

GRAND WATER & SEWER SERVICE AGENCY
Regular Meeting
February 19, 2009

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, Tom Stengel, Mike Holyoak, John Hartley, Brian Backus, Jerry McNeely, Rex Tanner, and Chris Baird. Those present established a quorum. Absent were Preston Paxman, Lance Christie and Kyle Bailey.

Others present were: Mark Sovine, Marsha Modine, Dana Van Horn, Russ von Koch, and Steve Thurlo.

Minutes – Board Meeting 02/05/09 Motion to approve the minutes for the meeting of 02/05/09 with the following correction by Tom Stengel. Second by Mike Holyoak. “**Items from staff** ... At this time, **Jim Adamson** has decided to close the spring...” Dan Pyatt-Aye, Gary Wilson-Aye, Rex Tanner-Aye, Brian Backus-Aye, Jerry McNeely-Aye, Chris Baird-Aye, Mike Holyoak-Aye, John Hartley-Aye, Tom Stengel-Aye. MOTION CARRIED.

Citizens to be heard none

Check approval Motion to approve checks in the amount of \$241,897.43 by Gary Wilson. Second by John Hartley. Dan Pyatt-Aye, Gary Wilson-Aye, Rex Tanner-Aye, Brian Backus-Aye, Jerry McNeely-Aye, Chris Baird-Aye, Mike Holyoak-Aye, John Hartley-Aye, Tom Stengel-Aye. MOTION CARRIED.

Presentation on Ken’s Lake grounds improvements – Russ von Koch, Bureau of Land Management Russ presented photos of the recent improvements to the roads and parking areas around Ken’s Lake. There is now parking for approximately 15 vehicles and boat trailers on the south side of the lake by the ramp. He was recently made aware of the Agency’s need to eliminate vehicle traffic on the liner of the lake bed. He suggested the Agency provide signage and perhaps other means of public education. The board agreed to discuss this project on a future agenda.

Discuss proposal by Steve Thurlo for fish habitat project at Ken’s Lake Steve Thurlo presented a plan to place artificial “trees” made of polypropylene on the east side of the lake for fish habitat. He said that he has discussed this plan with the Division of Wildlife Resources and they are amenable to the idea. The board requested that he obtain a written consent by the DWR for this project so the board may consider it on a future agenda.

Discuss, consider, approve changes to water right purchase agreement President Pyatt stated this item should remain tabled as the attorneys are not finished with the changes to the agreement at this time.

Discuss proposed culinary rate change The board discussed the proposed increase in culinary water rates at length. The board agreed to a \$1.50 base rate increase across all customer types and a residential tiered increase from \$0.50/\$.75/\$1.50 to \$0.60/\$0.90/\$1.80. The commercial increase will be from \$1.00/\$1.75 to \$1.20/\$2.10. The public notice will be updated in the Times Independent to reflect the proposed rates in order to better inform the customers. The public hearing is scheduled for March 5th and the vote will take place on March 19, 2009.

Discuss, consider, approve Beeman Rd. Secondary Water Pilot Project Dan explained the pilot project proposed for the residents of Beeman Rd. to the board. The voluntary pilot project makes use of an abandoned water line in Beeman Rd. The purpose of the project is to determine various effects of current residential users connecting to the irrigation system. Residents who attended the February 18th workshop were all interested in being part of the project. Motion to approve the Beeman Rd. Secondary Water Pilot Project as presented by Tom Stengel. Second by Mike Holyoak. Dan Pyatt-Aye, Gary Wilson-Aye, Rex Tanner-Aye, Brian Backus-Aye, Jerry McNeely-Aye, Chris Baird-Aye, Mike Holyoak-Aye, John Hartley-Aye, Tom Stengel-Aye. MOTION CARRIED.

Lake / snow report The lake is at 5021 ft. elevation with 916 AF in storage. There are 9.1 inches of snow on the mountain. The snow-water equivalent is at 94%.

Committee Report(s) President Pyatt advised that the water and sewer committee discussed the proposed changes to the culinary water rate and also discussed some potential uses of hydroelectric power including grants and locations on the system.

Items from staff Mark has been in contact with both Senator Bennett and Representative Matheson’s offices regarding funding for the WRDA Study. Mark asked for all board members who are interested in attending the 2009 Water Users

Conference in St. George on March 9-11 to notify staff so travel arrangements may be made. Mark told the board that the new GPS unit arrived and the staff attended a training last Thursday presented by Monson Engineering.

Items from Board Members Chris Baird said Senator Bennett and his staff are aware of the need for the WRDA/USGS study. The low-level "pass-through" funding authorization is allocated by the Army Corps of Engineers and the Appropriations Committee of which Senator Bennett is the ranking member may have influence over the Corps and their funding priorities. It is unlikely the study will be funded in 2009. Gary Wilson suggested that staff contact the Senator's office every few months as a reminder to them.

Closed session as needed Motion to enter closed session to discuss real property purchase at 8:43 p.m. by Mike Holyoak. Second by Tom Stengel. Dan Pyatt-Aye, Gary Wilson-Aye, Rex Tanner-Aye, Brian Backus-Aye, Jerry McNeely-Aye, Chris Baird-Aye, Mike Holyoak-Aye, John Hartley-Aye, Tom Stengel-Aye. MOTION CARRIED. Motion to exit closed session at 8:48 p.m. by Gary Wilson. Second by John Hartley. Dan Pyatt-Aye, Gary Wilson-Aye, Rex Tanner-Aye, Brian Backus-Aye, Jerry McNeely-Aye, Chris Baird-Aye, Mike Holyoak-Aye, John Hartley-Aye, Tom Stengel-Aye. MOTION CARRIED.

President Pyatt declared the meeting adjourned. Hearing no objections; the meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

ATTEST:

Dan Pyatt, Chairman

Gary Wilson, Vice Chairman