

# Grand Water & Sewer Service Agency

Full Agency Meeting  
February 7, 2001

The meeting was called to order by President Gary Wilson at 7:30 p.m. at the Agency office, 3025 E Spanish Trail Rd, Moab, Utah. Other Agency Board members present were Paul Morris, Neal Dalton, Dan Holyoak, Karl Tangren, Karla VanderZanden, Bill McDougald, James Walker, Al McLeod, Kyle Bailey, and Jerry McNeely. Agency Board members absent: John Keys and Ned Dalton.

Others present were Dale Pierson; Marsha Modine; Rhonda Riberia; John Chartier, Alton Anderson, Travis Taylor – Sunrise Engineering; Ole Hougen; Barb Morra; Jerry Stocks; Joanne Savore.

President Wilson called for additions or corrections to the minutes of the Operating Committee meeting of January 24, 200. Dale noted that on page 2 the second from Kyle to a motion was listed twice, one needs to be deleted. Dan motioned to approve the minutes as so amended. Second by Karla. Gary – aye, Paul – aye, Neal – aye, Dan – aye, Karl – aye, Karla – aye, Bill – aye, James – aye, Al – aye, Kyle – aye, Jerry – aye. Motion carried. Questions regarding the SITLA agreement vote arose, specifically whether the full Agency vote was proper when the agreement is specifically between Spanish Valley Water & Sewer Improvement District and SITLA. Discussion followed resulting in a request for Dale to ask legal counsel for an opinion. Gary asked the opinion be discussed at the next meeting.

## Citizens To Be Heard

**Jerry Stocks** asked how the citizens could find out what was happening in the Agency. Gary responded that many public documents are available upon written request. Jerry touched on an item discussed in the SVWSID meeting also held this evening, noting legal opinions would have to be made public. Gary agreed noting that at this time, the Agency did not have a legal opinion from their counsel.

**Barbara Morra** spoke regarding her concern that Paul Morris was a member of the Agency contrary to the Bylaws of the Agency. She also expressed concern over the signing of the SITLA agreement. Bill McDougald recommended waiting to hear the legal opinion.

**Joanne Savore** spoke regarding a strong odor emanating from the manholes in her neighborhood. After further discussion, Gary asked Staff to look into the issue for her.

## Public Hearing – Sewer Monthly Rate Increase

President Wilson opened the public hearing at 7:35 p.m. Dale recapped for those present the reason the Agency was considering the increase was due to an 11% increase from the City of Moab to the Agency. Dale added that as the effective date for the City's increase was January 1, 2001, the Agency increase would need to be effective February 1, 2001. Gary asked for comments from the public.

**Joanne Savore** spoke regarding the increase not being mentioned in the sewer agreements signed four years ago. She noted that the increase wasn't much, but considering recent water increases, all increases were coming too fast. Joanne mentioned the water rates, noting they were very high.

**Jerry Stocks** asked how the City rates compared to District rates for sewer. Jerry also asked if there was a budget surplus, if the reason for the increase was the Agency was operating at zero.

**Ole Hougen** asked if the Agency had ever considered floating utility bonds, adding he and others would be more interested in supporting the Agency through bonds as opposed to rate increases.

**Barb Morra** commended the Agency, noting the residential increase was only 3%. She added she felt the Board was not charging too much.

Gary asked if there were any other public comments and hearing none closed the public hearing at 7:40 p.m. Karla motioned that as both an SVW & SID Board member and a GWSSA Board

Jerry  
Stocks

Barbara  
Morra

Joanne  
Savore

Public Hear  
Sewer Rate  
Increase

member  
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increase, making it effective February 1, 2001. Second by Neal. Gary – aye, Paul – aye, Neal – aye, Dan – aye, Karl – aye, Karla – aye, Bill – aye, James – aye, Al – aye, Kyle – aye, Jerry – aye. Motion carried.

Gary called for a brief recess. Meeting reconvened at 9:10 p.m.

**Annual Report** Dale presented the 2000 GWSSA Annual Report to the Board. Discussion and questions from the Board followed. A financial report was also presented to fulfill the obligations as set forth in the Interlocal Agreement. Dale noted that these were not true year end figures as all the information required to do so had not been received yet. Motion by James to accept the Annual Report as presented. Second by Bill. Gary – aye, Paul – aye, Neal – aye, Dan – aye, Karl – aye, Karla – aye, Bill – aye, James – aye, Al – aye, Kyle – aye, Jerry – aye. Motion carried.

2000 Annual  
Report

**Water Project** John Chartier – Sunrise Engineering, reported on the progress of the distribution system and storage tank construction.

Water  
Project

**Moab City Sewage Treatment Plant Report** Alton Anderson discussed the report in depth, and answered Board questions. After discussion Gary appointed John Keys, Dan, and Paul Morris as a Committee to evaluate the report and present the Board with their recommendations.

Treatment  
Plant  
Report

**Resolution 2001-02 – Agency Visa Card Application** Dale explained that the current Visa card did not include Dean Brady as a signer, nor could he be added. He recommended closing out the current card account and opening a new that would include Dean. Dale noted the Visa is used primarily for Agency related travel expenses. Motion by Paul to approve Resolution 2001-02. Second by James. Gary – aye, Paul – aye, Neal – aye, Dan – aye, Karl – aye, Karla – aye, Bill – aye, James – aye, Al – aye, Kyle – aye, Jerry – aye. Motion carried.

Resolution  
2001-02

**Financial Report** As presented with the Annual Report.

**Check Approval** Karla motioned to approve the checks totaling \$42,246.68. Second by Paul. Gary – aye, Paul – aye, Neal – aye, Dan – aye, Karl – aye, Karla – aye, Bill – aye, James – aye, Al – aye, Kyle – aye, Jerry – aye. Motion carried.

**Items from Board** none

**Items from Staff**

**Snow pack Report** was presented to the Board, noting snow water content at 62% of average.

Snow Pack

**Bill Love** A letter received from Bill Love was presented to the Board.

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President Wilson declared the meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Gary N. Wilson, President

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Dale F. Pierson, Secretary/Treasurer