

# Grand Water & Sewer Service Agency

Operating Committee Meeting  
August 7, 2002

The meeting was called to order by President Gary Wilson at 7:03 p.m. at the Agency Office, 3025 E Spanish Trail Rd, Moab, Utah. Other Operating Committee members present were Neal Dalton, Barbara Morra, and Dan Pyatt. Absent were Dan Holyoak, William McDougald, and Rex Tanner. Those in attendance established a quorum. Other GW&SSA Board members present were Jerry McNeely and Karl Tangren.

Others present were Dale Pierson, Marsha Modine, and Dave Cozzens.

President Wilson stated that the minutes of the meeting of July 17, 2002 had been mailed to the board and asked for any additions or corrections. Karl Tangren stated that he had not been present at the meeting of July 17<sup>th</sup> and asked that the minutes note that fact. Motion by Neal Dalton to approve the minutes as corrected. Second by Jerry McNeely. Gary Wilson – aye, Neal Dalton – aye, Barbara Morra – aye, Dan Pyatt – aye, Jerry McNeely – aye, Karl Tangren – aye. MOTION CARRIED.

**Water Project – Report** Dale reported that the repair of the 3 million gallon tank had been successful and that it was no longer leaking. Backfilling, coating of the top surface and painting the access ladder still remain to be completed at the tank. The distribution system portion of the project is essentially complete. Only the re-vegetation of the transmission line portion remains to be completed. The water rights memorandum decision has not yet been made.

Water Project  
Report

**SITLA LEASE 1300 – Tabled Item** Item remained tabled.

**Review of April 10<sup>th</sup> Workshop – Tabled Item** Karl Tangren moved to bring this item back from the table. Second by Barbara Morra. Gary Wilson – aye, Neal Dalton – aye, Barbara Morra – aye, Jerry McNeely – aye, Karl Tangren – aye, Dan Pyatt – Nay. MOTION CARRIED.

Dan Pyatt stated that discussion should be delayed since this item was requested by Rex Tanner and Karla VanderZanden, and they were not present. Motion by Dan Pyatt to place the item on the table. Second by Jerry McNeely. Gary Wilson – aye, Neal Dalton – aye, Barbara Morra – aye, Dan Pyatt – aye, Jerry McNeely – aye, Karl Tangren – aye. MOTION CARRIED.

**2002 Irrigation Season** Dale reported that if use on the irrigation system remains at 65% of normal, Ken's Lake will run out of water around the end of August. He suggested two options to the Committee: 1. Restrict use to 40% for the remainder of the season or 2. Remain at 65% use and get the majority of the crops harvested, with the knowledge that there might be no water available for September and October. Continuing to pump water to the system was discussed. Dale stated that the pumps would not provide sufficient pressure much above Chapman Lane. Gary mentioned that if the pumps were run with no water coming from the lake, some type of "turn system" would have to be devised as the wells will not provide full flows to the lower portion of the irrigation system. Additional discussion followed. Motion by Neal Dalton to remain at 65% and allow the lake to run dry in August. Pumps will be used to provide what water they can for the remainder of the season. Second by Jerry McNeely. Gary Wilson – aye, Neal Dalton – aye, Barbara Morra – aye, Dan Pyatt – aye, Jerry McNeely – aye, Karl Tangren – aye. MOTION CARRIED. President Wilson asked that a letter to the customers explaining the decision be sent out as soon as possible.

2002 Irrigation  
Season

**Water Rights Inventory** The inventory was presented to the Committee. Dale asked for any questions the Board might have. Karl asked about Moab Irrigation Company's right and the possibility that a portion of that right might be lost due to re-adjudication. Dale explained that legislation passed in the Utah 2002 session now stipulates that if a company's right is reduced due to non-use, those who are not using the water lose their water, not the entire company.

Water Rights  
Inventory

**Check Approval** Jerry McNeely motioned to approve the checks in the amount of \$59,054.11. Second by Neal. Gary Wilson – aye, Neal Dalton – aye, Jerry McNeely – aye, Dan Pyatt – aye, Karl Tangren – aye. Barbara Morra – nay. MOTION CARRIED.

**Items From Board Members** Barbara stated that she does not like the fact that SVW&SID checks are approved at Operating Committee meetings. She feels that these checks should be approved by a majority vote of the SVW&SID Board.

**Items from Staff** Dale referred the Board to the announcement of the Rural Water Association of Utah Northern Conference in September. He reminded the Board that the Agency would pay registration and expenses for any who would like to attend. Dale also stated that Lisa Church had done an excellent series of articles in the Times Independent on the drought and water use. The Board discussed having their annual BBQ sometime in August.

**Adjournment** President Wilson declared the meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm. Hearing no objections, the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

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Gary Wilson, President

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Dale F. Pierson, Secretary-Treasurer