

**GRAND WATER & SEWER SERVICE AGENCY**  
**Operating Committee Meeting**  
August 1, 2013

The meeting was called to order by President Dan Pyatt at 7:00 p.m. at the Agency office, 3025 East Spanish Trail Road, Moab, Utah. Other Agency Board Members present were: Gary Wilson, Jerry McNeely, Preston Paxman, Rex Tanner, Tom Stengel, Leon Behunin, Mike Holyoak, and Dale Weiss. Those present established a quorum. Absent were: Brian Backus, Pat Holyoak and Kyle Bailey.

Others present were: Manuel Torres, Steve Swift, Jeff Richards, Mark Sovine, and Dana Van Horn.

**Minutes of board meeting 6/27/13** Motion to approve the minutes of 6/27/13 as presented by Mike Holyoak. Second by Dale Weiss. MOTION CARRIED 9-0.

**Citizens to be heard** Steve Swift and Manuel Torres spoke to the board regarding the Old Spanish Trail Arena ball field project. They must plant grass in the next few weeks. The irrigation system will not be on long enough and their well cannot keep up. They would like to put in a culinary connection for irrigation purposes and requested the board waive the impact fees of approximately \$30,000. The board discussed the issues facing the Arena and asked that they meet with Mark and plan to be on the agenda for the 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Check approval** Motion to approve checks in the amount of \$123,358.74 by Tom Stengel. Second by Rex Tanner. MOTION CARRIED 9-0.

**Financial Statement** The June 2013 financial statement was presented. Mark said the \$70,000 transferred to the Conservancy District this month was accidentally not included in the 2013 budget. The budget will be amended later in the year.

**Discuss, consider, approve agreement with Royce's Electronics for a communications device to be placed on the 3mg tank** The board discussed the proposed agreement. They recommended Royce's Electronics carry at least \$2 million in liability insurance for the site and a lease rate of \$400.00 per month. Mark will discuss the recommendations with Royce next week and the final agreement should be available for the August 15<sup>th</sup> meeting as necessary. Motion to table by Rex Tanner. Second by Tom Stengel. MOTION CARRIED 9-0.

**Discussion of Division of Drinking Water's proposed annual fee and possible recommendation for comments to be submitted during comment period** The Division of Drinking Water (DDW) is proposing an annual fee to all water suppliers in the state. Dana attended a meeting in Monticello with Ken Bousfield, DDW Director earlier in the week. The proposed fee is required to make up for over \$400,000 in federal sequester monies and provide approximately \$400,000 in additional staff and system upgrades/efficiencies. The fee amount has not been set at this time. The comment period will not open until the final fee schedule is released to the suppliers. This item will be placed on the agenda at that time.

**Resolution 2013-08-01: A resolution approving the 2012 Municipal Wastewater Planning Program Self-Assessment Report** Mark presented the report to the board. Motion to approve Resolution 2013-08-01 by Tom Stengel. Second by Rex Tanner. MOTION CARRIED 9-0.

**Lake/snow report** The lake has 361 AF in storage. YTD precipitation is 83% of average and soil saturation is at 25% after a week of thunderstorms. Dale said she was asked by a Ken's Lake user if there was a way to prohibit users from quickly using all of their water, causing the system to shut down sooner to protect those users who are deliberately trying to save water so the system can stay open longer. Mark said that is it not

feasible for Agency staff to police users. Users are shut off immediately when their allotment is reached. The board directed staff to encourage users to conserve in order to extend the season in the August letter.

**Committee report** The committee met on Wednesday and discussed: items from the agenda, an above ground fuel tank to serve as additional fuel storage for the Chapman well generator, and the sewer increase from Moab City. The increase amount will be absorbed by GWSSA for the remainder of 2013. Sewer rates will be addressed in 2014.

**Items from staff** Annual board member training will be held at the GWSSA office at 6 p.m. on August 7, 2013.

**Items from board members** None.

**Closed session if necessary** None.

President Pyatt declared the meeting adjourned. Hearing no objections; the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Dan Pyatt, President

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Mark Sovine, Secretary/Treasurer