

GRAND COUNTY WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT  
GRAND COUNTY SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT  
SPECIAL MEETING -----

April 23, 1980  
6:30 p.m.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Ken McDougald with the following Grand County Water Conservancy District members present: Ev Schumaker, D.L. Taylor, and Curt Young.

Special Service District members present: Ken McDougald, Dan Holyoak, Ev Schumaker and George White.

Also present: Larry Anderson, Division of Water Resources; Dave Bretzke, Executive Director and Beulah Croasmun, Assistant Secretary.

Board discussed the latest draft of the Irrigation Water Contract with Larry Anderson. Larry suggested that the District require the user's system to be approved by the District, requiring a 160 pound pipe or a pressure regulator. Board agreed to set a \$100 connection fee for the customer that signs an irrigation contract at this time. The connection fee will be increased after the system is constructed. It was determined that the minimum of water that can be purchased will be one acre foot.

At 7:30 p.m., the meeting was opened to discuss the water project with residents of Spanish Valley. Approximately 52 persons attended this meeting.

Larry Anderson stated that water should be available to customers by the spring of 1981.

Questions were asked and answered as follows:

How much water is available and how much has been requested?  
There is approximately 2,900 acre feet available and 5,135 acre feet have been requested by the residents.

Is the water from the reservoir strictly irrigation water?  
Yes.

Will water from the reservoir be replacing the water presently being used to irrigate the golf course?  
Eventually, but there is not enough money to extend the line that far at this time.

Are you giving Moab City priority above the people in Spanish Valley?

Probably not, as the two different water supplies will come from two different wells in two different locations.

Does this jeopardize our water rights that we are proving up on now?

Probably, yes. Water rights are generally limited to acreage; if you do not use your well for five years, you would loose that right. If you use your well every so often, you would probably be protecting your water right.

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IRRIGATION  
WATER SALES  
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Is the property on the west side of the highway excluded from this system?

Are Grand County's needs going to be satisfied before water is supplied to San Juan County?

Yes. If there is any water available after Grand County's needs are met, the District would consider annexing the San Juan County properties into the Districts and sell water to them.

Shouldn't the line be run to the top of the deeded land in the valley?

Larry Anderson said that pressure does limit this.

Would the District bring the line to the property line?

The District will put the main line in and a tap on it; it would be the land owners responsibility from there.

If there is a shortage, will everyone be cut back on an equal percentage basis?

Irrigation users, yes. Those involving municipal water would have a higher priority.

Will meters be used?

Larry said he does not recommend using meters.

If a person asks for a large allocation, will they have to pay the same rate as the smaller user?

There will probably be a sliding scale used, according to the number of acres of land that is being irrigated and according to the kind of crop. The user will have to pay for the amount of water that he applies for whether it is used or not.

What is the mill levy?

Two mills.

McDougald read the proposed contract and stated that it is an annual contract which will be reviewed each year and the rates may change yearly. The following rate schedule will probably be in effect for the first year:

Minimum of 1 acre foot	\$ 60.00 per acre foot
Under five acres of land	50.00 per acre foot
5 - 9 acres of land	40.00 per acre foot
10 - 19 acres of land	30.00 per acre foot
20 acres or more of land	20.00 per acre foot

The cost to irrigate one acre of land would be \$250.00 per year.

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The connection fee will be \$100.00 for all sizes of connections at this time. It will differ after the system is complete.

CONNECTION  
FEE

The average pressure will be from a minimum of 40 psi to a maximum of 100 psi.

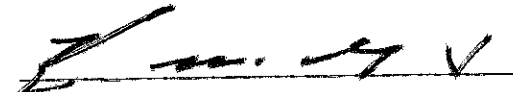
Would the amount of water contracted for this year have a bearing on the amount that could be purchased the following year?  
Yes, it will be sold on a priority basis that will carry from year to year. It can only be sublet as approved by the District.

Board encouraged property owners to come into the office and sign up for the water as soon as possible to assist the engineers in designing the system. Legal descriptions will be needed for the contract.

If land is sold, the person buying the land has priority for buying irrigation water over the person on the waiting list. The buyer would assume the priority of the present land owner.

The contract is an open end contract and can only be cancelled by nonpayment or abuse of the water right. The yearly review of the contract is scheduled to review the maintenance and operation costs.

With no further business, meeting adjourned.

  
K.E. McDougald, Chairman

ATTEST:

  
David J. Bretzke, Secretary