

# GRAND WATER & SEWER SERVICE AGENCY

Full Agency Meeting

October 4, 2007

The meeting was called to order by President Dan Pyatt at 7:02 p.m. at the Agency office, 3025 East Spanish Trail Road, Moab, Utah. Other Agency Board members present were: Mike Holyoak (arrived at 7:04), John Hartley, Rex Tanner, Lance Christie, John Keys, and Tom Stengel. Those present established a quorum. Absent were Gary Wilson, Brian Backus, Jerry McNeely, and Kyle Bailey

Others present were: Terry Sykes, Marsha Modine, Dana Van Horn, Chris Baird, and Ron Georg.

**Minutes** Motion by Lance Christie to approve the minutes of the meeting of September 20, 2007. Second by Tom Stengel. Dan Pyatt-Aye, John Hartley-Aye, Rex Tanner-Aye, Lance Christie-Aye, John Keys-Aye, Tom Stengel-Aye. MOTION CARRIED.

**Citizens to be heard** Chris Baird of the Grand County Planning and Zoning Commission asked the board to consider their part in developing a regional growth plan with San Juan County that would benefit Grand County, San Juan County and Moab City for the development of Spanish Valley. He does not believe that the Grand County Plan is acceptable in its current form and suggested that a new plan be developed with all parties to the best interest of all the area residents prior to sewer service being extended to San Juan County. Rex asked Chris if protecting the aquifer was in the best interest of Grand County and Moab City. The board discussed their relations with San Juan to this point saying that there has been no problems and that GWSSA is not in the position to tell San Juan County how to plan for their growth. Lance said that he believes that the residents of Spanish Valley in San Juan County should be part of a regional planning process that would let them define their own future.

**Check Approval** Motion to approve checks in the amount of \$49,316.56 by Lance Christie. Second by Tom Stengel. Dan Pyatt-Aye, Tom Stengel-Aye, Mike Holyoak-Aye, Rex Tanner-Aye, John Hartley-Aye, Lance Christie-Aye, John Keys-Aye. MOTION CARRIED

**Discuss, consider, approve amending "citizens to be heard" meeting procedure** Motion to "amend our procedure to limit the time of citizens to be heard to a four minute timeframe" by Rex Tanner. Second by Mike Holyoak. It was noted that any citizen, group or board member can request to be on the agenda for any meeting to allow for interaction and discussion with the board. Dan Pyatt-Aye, Tom Stengel-Aye, Mike Holyoak-Aye, Rex Tanner-Aye, John Hartley-Aye, Lance Christie-Aye, John Keys-Aye. MOTION CARRIED.

**Discuss, consider, approve processing previously submitted sewer service requests** Terry brought to the board two developments (Whitehorse and Mulberry Grove) that had begun the service commitment request process prior to the restrictions being placed on sewer service. He recommended that "these two, specifically Mulberry Grove and Whitehorse, be allowed to have their applications processed. This is not a guarantee of a commitment to service. It is just following through the process." Motion to accept staff recommendations by Rex Tanner. Second by John Hartley. The board discussed the circumstances of the two subdivisions at the time of their original applications and the validity of their requests. Dan Pyatt-Aye, Tom Stengel-Aye, Mike Holyoak-Aye, Rex Tanner-Aye, Lance Christie-Aye, John Keys-Aye, John Hartley-Nay. MOTION CARRIED.

**Discuss proposed single family septic system in Millcreek Canyon** Lance Christie described a proposed single family project on a 20 acre parcel located above Hidden Valley. This property is located in the City of Moab's Zone two protection area. Lance recommended that the board send a letter to both the City and County Councils noting the Agency's concern about the precedential value of this decision. Whatever the decision may be for this one septic tank that it does not set a precedent that could result in an unknown number of septic tanks being installed in the watershed protection zone. Dan Pyatt directed staff to collaborate with Lance to write a letter and have the subject on the agenda for the meeting of October 18.

**Lake Report** Terry reported that the lake was at 30% and there were 6 cfs coming in on October 4<sup>th</sup>. The irrigation system is scheduled to shut off in the end of October depending on the weather. There are no restrictions at this time. Two sinkholes were located in the Southeast corner of the lake. The Agency will begin working on the repairs immediately before the water rises this fall.

**Staff Report** Terry reported that Sunrise is collecting data to put in a request to CIB. There is hesitation on their part due to the lack of support by the Grand County Council for a regional facility. Rex reiterated that he is unconvinced that CIB is the ultimate answer and that a variety of funding sources should be sought. San Juan County apparently has a lobbyist working in Washington to obtain federal dollars either in loans or grants. The EPA, Rural Development and HUD all offer

funds. The board directed Terry to call Sunrise (tomorrow) to discuss the alternate funding sources. Terry also said that November 12<sup>th</sup> is the tentative date for tour of a MBR plant in Hyrum, UT. There is another plant in Fairview and possibly both can be toured in one day.

President Pyatt declared the meeting adjourned. Hearing no objections the meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Gary Wilson – Vice President

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Dan Pyatt – President