

# GRAND WATER & SEWER SERVICE AGENCY

Regular Meeting -----July 14, 1999

The meeting was called to order by President, Gary Wilson at 7:01 p.m. at the Agency office. Other Agency Board members present were Paul Morris, George White, Ned Dalton, Neal Dalton, Dan Holyoak, Bill McDougald, James Walker, and Karla VanderZanden.

Others present were Dale Pierson, Rhonda Riberia, Marsha Modine, Ted Barnes - District Council with Clyde, Snow, Sessions, and Swenson, and Bill Howell of AOG.

After calling for additions or corrections to the minutes of the meetings of June 9 and June 23, 1999 and hearing none, President Wilson declared the minutes approved as circulated to the Board. Motion: Paul. Seconded: George. Motion carried

**Citizens To Be Heard** None present.

**Development North of Moab** This agenda item was moved forward to accommodate Bill Howell (rather than ask him to return after the Executive Session had been completed). Bill Howell said he was here just to ask how the plans were coming for the North end of Moab and if the AOG could help. He explained that the AOG looked for projects that encouraged job and economic development. As Bill understood the area involved, there was good possibility of additional commercial development there, which was exactly the type of project the AOG stood behind. He also noted that he had already had some conversations with Donna Metzler and Nate Knight, but that nothing had gelled. He added that EDA (Economic Development Agency) might be interested as the water and sewer lines were not necessarily to just residential, but to commercial or industrial areas. A match would be required, possibly between 25% - 40% depending on the total cost of the project. Dan asked if the lines went out to Arches National Park if that would be considered as economic development. Bill answered yes, because of the properties in between. Gary asked if AOG could match State funds, or Safe Drinking Water funds. Bill answered that yes, State, PCIB, and CDBG could be matched, but Federal funds could not. Gary said the Agency was committed, as directed by the County Council to do the project, and the property owners wanted water and sewer as soon as possible. He continued to say the project might be between 1.5 and 2.0 million dollars, but that an Engineering cost estimate had not been done yet. Paul asked if EDA could match funds as a grant for a Special Assessment District. Bill said yes. Gary explained that the Agency was looking into locating the source now, and Dale added that tonight the Board would be looking at deciding which Engineering firm to hire to do the cost estimate. Dale continued to say that the previous meeting held with City Staff, County Council members, Planning Commission members, and Agency members ended with both the City and Agency agreeing to look at costs and options. As the first step was to decide on an Engineering firm, Dale noted that two choices were: Balaz and Associates who had already done the groundwork for Arches Special Service District, and Sunrise Engineering who had a contract and a proven track record with the Agency. Another option would be a formal request for proposal to several firms. The downside to a formal request was it would take time to get the request out, get responses back, and time for the staff to prepare the information for the Board to review, a total of at least 2-4 months time. A question was if the Agency might anticipate a price break from Balaz and Associates as the groundwork was already completed. Paul said Balaz was in litigation for the monies due now, and that the scope had changed. Paul noted that since the Agency had previously worked with Sunrise rather than spend 2-4 months with the formal requests, or hire Balaz when some difficulties existed with the North area, his recommendation was to hire Sunrise. Dale noted another downside with Balaz was the funding. Balaz did not have the funding

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expertise that Sunrise did. Bill McDougald said he had heard complaints about Sunrise with the Sewer Project, regarding the delays. Paul explained that wasn't Sunrise, but with the Contractor. After further discussion James made a motion to enter into negotiations with Sunrise Engineering. Seconded: Karla. Ned voted nay. Motion carried.

**SVW & SID Board called to order 7:33 p.m.**

Chairman Morris of the SVW & SID Board called the meeting of that group to order. Meeting to run concurrently with the Agency meeting.

**Executive Session** A motion was made by Neal to enter the Executive Session. Seconded: Karla. Motion carried - Executive Session entered at 7:35 p.m.

