

GRAND WATER & SEWER SERVICE AGENCY

Regular Meeting -----June 9, 1999

The meeting was called to order by President, Gary Wilson at 7:02 p.m. at the Agency office. Other Agency Board members present were Paul Morris, George White, Ned Dalton, James Walker, Dan Holyoak, and Bill McDougald.

Others present were Dale Pierson, Rhonda Riberia, Marsha Modine, Joan Harrison, Layne Kabonic, and Bud Tangren.

After calling for additions or corrections to the minutes of the meeting of May 26, 1999, and hearing none, President Wilson declared the minutes approved as circulated to the Board. Motion: Paul. Seconded: James. Regarding the portion of the minutes covering the letter from William Browder, Ned questioned the sentence 'It was likewise suggested that his claim be submitted to CIC.' Ned stated his reason for this was the sentence read that the Agency was suggesting Mr. Browder make a claim to CIC, when in fact the Board did not decide on that, and could be construed as the Agency making a claim for Mr. Browder. Dale commented that the sentence was vague as at the time the issue was vague. Since the prior meeting, Dale said he had spoken to Ted Barnes, who said the claim was not against the Agency, but against CIC. James commented that the sentence says the claim "...will be submitted.." but does not say by whom. After further discussion, Gary called for a vote. Aye: Paul, Dan, Bill, George, James. Nay: Ned. Motion carried.

Citizens To Be Heard **Joan Harrison, 3001 East Bench Road** Joan stated she was at a meeting last year at which she said she was 650' from the sewer line and in order to connect, she would have to go down the road, which would mean hauling gravel again. She said she was also being charged sewer every month when she wasn't using the system, and wanted the fee waived until she actually hooked on. She also noted she had been charged a penalty the last two months on her service bill. Rhonda explained there was a glitch in the billing program, and that she had noted the error, credited the account for \$5.79 [amount of the penalties] and called Joan to explain to her. Joan said she really wanted the monthly fees waived and a new connection put in so she wouldn't have to go down the road. Dan made a motion to make the new connection. Bill seconded it. Dale commented that the monthly fees could not be waived as they were part of Ordinance 166 which says that when a line is available within 300' of the property line the fees must be charged. Dale noted the requirement to connect was not an option of this body, but part of the Utah Plumbing Code. Dale also noted that the sewer variance policy the Agency was looking into had hit a roadblock, as the Plumbing Code stipulates connection and neither the Agency or the Grand County Council could change that law. Dale also noted that under the Agenda Item Citizens to be Heard, the Board could listen, but not act on any given topic. Gary suggested that Joan talk with the staff, and see about being placed on a future agenda. Gary asked Joan how much difference footage wise a new connection would afford. Joan answered 40'. Gary suggested it might be more cost effective for the Agency to purchase the extra piping for Joan than to install a new connection. Gary also noted that it would be very inconsistent with policy for the Agency to give Joan credit on the monthly sewer fees, as that has not been done for others in the same position in the past. Gary asked if Joan had applied for CDBG funds, and suggested Staff could provide her with the paperwork. Joan said she had not, but didn't want the money, she just wanted the monthly fees waived until she actually connected. Gary explained this couldn't be done. Bill suggested that if the funds were available to apply for, perhaps Joan should do that. Gary tabled the motion made, and suggested that if Joan wish to be placed on the agenda, she speak with the staff.

Joan
Harrison

Layne Kabonic presented a concern regarding the subject of relinquishment of water in Castle Valley. He said he wasn't certain of the facts as he could not get full details, but that it seemed that one third of Castle Valley's water rights were to be relinquished. Layne said according to Mark Page, Castle Valley could apply for a change of application, placing it on pending status. Layne wondered if there was any way the Agency could become involved in the issue. Layne asked if Castle Valley had a Special Service District. Dale answered that Castle Valley is a part of the Grand County Water Conservancy District and Grand County Special Service Water District. After discussion, Gary suggested that the staff prepare background and details for this item, and that it be placed on a future agenda. Gary asked Layne to attend that future meeting. Layne agreed.

Bud Tangren agreed to delay his questions, until the sewer project agenda item.

