

**GWSSA OPERATING COMMITTEE MEETING
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3025 E. SPANISH TRAIL ROAD, MOAB, UTAH
January 21, 2021 - 7:00 p.m.**

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Gary Wilson at 7:02 p.m. at the Agency Office, 3025 E. Spanish Trail Rd., Moab, Utah. Trustees present were Mike Holyoak, Rex Tanner and Rick Thompson. Via Zoom were Dale Weiss, Mike Duncan, Trisha Hedin, and Ken Helfenbein. Those absent were Dan Pyatt, Preston Paxman, Brian Backus, and Jerry McNeely.

Others present in office were: Dana Van Horn and Kristi Taylor and via Zoom, Devan Shields.

Minutes of meeting 12-10-2020 Motion to approve the minutes of 12-10-2020 as presented by Rex Tanner. Second by Mike Holyoak. MOTION CARRIED 8-0.

Citizens to be heard None.

Check approval Motion to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$842,898.53 by Rex Tanner. Second by Rick Thompson. MOTION CARRIED 8-0.

Financial statement the December 2020 financial statement was presented.

Approval of letter to Rep. Watkins opposing HB 144 Dana has written a letter opposing House Bill 144 regarding the use of water rights in the state of Utah. Rick Thompson made a motion to approve a letter opposing House Bill 144 as written. Second by Rex Tanner. MOTION CARRIED 8-0.

Discussion of irrigation well lease and implementation for 2021 season the agency will be able to purchase water rights from Frank Darcey pending state approval. We have received a bid from Mike Zimmerman to camera the well. John Files from Park City will help monitor well locations and coordinate with the driller. We will use Sunrise for bidding and construction standards. The well is located such that it will be able to provide water to many of the irrigators in times of drought.

Discussion and approval of MIC ballot items The ballot questions were to retain George Dalton as a board member for Moab Irrigation Company and a revision to the procedure of altering a ditch. Mike Holyoak made a motion to vote yes on both MIC ballot items. Second by Rick Thompson. MOTION CARRIED 8-0.

Discussion of irrigation pumping surcharge methodology we have received complaints regarding pumping and overages. Letters were mailed to each irrigation customer explaining the new billing cycle as well as statements if applicable. Payments will be due for the 2021 irrigation season in November for usage and pumping or overage charges. Gary encouraged the board members to consider alternate ways of calculating the surcharge.

Project updates phase I is almost finished. The final change order needs Rural Development approval. That should be within the next 2 weeks. Phase II is just about done, just a few things left on the punch list to complete.

Lake/Snow report the lake is at 531 AF, SWE is 6.5% of average and Precipitation is 54% of average. Soil moisture is at 7%.

Committee report the committee discussed the water well proposal.

Items from staff Dana attended the wastewater treatment committee meeting today with Dale. Things are going well at the plant. Recent tests show improvements in pharmaceutical levels and estrogen. Dana also attended MAWP meeting on Wednesday. The City is relocating one of their wells near the golf course. Going

to possibly use the existing well as a monitoring well. More call for Monitoring near the wetlands by Division of Water Rights. Aggie Boulevard waterline is coming along. Should be done in February. They have already replaced the line on Francis.

Items from board members none.

Closed session –if necessary none.

Vice President Wilson declared the meeting adjourned. Hearing no objections; the meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

ATTEST:

Dan Pyatt, Chairman

Dana Van Horn, Secretary/Treasurer