

# GRAND WATER & SEWER SERVICE AGENCY

## Operating Committee

March 9, 2006

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Dan Pyatt at 7:00 p.m. at the Agency office, 3025 East Spanish Trail Road, Moab, Utah. Other Agency Board members present were Mike Holyoak, John Hartley, Rex Tanner, and Jerry McNeely (arrived at 7:02). Those present established a quorum. Absent was Gary Wilson and Brian Backus. Other members present were Tom Stengel, Lance Christie, James Walker, Kyle Bailey (arrived at 7:14) and Dan Holyoak.

Others present were Bryan Torgerson, Dean Brady, LaRue Christie, Dave Cozzens, Stacey Boender and Marsha Modine.

**Minutes** Motion by Tom Stengel to approve the minutes of the meeting of February 23, 2006. Second by Lance Christie. Dan Holyoak-Aye, Dan Pyatt-Aye, Jim Walker-Aye, Tom Stengel-Aye, Rex Tanner-Aye, John Hartley-Aye, Mike Holyoak-Aye, Lance Christie-Aye, Jerry McNeely and Kyle Bailey-Absent for vote. MOTION CARRIED

**Citizens to be Heard** None.

**Public Hearing Regarding CIB Application** Motion to open public hearing by John Hartley. Second by Lance Christie. Dan Holyoak-Aye, Dan Pyatt-Aye, Jim Walker-Aye, Tom Stengel-Aye, Rex Tanner-Aye, John Hartley-Aye, Mike Holyoak-Aye, Lance Christie-Aye, Jerry McNeely-Aye and Kyle Bailey-Absent for vote. MOTION CARRIED. The public hearing opened at 7:04. Marsha said this item was not necessary in light of what Bryan Torgerson of SITLA was about to tell the Board. He explained that SITLA wanted to back off on selling the land under the Lake because they still had future development planning work to do for their lands in the entire area near the Lake. He said instead of continuing with the drastic increase in lease fees or selling the land outright, SITLA would make an internal land swap from the School Trust Fund to the Reservoir Trust Fund. Because of different fund objectives, under the Reservoir Fund, SITLA could lease the land to the District for a very nominal fee, less than what the District has paid to date. It could take one to two years for the swap to happen. In the mean time the District will not see an increase to its current lease rate and when the swap transpires the lease fees will go down significantly. Tom Stengel asked if the District could still purchase the land when the Reservoir Trust acquires it, to which Mr. Torgerson replied "Why would you want to if you can get it for free?" Unlike the School Trust Division, the Reservoir Trust is not mandated to aggressively maximize gains. He was not sure why the land was not moved to the Reservoir Fund from the beginning, but speculated that it was never an issue because land values in the Valley were not as high. SITLA will follow up with this offer in writing. There was no public comment. Motion to close the public hearing by Mike Holyoak. Second by Lance Christie. Dan Holyoak-Aye, Dan Pyatt-Aye, Jim Walker-Aye, Tom Stengel-Aye, Rex Tanner-Aye, John Hartley-Aye, Mike Holyoak-Aye, Lance Christie-Aye, Jerry McNeely-Aye and Kyle Bailey-Aye. MOTION CARRIED The public hearing closed at 7:20 p.m.

**Letter to SITLA** Motion to table this item pending the outcome of the land swap by Lance Christie. Second by Tom Stengel. Dan Holyoak-Aye, Dan Pyatt-Aye, Jim Walker-Aye, Tom Stengel-Aye, Rex Tanner-Aye, John Hartley-Aye, Mike Holyoak-Aye, Lance Christie-Aye, Jerry McNeely-Aye and Kyle Bailey-Aye. MOTION CARRIED

**Report on Conservancy District Appointments** The Board reviewed a letter from the Governor's office stating that Rex Tanner was reappointed and Dan Pyatt was appointed to take Gary Wilson's place on the Conservancy District effective February 27, 2006 through January 31, 2010.

**Ken's Lake Report** Dean said the snow pack was at 80% of average and that was before the big snowstorm hit. The Board decided to turn the system on Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup> with no restrictions at this time. A letter will be mailed informing the irrigators of the turn on date and urging conservation as always.

**Check Approval** Motion to approve the checks in the amount of \$39,532.62 by Tom Stengel. Second by Jerry McNeely. Dan Holyoak-Aye, Dan Pyatt-Aye, Jim Walker-Aye, Tom Stengel-Aye, Rex Tanner-Aye, John Hartley-Aye, Mike Holyoak-Aye, Lance Christie-Aye, Jerry McNeely and Kyle Bailey-Aye. MOTION CARRIED

**Items From Board & Staff** John Hartley asked if anyone on the Board was aware of the Forest Service's plan to mine and drill in the drainages on the La Sals that may affect us. The Agency had not received anything. Lance Christie said he has contacted the Forest Service for more information.

Vice President Pyatt declared the meeting adjourned. Hearing no objections the meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

ATTEST:

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Dan Pyatt, Vice President

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Gary N. Wilson, President