

GRAND WATER & SEWER SERVICE AGENCY

Operating Committee Meeting April 3, 2003

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Dan Holyoak at 7:00 p.m. at the Agency office, 3025 East Spanish Trail Road, Moab, Utah. Other Operating Committee members present were Neal Dalton, Barbara Morra, Dan Pyatt, William McDougald and Rex Tanner. Absent was President Gary Wilson. Other Board members present were James Walker and Kyle Bailey. Those present established a quorum.

Others present were Dave Cozzens, Bill Love, Lisa Church, Judy Carmichael, Rose Randall, Jim Lewis, Jim Carlson, John Weisheit, Chris Becker, Rene Harmon, Barb Wheeler, Mark Sundeen, Dale Pierson, Stacey Boender, and Marsha Modine.

Minutes

Motion by Neal Dalton to approve the minutes of the meeting of March 20, 2003. Second by Dan Pyatt. Dan Holyoak-Aye, Neal Dalton-Aye, Dan Pyatt-Aye, Rex Tanner-Aye, William McDougald, Barbara Morra-aye, James Walker-Aye, Kyle Bailey-Aye. MOTION CARRIED.

Citizens to be Heard Rose Randall, who lives in Huntcreek Subdivision, requested information on who to call regarding a private irrigation ditch near her home that has been running all day and night for over a month. The board gave her the business card of the State Engineer in Price.

Citizens to be heard

John Weisheit of Living Rivers informed the board that he has yet to receive a response to the group's letter that was submitted at the March 6 board meeting. He also said they have no intentions of disseminating wrong information to the media. James Walker gave a brief history of the conception of Ken's Lake.

Barb Wheeler of Kirby Lane asked the Board about who is buying the George White property, what will the water be used for and what happens to the land after it is purchased. Dan Holyoak explained that hopefully the land will belong to Grand Water and Sewer Service Agency. The water will primarily be used for culinary purposes. Dale Pierson explained that the George White property purchase committee has loosely discussed several options for the land including conservation easements and Planned Unit Developments. The Board's overall goal is to guarantee the future use of the water for the people without an increase in water bills.

Chris Becker stated that as more people "invade" the valley, more people will be concerned about what is going on, and more people will attend board meetings.

Dave Cozzens informed the Board that his family's approved 12 acre subdivision faced bankruptcy when the Board discussed a moratorium on new water connections. He wants to see the Board move forward as soon as possible with the George White property purchase. Mr. Cozzens also stated that he thinks it is a disgrace that Board Member, Barbara Morra, consistently votes against motions to pay the Agency's bills. Barbara Morra explained that she votes nay because she feels, as treasurer of Spanish Valley Water & Sewer Improvement District, that her district needs to meet and approve the bills independently of the Operating Committee meetings.

Bill Love addressed the Board with regards to his concern about the "co-mingling" of funds between different districts within the Agency. The Board proceeded to discuss the complexities of the districts' relationship with the Agency.

2003 Irrigation Season Dale Pierson reported that the irrigation system was turned on March 31st. Dale reviewed Ken's Lake storage data, projected stream flows and customer usage with the Board. The snowpack as of April 1 was 95% of normal. Dale thinks that the Agency should be able to make it through the irrigation season without supplemental pumping. Jim Walker motioned to allow irrigation customers to use 100% of their water allotment for the start of the 2003 irrigation season. Second by Barbara Morra. Dan Holyoak-Aye, Neal Dalton-Aye, Dan Pyatt-Aye, Rex Tanner-Aye, William McDougald-Aye, Barbara Morra-Aye, James Walker-Aye, Kyle Bailey-Aye. MOTION CARRIED.

Report on Wa
Project

Report on Water Project Dale reported that USDA Rural Development and the Utah Department of Environmental Quality did a final inspection of the project on April 2. Once results from the final sample tests are received the Agency will apply for an operating permit. The new system should be on between the 2nd and 4th week of April.

Agency
Newsletter

Agency Newsletter Dale presented the idea of publishing, at minimum, a quarterly newsletter to the Board. He thought the first issue could start in May and contain the Consumer Confidence Report. Annual cost for the newsletter would be between \$2,000 -\$3,000. Kyle Bailey motioned to do a quarterly newsletter. Second by Rex Tanner. Dan Holyoak-Aye, Neal Dalton-Aye, Dan Pyatt-Aye, Rex Tanner-Aye, William McDougald, Barbara Morra-aye, James Walker-Aye, Kyle Bailey-Aye. MOTION CARRIED.

Rex Tanner suggested the Board discuss the development of a joint web site with the County at the April 17 Board meeting.

Check Approval Motion by Kyle Bailey to approve the checks in the amount of \$35,660.54. Second by Neal Dalton. Dan Holyoak-Aye, Neal Dalton-Aye, Dan Pyatt-Aye, Rex Tanner-Aye, William McDougald-Aye, James Walker-Aye, Kyle Bailey-Aye, Barbara Morra-Nay. MOTION CARRIED.

Items From Board Barbara Morra requested an independent financial analysis for Spanish Valley Water & Sewer Improvement District. Dale explained that the staff and the Board of Grand Water and Sewer Service Agency are bound by the inter-local agreement. If the majority of the Spanish Valley Water & Sewer Improvement District feels an independent financial analysis is necessary, the Agency could do a revenue transfer to pay for a second opinion from a bonding attorney. No motion was made for a Spanish Valley Water & Sewer Improvement District special meeting.

Items From Staff None.

Vice-President Holyoak declared the meeting adjourned. Hearing no objections the meeting adjourned at 8:42 pm.

ATTEST:

Dale F. Pierson, Secretary/Treasurer

Gary N. Wilson, President