Irrigation Season Dale reported that currently 80% of the water needed to provide 80% of normal water is in storage in the lake. The lake is continuing to rise. The next decision would be to determine how long the Agency should continue to pump. Dale noted the irrigation meters had recently been read, and that information would be presented to the Board at the next meeting. Gary expressed concern that the next meeting might be too late, if there are users who are approaching or beyond their 80%. Gary said a decision would have to be made regarding what to do when this occurs, charging \$70.00/acre foot over the 80%, or possibly shutting that customer off completely. Dale commented that if the lake were to become dry, that even pumping would not help those users from the lake to Chapman Lane. Gary suggested staff prepare a letter warning the irrigation customers of what may occur if they go beyond the 80%, and that a decision would need to be reached by the Board at the next meeting as to exactly what steps would be taken.

Irrigation
Season

Sewer Project Dale reported there wasn't much additional news, but that the paving was complete as far as he could see. What remained were a number of little items, which would go on a third punch list prepared by John Chartier, Mike Shumway, and Ken Condie later this week. Paul asked what was being done with the broken concrete pieces and various junk left by Ralph Olsen Excavating. Dale explained that previously, the Agency had attempted to move some of the items left by Ralph Olsen Excavating after they left the project and filed for bankruptcy. The Agency was informed by Ralph Olsen Excavating's attorney, that to move the property was theft. The Agency was advised by their own attorney to leave the items in place, and inform CIC that final payment will be held until all the material had been moved. Gary asked Bud what his question was. Bud said that he would like to get the final recap on the sewer project when it was completed, and a copy of the Engineer plans and specifications for the project so he could determine what exactly the cost overruns are, etc. Dale explained that Bud would have to do a written request as per GRAMA (Government Records Access & Management Act), and that there could a fee involved. After discussion, Bud said he would get with Staff to formally request the documents.

Sewer
Project

Check Approval Motion to approve checks made by Dan. Seconded: Paul. Motion carried.

Items from Board

MillCreek Meeting flow meters James noted the MillCreek Committee would be meeting on 6-14-99. Dale explained the make up and purpose of that committee. Jim

MIC
Flow
Meters

asked about the schedule for installing the flow meter for Moab Irrigation Company on the Berry property. Dale stated the work would be complete prior to the end of June.

MIC & Agency contract discussion Gary also noted the MillCreek Committee meeting June 14th at 5:30 p.m. at the Agency office, and suggested this might be an appropriate time to discuss the contract issues between the Agency and Moab Irrigation Company. James said it would be a moot point until the flow meters could be installed and readings taken. After discussion, it was decided to postpone contract discussion until a future date.

MIC &
Agency
Contract
Discussion

AVSSD Dissolution Dale reported to the Board that the Arches Special Service District dissolution and annexation into Spanish Valley Water & Sewer Improvement District had occurred June 7th at the Grand County Council meeting. Dale continued to say that a request from the City was to look at planned meetings between the City, County, and the Agency soon. Dale noted there were several options to look at to determine the most manageable and cost efficient method of bringing water and sewer service to the AVSSD customers. Gary asked him to begin preparations.

AVSSD
Dissolution

Truth or Consequences, New Mexico - Vacuum sewer collection system Dale reported on his trip to Truth or Consequences, New Mexico to view their vacuum sewer collection system. He said the reason he was interested in this system was as a possible option for the AVSSD area. The cost of such a plant for Las Cruces, New Mexico was \$1.5 million with an estimated operations costs of \$55.00/year/home.

Vacuum
Sewer
Collection
Agency

Water Project Proposed Well Site Dale reported that he, Paul Morris and the Hydrologists from Sunrise Engineering had looked at several sites for the well for the water project. Dale stated he would be more than happy to take any of the Board members up to view the area, having already visited the site with Ned Dalton.

Proposed
Well Sites

Ned Dalton - sewer line problem, 2720 East Bench Road Ned stated the sewer line that had been installed was not within the described area of the easement, and that the property was a mess. Dale said Ned's property was on the list of those that needed a walk-through, and that John Chartier would be here Friday, and could possibly get with Ned at that time.

Sewer Line
Problem

Meeting adjourned: 8:18 p.m.

ATTEST:

Gary N. Wilson, President

Dale F. Pierson, Secretary/Treasurer