

# GRAND WATER & SEWER SERVICE AGENCY

Operating Committee Meeting  
September 13, 2000

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Paul Morris at 7:00 p.m. at the Agency office, 3025 E Spanish Trail Rd, Moab, Utah. Other Operating Committee members present were, Neal Dalton, Dan Holyoak and John Keys. Absent Operating Committee members: Gary Wilson, Ned Dalton, Karl Tangren. Those present established a quorum. The other Agency Board members present were Bill McDougald, Karla VanderZanden, Kyle Bailey, and James Walker. Absent Agency Board members: George White.

Others present were Dale Pierson; Marsha Modine; John Chartier and Alton Anderson – Sunrise Engineering; and Don Griffith - North American Weather Consultants Inc.

Vice President Morris requested that the minutes of the August 23, 2000 meeting be amended. Under the **Citizens To Be Heard** section, lines two and three, the words "...and operations of the board regarding the water project." be stricken and the words "...of acquiring water for the water project." be inserted in their place. Neal motioned to approve the minutes as so amended. Seconded: James. Paul - aye, Neal - aye, Dan - aye, John - aye, Bill - aye, Karla - aye, Kyle - aye, James - aye. Motion carried.

Motion made by Bill to approve the minutes of the August 30, 2000 Special meeting. Seconded: James. Paul - aye, Neal - aye, Dan - aye, John - aye, Bill - aye, Karla - aye, Kyle - aye, James - aye. Motion carried.

**Citizens To Be Heard** None present.

**Wastewater Treatment Plant** Alton Anderson - Sunrise Engineering, discussed the revised proposal for study of the Moab City Wastewater Treatment Plant. The proposal cost has been reduced from a "not to exceed" amount of \$30,000.00 to a "not to exceed" amount of \$18,500.00, since Alton's meeting with Al Anderson. Discussion of the proposal followed. Dan moved to approve the proposal. Seconded: Bill. Paul - aye, Neal - aye, Dan - aye, John - aye, Bill - aye, Karla - aye, Kyle - aye, James - aye. Motion carried.

**Water Project** John Chartier updated the Board on the water project. Since the last meeting discussions were held with State Lands. State Lands insisted that the three million gallon storage tank be constructed of concrete and that contract option was therefore chosen. John discussed the procedures leading up to signing contracts with the contractors immediately after the Bond closing on September 28, 2000. Both contractors have been informed that there will be a delay in contract signing due to the Bond closing date being set back.

The agreement with State School and Institutional Trust Lands was discussed.

John stated that the contract for the new well was being advertised. A site showing on this portion of the project will be held September 25, 2000; bid opening will be October 6, 2000 with bid award to follow on October 11, 2000.

John also mentioned that the project to install sewer meter vaults was being advertised. Bid opening for this project will be September 25, 2000 with award to follow on September 27, 2000.

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**Homes** Dale asked that the Board take into consideration current Impact Fee policy of only charging the Distribution Impact Fee for existing homes connection to the water system. The water project will enable a number of existing homes to connect to water. Discussion followed. Paul mentioned that some type of connection incentive price break might be given to existing homes on the project due to the reduced cost to connect them during construction. Karla asked that Staff and Engineers review the cost to connect a home during construction and present that figure at the next meeting.

**Approval of Zion's Letter of Credit** Dale discussed the need for the \$500,000.00 letter of credit to insure that local participation money was secured prior to Bond closing on September 28, 2000. Dale stated that the Agency has no intention of using the letter of credit but will only use it for the Bond closing requirements if the contract with State School and Institutional Trust Lands is not consummated by that time. Motion by James to approve the letter of credit contingent upon approval of the documents by the Agency's attorney. Seconded: Karla. Paul - aye, Neal - aye, Dan - aye, John - aye, Bill - aye, Karla - aye, Kyle - aye, James - aye. Motion carried.

**Culinary Meter Policy - Shut Off at Termination** The existing policy and new forms for termination were discussed. Paul stated he felt the Turn On/Turn Off Fees needed to be indicated and included in the forms. The Committee agreed by consensus to institute the new forms and leave policy unchanged.

**Cloud Seeding Operations** Don Griffith, North American Weather Consultants, Inc., did a presentation for the Board on cloud seeding, its cost, and benefits. Following questions and discussion the Board by consensus agreed to defer discussion on participating in the cloud seeding program to a later meeting.

**Expiration of Term 9-30-00 - Ned Dalton - GCWCD** Ned's term expiration was briefly discussed. The opening on the Conservancy District Board has been advertised.

**Contribution Request for Water Education Program** James asked that staff check to see if Grand County School District was utilizing the program. Dan moved to contribute \$100.00 to the Water Education Program. Seconded: Karla. Paul - aye, Neal - aye, Dan - aye, John - aye, Bill - aye, Karla - aye, Kyle - aye, James - aye. Motion carried.

**Support of Seven States Interim Surplus Guidelines** The comment letter supporting this item was discussed.

**Check Approval** Motion by James to approve the checks. Seconded: John Keys. Paul - aye, Neal - aye, Dan - aye, John - aye, Bill - aye, Karla - aye, Kyle - aye, James - aye. Motion carried.

**Items from Board**

James discussed the ROW that was procured to install the irrigation meter on Powerhouse Lane. The ROW agreement signed by Moab Irrigation Company and the property owner had stipulated that the area would be re-vegetated following meter installation. MIC had intended to seed the area this fall. The property owner went ahead and re-vegetated the area and charged MIC \$1,500.00 for that work. MIC has spoken to the property owner and brought the charge down to \$1,000.00. MIC is asking that GWSSA participate in payment of this bill. GWSSA Board members questioned if the ROW agreement allowed the property owner to do this work and then back charge

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the Irrigation Company. It was suggested that MIC let the property owner take the Company to small claims court to recoup his demands.

**Items from Staff** None

Vice President Morris declared the meeting adjourned. Hearing no objections the meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Gary N. Wilson, President

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Dale F. Pierson, Secretary/Treasurer