

GRAND COUNTY WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT  
GRAND COUNTY SPECIAL SERVICE WATER DISTRICT

Regular Meeting-----June 7, 1982

The meeting was called to order by Chairman K.E. McDougald at 7:00 A.M. with the following Board Members Present; D.L. Taylor, Everett Schumaker, Curtis Young, William Hines, Sam Taylor and Robert Norman.

Special Service Water District Board Members Present: K.E. McDougald, Dan Holyoak, George White and Everett Schumaker.

Moab Irrigation Company Board Members Present: Marge Shafer, David Minor, Gene Westwood and Jim Walker.

Mesa Users Present: Richard and Norma Nunn, Ray and Ellen Alger, Kay and Barbara Young.

Also Present: James Purcell, Gary Wilson, Gerald Swasey, David J. Bretzke, Executive Director and Margaret Osborn, Secretary.

The minutes of May 25, 1982 were read by David Bretzke. A Motion by D.L. Taylor and seconded by Everett Schumaker to approve the minutes as read. MOTION CARRIED.

The minutes of June 1, 1982 were read by David Bretzke. A Motion by D.L. Taylor and seconded by Everett Schumaker to approve the minutes as corrected. MOTION CARRIED.

K.E. McDougald stated that the GCWCD was bound by their contract with the Moab Irrigation Company. Our contract is for 20.35 CFS and the District will honor that agreement. How to handle the remaining water that is available is the reason the GCWCD Board Members and the Moab Irrigation Company wanted to meet with the Mesa Users.

David Bretzke informed the group that there was 1,730 AF of water in the reservoir as of June 6, 1982. David Bretzke also informed the group of the total flow figures for May, 1982 and part of June, 1982.

May 7	30.84 CFS	May 29	32.99 CFS
May 14	22.27 CFS	June 3	26.68 CFS

D.L. Taylor stated the creek flow is up and down and is not predicable. He suggested the District needs to figure a weekly average of water used by the Mesa Users and the water could be allocated to the Mesa Users for a week at a time.

K.E. How do the Mesa Users feel about a weekly method?

R. Alger Are the readings taken during the morning or evening?

J. Walker, The readings at Powerhouse Dam were between 4:00 to 6:00 pm every day and around 10:00 AM on the mountain. The lowest measurement was at sundown at Powerhouse Dam.

ATTENDANCE

MINUTES

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R. Nunn The Mesa Users have never been honored for their water rights. He stated he would pay for the pipe and put in the pipe for irrigation if this would solve the problem.

C. Young Mark Page from the Division of Water Rights has the final word on who has what rights on the Mesa.

K.E. The State Engineer controls the water rights. He has to administer it and the District has been working with him from the beginning.

D.L. The stream flows are not that accurate and the District should make their own forecasts according to the snowfall for each year. Each years runoff will vary.

R. Alger If you had all the water going into the reservoir could you fill the reservoir.

K.E. Not this year

K.E. What is the total flow average the Mesa Users are using?

Dave On June 3, 1982 Algers was 1.06, Nunns was 1.19 and Youngs was 2.33. The flow going thru the tunnel was 11.5 and the Powerhouse Dam was 10.6 making a total of 22.1 plus 4.58 equals 26.68 CFS .

C. Young We need a formula because the flow cannot be regulated.

R. Nunn We should stop the guesswork

N. Nunn Will the rights be according to priority?

K.E. They will be followed according to water rights.

D.L. The Mesa Users do not take any water in May and are taking less water than they are entitled to.

K.E. The Water Rights have to be honored.

R. Nunn I am irrigating 215 acres and can irriate this in 10 days. We could have shut off valves installed.

E. Alger If we could be informed when we could use the water then we would not have to worry about it being shut off at just any time without our knowledge.

N. Nunn Could we have credit for water not used in May?

G. White Are we keeping track of the water they don't use in May and charging them a fee for holding the water?

K.E. I recommend that we allocate the water.

K. Young Could we have the water on a ten day off and ten day on basis?

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D.L. The District needs to do some pencil work on who has 1st right, etc. and then meet with the Mesa Users again and we need to get a fairly accurate figure and the water available in an average year.

K. Young Why are we always on the tail-end? Water is sold to new customers in town and the Mesa Users are never asked if they would like to buy water.

D. Holyoak The water in the reservoir is runoff and can't be replaced.

Ev We need to come up with two or three alternatives.

K. Young Why don't you measure the creek daily, when we have used up our right, shut us off.

R. Nunn Why can't all this water going down Pack Creek be used?

K.E. The District has been unable to make an agreement with the Pack Creek Users.

D.L. Taylor motioned that we attempt to allocate the water based on the water rights and make a proposed use plan and exchange agreement for the Moab Irrigation and Mesa Users for future use and this proposal be reviewed by all Board Members.  
Motion seconded by Curtis Young. MOTION CARRIED

K.E. Curtis Young, D.L. Taylor, Gene Westwood, Kay Young, Ray Alger and Richard Nunn will work on the proposal and D.L. Taylor will be chairman of this committee.


N. Nunn When will the group meet to work on this proposal?

R. Nunn Friday, June 11, at 6:00 A.M. would be best for me.

D.L. The meeting time for work on the proposal will then be on Friday, June 11, at 6:00 A.M.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 A.M.

ATTEST:

  
K.E. MCDUGALD, CHAIRMAN

  
DAVID J. BREZKE, SECRETARY