did not average out the figures. Dale stated his understanding of the method (He does not know because Byrnes works under Mark Page, and follows Page's parameters). The readings were discussed, and Gary suggested this be discussed at the meeting with Mark Page at the Users meeting. George asked if we have any control over the Water Commissioner, and was told no, he worked directly under Mark Page. D. L. suggested Walker bring all these figures to the meeting. Walker asked if we could also get the USGS figures above the tunnel.

CREEK FLOWS

Dale stated that he had given the request for extension of water rights to Brent Rose, who thinks he can get a better result under municipal rules. Water extensions in general were discussed. Randy Day stated he had talked with

WATER RIGHTS
EXTENSION

Mark Page, who had told him the right Mr. Dunning had purchased from the District would be lapsed by February 28. Dunning has now been advised by his legal counsel that he should ask for a refund, as he has bought water which does not exist. Diligence was discussed, and Randy stated that Dunning has run a pump track into the river, and a pipeline under the highway. Randy explained that work had gone to proving the water rights that came with the property from Mayberry. He and his client would like a reimbursement of the money paid, and then re-negotiate the sale when the District gets the extension, and can then give him an assignment. This possibility was discussed, and Gary asked what if the right was re-negotiated, and then in five years if he still had not proved up, would he then come back for further re-negotiation. D. L. stated that after a refund given and if the extension is given, the portion might not be for sale. Dan asked Randy if Dunning would accept a deal that no refund be made, the District apply for the extension, and if the extension comes through, he would buy the portion of the right, with 5 years to move the point of diversion and prove up that right. Dale reiterated that if we had a perfected right, it would mean that that water is being utilized. If that proven right were sold, and a new point of diversion is set up, then that purchaser has a 5 year time to prove use at the new diversion point. Dan explained that all water in the state belongs to the state, and that there is no permanent right to water in the State of Utah. After a discussion, D. L. asked the Board's opinion. Dan suggested Randy ask Dunning, if we get the extension, does he want to continue with the contract, and if the extension goes through, to take the 5 years, and go ahead with the contract. D. L. asked Dale to draft a letter of proposal to Dunning outlining Dan's proposal. DUNNING SALE

Randy asked about the mechanics of applying for a vacant Board position and was told to submit a letter of application to the District. BOARD POSITION

David Maki stated his opinion that he thinks that Dunning wants to get out of the deal, because he thinks he can buy some cheaper water. He feels the Board should not give a full refund of the down payment. The Board discussed it and decided expenses incurred would not be included in any refund and asked Dale to so state in the letter of position sent to Randy. DUNNING SALE

The Drought projection in the memo was discussed. Gary asked if the lake level was considered, and Dale explained no extra water or pumping to the line was considered. He also stated we are 20 AF ahead of the DROUGHT PROJECTION

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projections using the 89 tunnel flows. George stated we could start pumping earlier if the lake looks bad and he feels that now is the time to look for a grant to drill a well at the reservoir. He suggested we get the estimate from Horace and start the mechanics of applying for a grant. Use of wells was discussed, and Dale states if we get more water from the lower wells we might not need to pump as much in the upper valley. Use of Beeman's wells was discussed, and the new line at Beeman's wells was discussed. George suggested we ask Beeman to deliver water to our line in any contract we make with him for a lease of his well. Maki suggested any well we drill be approved as a culinary well, instead of drilling for another irrigation well. GRANT APPLI-
CATION

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 A.M.

ADJOURNMENT

ATTEST:

D. L. Taylor, Chairman

Dale Pierson, Sec'y/Treasurer