

# Grand Water & Sewer Service Agency

Preliminary Budget Hearing & Full Agency Meeting  
November 7, 2001

The meeting was called to order by President Gary Wilson at 7:15 p.m. at the Agency Office, 3025 E Spanish Trail Rd, Moab, Utah. Other Agency Board members present were Paul Morris, Rex Tanner, Neal Dalton, Dan Holyoak, Karl Tangren, Karla VanderZanden, and Dan Pyatt. Absent Agency Board members: Bill McDougald, James Walker, Kyle Bailey, Jerry McNeely, and Al McLeod. Those in attendance established a quorum.

Others present were Dale Pierson; Rhonda Riberia; Marsha Modine; Phil Glaze; and Barb Morra.

After calling for additions or corrections to the minutes of the Special Operating Committee Meeting of October 19, 2001 and the Regular Operating Committee meeting of October 24, 2001 and hearing none, President Wilson asked that the minutes be approved as circulated to the Board. Motion: Neal. Seconded: Paul. Gary – aye, Paul – aye, Rex – aye, Neal – aye, Dan Holyoak– aye, Karl – aye, Karla – aye, Dan Pyatt – aye. Motion carried.

**Citizens To Be Heard** A letter from Bill Love was presented to the Board in the packets.

**Preliminary 2002 Budget Hearing** President Wilson opened the Preliminary 2002 Budget Hearing at 7:16 p.m.. Gary asked regarding employee salaries. Dale explained that using the adjusted step grade figures approved by Grand County, Staff was matched to the closest step for their job description. Dale added that the raises were 13.54% for Marsha, 15.72% for Rhonda, 12.03% for Dean, and 6% for himself. In response to a question from Rex, Dale explained this would be the first time Staff salaries were in line with County salaries. A question was asked regarding the large increase in M & O for water, Marsha explained the 1 million gallon tank was slated for refurbishing in 2002. Rex requested that an explanatory sheet be prepared for inclusion with the budgets that would detail items such as this. By consensus the Board agreed. Karla asked regarding the water and sewer fee penalties. Dale explained the policy set in place by the Board was helping not only with cutting down on the amount of delinquencies, but simplified matters for Staff who are able to refer to the policy. Discussion followed. Gary noted an increase was pending for electric, and recommended increasing that line item. After further discussion President Wilson asked if there were any questions from the public on the Preliminary 2002 Budget, and hearing none declared the Hearing closed at 7:35 p.m. Motion by Paul to approve the Preliminary 2002 Budget, second by Dan Holyoak. Gary – aye, Paul – aye, Rex – aye, Neal – aye, Dan Holyoak– aye, Karl – aye, Karla – aye, Dan Pyatt – aye. Motion carried.

**Water Project Report** Dale reported on the progress of the current Phase of the project noting Five Point began work Monday, November 5<sup>th</sup>. Discussion followed.

**North Corridor – Arches Nat'l Park Appropriation** Dale reported he had met with the Park Service who noted they would support additional funding for the Agency to complete the project. Dale noted further discussions were set for the following week which he would report on at the next meeting.

**Provide Certified Operator to Wilson Arch Water System** Dale introduced Phil Glaze, representing the Wilson Arch Water System. Phil explained that as per State Regulations, now that Wilson Arch has 25 residents, a Certified Operator is required to monitor the system. Phil added that as yet, Wilson Arch did not have a Certified Operator of their own, and on the recommendation of both Ken Bousfield and Dave Ariotti, Phil requested the Agency open contract negotiations to provide the needed service. Dale noted the State regulation was put in place two years ago, and that several other small systems were satisfying the regulation by contracting with larger systems. After further discussion, Paul motioned to direct Dale to enter into negotiations with Phil and Wilson Arch which would then be brought to the Board; further that letters from both Ken Bousfield and Dave Ariotti be provided; and that Dale prepare an overview of the pros and cons of entering into such a contract. Seconded: Dan Holyoak. Gary – aye, Paul – aye, Rex – aye, Neal – aye, Dan Holyoak– aye, Karl – aye, Karla – aye, Dan Pyatt – aye. Motion carried.

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Report

NCD – Arches  
Appropriation

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**Check Approval** Dan Holyoak motioned to approve the checks in the amount of \$143,370.81. Seconded: Paul. Gary – aye, Paul – aye, Rex – aye, Neal – aye, Dan Holyoak– aye, Karl – aye, Karla – aye, Dan Pyatt – aye. Motion carried.

**Items from Board**

**Notice of Vacancy** Rex asked when the GCWCD Board Vacancies would advertised. Rhonda relayed Notices had been sent to both the Times Independent and San Juan Record for publication November 15 & 22 and November 14 & 21 respectively. Dale explained letters would be sent to the Agency for their recommendation to both the Grand County Council and San Juan County Commissioners. Upon recommendation of GCC & SJCC, the Governor would make his selection, which is in turn presented to the Senate for confirmation.

Dale added that the SVWSID vacancies would be advertised by the Grand County Council.

**Replacement Sewer Meters** Rex asked regarding purchase of replacement meters. Dale reported on the progress.

**Office Remodel** Dan Pyatt asked regarding re-bidding of the Office Remodel. Marsha relayed it would be advertised in the Times Independent for the next two weeks, with bids due on the 4<sup>th</sup> of December and Bid Award at the Budget Hearing & Full Agency Meeting of December 5, 2001.

**Agency Office Area Landscaping** Rex asked regarding progress on landscaping the Agency Office grounds. Dale reported it was a work in progress.

**Items from Staff**

**Sewer Project** Dale referred to a letter from Ted Barnes to Ralph Olsen Excavation's attorney David Zimmerman. Discussion followed.

**2002 Agency Meeting Schedule** Dale referred to the draft schedule asking the Board to review and call with any changes. Final schedule to be presented at the 11-28-01 meeting.

**Request for purchase of SITLA property** Dale referred to a letter sent at John Andrew's request to Ric McBriar regarding purchase of SITLA property occupied by the three million gallon tank, chlorination buildings, and culinary source well.

**Thank you** Dale referred to a letter of thanks for the donation to the Division of Water Resources Educational Program.

**Purchase of MIC Stock** Dale explained that the offer to sell MIC stock to the Board had been withdrawn. Dale explained to Helen Sue Whitney that if the stock were sold, the water would be offered to MIC stockholders, she would not retain usage.

President Wilson declared the meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

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Gary N. Wilson, President

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Dale F. Pierson, Secretary/Treasurer

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