

GRAND WATER & SEWER SERVICE AGENCY

Operating Committee Meeting May 22, 2002

President Gary Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Grand County Civic Center, 450 N 100 E, Moab, Utah. Other Operating Committee members present were Dan Holyoak, Neal Dalton and Dan Pyatt. Absent: Bill McDougald, Barbara Morra and Rex Tanner. Those in attendance established a quorum. Other Board members present: Jerry McNeely, Karla VanderZanden and James Walker. Absent: Kyle Bailey, Al McLeod and Karl Tangren.

Others present were Dale Pierson and Dean Brady.

President Wilson called for additions or corrections to the minutes of the Operating Committee meeting of May 8, 2002. Dale suggested an addition to the minutes under Item from Board, which would read, "Rex Tanner and Karla VanderZanden suggested that the workshop held on April 10, 2002, be discussed in depth at a future meeting. The Board agreed by consensus to hold this discussion at a meeting with a light agenda. The President and Manager were asked to make the decision as to when to put that discussion on the agenda." Dale apologized for not including this in the minutes as sent to the Board. Motion by Dan Pyatt to approve the minutes with the suggested change. Seconded: Dan Holyoak. Gary – aye, Dan Holyoak – aye, Neal – aye, Dan Pyatt – aye, Jerry – aye, Karla – aye, James Walker – aye. Motion carried.

Citizens to be Heard none

Mitch Kelling – Irrigation Overuse Charge Protest Mitch Kelling was not present. Dale referred the Board to the letter in their packets received for Mitch requesting that he be allowed to make time payments on his 2001 irrigation water overage charge. Discussion ensued regarding Mitch's previous payment history and Agency policies regarding irrigation payments. Motion by Dan Holyoak to allow Mitch to make nine (9) equal payments on his overage charge of \$2765.52 without penalties. If the overage is not paid in full by April 1, 2003, Mitch's irrigation water is to be disconnected on April 15, 2003. Second by Jim Walker. Gary – aye, Dan Holyoak – aye, Neal Dalton – aye, Dan Pyatt – aye, Jerry – aye, Karla – aye, Jim Walker - aye. Motion carried.

2002 Irrigation Season Dale reported that his projections for the season still appear on target and that the use restriction of 80% of normal can remain in place. Discussion of the 400 acre foot conservation pool and the possibility of its emergency use was held. Jim Walker asked if it would be possible to get permission to reduce the 3 cubic foot per second (cfs) in-stream flow requirement at Sheley Tunnel. Dale mentioned that at the Natural Resources and Agriculture Interim Sub-Committee meeting of 5-22-02, it was stated that the Utah Division of Fish and Wildlife would not reduce any of their contracted water rights due to the drought. Staff was instructed to look into the 3 cfs requirement and to continue to investigate use of the conservation pool. Neal Dalton mentioned potential problems on the irrigation system if some customers use above the 80% restriction leaving insufficient water for other users. Discussion of this problem ensued. Motion by Neal Dalton that when irrigation customers reach 80% of their normal purchase amount, their connections will be turned off. Second by Dan Holyoak. Gary – aye, Dan Holyoak – aye, Neal Dalton – aye, Dan Pyatt – aye, Jerry – aye, Karla – aye, Jim Walker - aye. Motion carried.

Culinary Water Conservation – Outdoor Watering Restrictions Governor Michael Leavitt's letter encouraging water systems to institute a policy of not watering outside between the hours of 10:00 AM and 6:00 PM was discussed. Karla mentioned that she would like to see all water users in the valley follow this practice, whether on the Agency drinking water system, Agency pressurized irrigation system, Moab City drinking water system or private wells. She stated that education of all water users was needed. Enforcement of a 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM watering ban was discussed. The conservation water rate also came under discussion. Karla asked and the Board agreed by consensus to review the conservation oriented water rate at their next meeting. Motion by Karla VanderZanden to recommend to all customers that they not water outside

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Mitch Kelling

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informing the customers and recommending the watering hours should be sent to all Agency Customers and the news media. Second by Dan Pyatt. Gary – aye, Dan Holyoak – aye, Neal Dalton – aye, Dan Pyatt – aye, Jerry – aye, Karla – aye, Jim Walker - aye. Motion carried.

Water Project – Report Dale reported briefly on the water rights transfer protest hearing held May 16, 2002. All Board members who had attended the hearing felt that it had gone well.

Water Project
Report

Check Approval James Walker motioned to approve the checks in the amount of \$43,599.89. Seconded: Dan Pyatt. Gary – aye, Dan Holyoak – aye, Neal Dalton – aye, Dan Pyatt – aye, Jerry – aye, Karla – aye, Jim Walker - aye. Motion carried.

Items from Board None

Items from Staff Dale updated the Board on Rhonda Riberia's condition.

President Wilson declared the meeting adjourned. Hearing no objections the meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

ATTEST:

Gary N. Wilson, President

Dale F. Pierson, Secretary/Treasurer