**Executive  
Session**

A motion was made by Dan to close the Executive Session. Seconded: Karla. Motion carried - Executive Session ended at 8:24 p.m.

**Irrigation Season** Dale reported that since his July 7<sup>th</sup> memo to the Board things had not changed much. The lake had stopped rising, pumps were off, and it appears that if customers continue to use water at 80% of normal usage, it is anticipated that there will be sufficient water. What was left was to determine what to do about the leakage, when to turn the lower valley pumps back off, and bring the lake level down.

**Irrigation  
Season**

**Check Approval** Motion to approve checks for both June 23 and July 14, 1999 made by Jim. Seconded: Paul. Discussion followed regarding monies paid for the culinary and irrigation water line breaks. Karla asked if the pit toilet cleaning at Ken's Lake was better. Dale said he had asked the Camp Host to monitor the bathrooms regularly. Dale added that he also had been monitoring the trash cleanup. Gary asked what the cost of trash cleanup was per year. Marsha said around \$1150.00. Gary said for the sake of good business it would be a good idea for Dale to speak to the Camp Hosts and see if they would be interested in doing it for a lesser amount. Motion carried.

**Water Line Detection & Marking** Gary explained that there had been two dig-in's on the lake system lines due to the fact that the Staff can't Blue Stake them as they cannot find them! Dale presented several options to the board in the July 7<sup>th</sup> memo (filed with these minutes). Discussion followed with Gary summing up the options as purchasing or renting a potholer, hiring someone to pothole for the Agency, or buying a radar detector. Paul asked Dale what percentage of Blue Stakes include pipes of a type that can't be detected. Dale responded 99.9%.

**Water Line  
Detection &  
Marking**

**Items from Board**

**MIC Meter** James said that MIC requested a meeting with the Agency to talk about the meter installed at the Berry property. James said it was supposed to be a 12" meter, but that a 15" meter had been installed. This meant that the 15" meter needed for another property was no longer available. Discussion followed as to how to remedy the situation, resulting with having seen how much additional labor was needed for the Berry meter, the easiest route would be to manufacture in place a meter installation to fit the 15" line at the Walker's property. Ned made a motion to fabricate on site when the time comes. Seconded: Karla. James voted nay. Motion carried. MIC will be placed on the agenda for the July 28, 1999 meeting.

**MIC Meter**

**Moffet Well** Dan relayed a request from Lavar Moffet to let the board know her well is for sale. Dan said the well would need to be proved up. Discussion followed with

**Moffet Well**

concerns about the condition of the pump, and whether or not any water lines were installed to the well. Dan was asked by the Board to speak further with her.

**Items from Staff**

**Joan Harrison** Dale reported that he was assuming that Joan's connection would be installed by Condie and therefore covered under the project funds. Joan was told that she would not be billed until the connection was put in where her signed house sheet directed. As soon as it was installed, the monthly sewer fees would be billed at a 2-on-1 rate. Joan received her certified letter on July 1<sup>st</sup>, but as yet had not contacted the Agency. Gary asked Dale to call and touch base with her.

Joan  
Harrison

**PCIFB Legislative Bill** Dale referred to the copy of the bill (filed with these minutes) the purpose of which was to permit agencies such as GW & SSA to apply for PCIFB funds. Currently Agencies such as GW & SSA cannot apply for or absorb these funds.

PCIFB  
Legislative  
Bill

**Schedule for GCWCD Board Reduction** Dale reported the schedule included in the packet outlined the steps required to comply with the resolution to reduce board membership size by GCWCD.

Schedule for  
GCWCD Board  
Reduction

**1999 RWAU Annual Summer Conference** Dale noted the flyers for the August 18-20, 1999 Conference, adding if anyone is interested in attending, to please call him.

'99 RWAU  
Summer  
Conference

Meeting adjourned: 9:20 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Gary N. Wilson, President

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Dale F. Pierson, Secretary/Treasurer