

# GRAND WATER & SEWER SERVICE AGENCY

Operating Committee

June 7, 2007

The meeting was called to order by 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: Gary Wilson, Dan Holyoak, Lance Christie, Rex Tanner, John Hartley, Tom Stengel, Mike Holyoak, John Keys and Kyle Bailey. Those present established a quorum. Absent were Brian Backus, and Jerry McNeely.

Others present were: Terry Sykes, Marsha Modine, Dana Van Horn, Robert Worley, Stephanie Dahlstrom, Lucy Curtis, Ron Gerog, Jonathan Olschewski, Kirk De Fond, Terry Galen, Meera Edwards, Renee Globis, Jeff Davis, Steven Olschewski, and Marcy Till.

**Minutes** Motion by Lance Christie to approve the minutes of the meetings of May 17, 2007. Second by Mike Holyoak. Gary Wilson-Aye, Dan Holyoak-Aye, Lance Christie-Aye, Rex Tanner-Aye, Dan Pyatt-Aye, John Hartley-Aye, Tom Stengel-Aye, Mike Holyoak-Aye, John Keys-Aye, Kyle Bailey-Aye. MOTION CARRIED.

**Citizens to be Heard** Lucy Curtis of Easy Street presented a three page document that is attached to these minutes. The document concerns the Chapman well and the proposed Whitehorse development. Lucy expressed concerns over the protection of the aquifer and also for the protection of her and her neighbors' shallower wells. The questions she posed to the board will be addressed by John Hartley, Lance and Terry at a later time. Next, Steven Olschewski spoke to the board about including side gradient information when considering zones of protection for the Chapman well. He also urged the board to possibly force more stringent protection measures on future development than are currently required by law. Terry explained the new Will Serve process allows the proper research and engineering to treat each development separately in order to consider the uniqueness of each project and its prospective impact on the system. Jonathan Olschewski told the board that Steven was denied his right to speak at the Planning and Zoning meeting. Lance said that it was his understanding that P&Z was deferring the issue back to us. Steven expressed concerns over the communications between the different agencies involved in the development process. The board let him know that the Agency has taken new steps to communicate with other local agencies to alleviate this problem. Steven asked if the Agency had an agreement with SITLA for the George White and Chapman wells. Terry replied that there is an agreement on the Chapman well and that the Agency leases the land up gradient from the George White well from SITLA. Lucy said that she would like to see more communication with the public from the Agency about its activities. Jonathan Olschewski respectfully asked the board to not allow the maximum density on the only piece of property that surrounds our well head. Lastly, Kirk De Fond spoke about the Corbin well – used to supplement Ken's Lake. He was concerned that with the combination of the wells running that Valley Fill water could possibly be drawn up and effect the quality of the drinking water. He said that he would like to see more quality testing with additional pumping.

**Ken's Lake Report** Terry said that the lake is at 100%. There is 16 cfs coming through the tunnel at this time. No restrictions are in effect at this time.

**Check Approval** Motion to approve checks in the amount of \$48057.16 by Lance Christie. Second by Mike Holyoak. Gary Wilson-Aye, Dan Holyoak-Aye, Lance Christie-Aye, Rex Tanner-Aye, Dan Pyatt-Aye, John Hartley-Aye, Tom Stengel-Aye, Mike Holyoak-Aye, John Keys-Aye, Kyle Bailey-Aye. MOTION CARRIED.

**Discuss, Consider, Award Maintenance Contract** Motion to table this agenda item to allow time to readvertise the bid by John Hartley. Second by Lance Christie. Gary Wilson-Aye, Dan Holyoak-Aye, Lance Christie-Aye, Rex Tanner-Aye, Dan Pyatt-Aye, John Hartley-Aye, Tom Stengel-Aye, Mike Holyoak-Aye, John Keys-Aye, Kyle Bailey-Aye. MOTION CARRIED.

**Impact Fee Study Review – Sunrise Engineering** Robert Worley of Sunrise Engineering presented a summary of the water and wastewater impact fee studies. Robert said that in many cases the impact fee study is done in conjunction with a Capital Facilities Plan. This study was done without an updated Capital Facilities Plan. Terry later explained that it is not required by law since we do not serve a population over 5000. The maximum impact fee was calculated using the replacement cost of the system divided by the number of users currently on the system. Robert said that he did not recommend the highest amount possible although it is within the law to charge as much as is justifiable. Robert suggested that the board determine the most appropriate impact fee rate for our system. The board discussed this topic at length. There will be a public hearing and meeting of the Improvement District to finalize the numbers.

**Pressurized Irrigation Study – Sunrise Engineering** Robert Worley of Sunrise Engineering passed around a new type of irrigation meter designed for home use and that is currently in use in Europe. The cost of this meter is approximately

\$100.00. This meter has no moving parts and uses the turbulence of the water running through it to calculate usage. The meter is also radio read capable. Robert then explained a phased plan to begin serving residential users in the current service area with expansion to follow. He recommended a price of approximately \$25.00 per month over the eight month irrigation season. The board and Robert discussed the amounts of water that would be provided for the \$25.00 per month. There was also discussion of a dry system to be put in automatically with developments and then supplement with culinary water when necessary or keep the system pressurized with culinary water to prevent degradation due to non use.

**Items From Board members & Staff** President Pyatt asked Terry and John Keys to recap their meeting with the City last week regarding sewer. Terry gave a short recap of the meeting. There was much discussion from the board regarding the proposed contract and the City's position. Councilman Jeff Davis suggested that the City Council meet with members of the board to talk about the proposed wastewater contract. There was also discussion amongst the board in regards to the wastewater treatment study and San Juan County. Terry said that the Division of Water Rights representatives were in town this week. The Moab Irrigation meters have been maintained by our operators and have been working properly all season. He also noted that there is a dam inspection scheduled for June 14<sup>th</sup>.

President Pyatt declared the meeting adjourned. Hearing no objections the meeting adjourned at 9:54 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Dan Pyatt – President

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Gary Wilson – Vice President