

GRAND WATER & SEWER SERVICE AGENCY
Regular Board Meeting
September 3, 2009

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, Rex Tanner, Brian Backus, Preston Paxman, Jerry McNeely, Lance Christie, Mike Holyoak, and Tom Stengel. Absent were Kyle Bailey and John Hartley. Chris Baird arrived at approximately 7:06 p.m.

Others present were: Lynn Jackson, Mark Sovine, Marsha Modine, and Dana Van Horn.

Minutes – Board Meeting 8/20/09 Motion to approve the minutes for the meeting of 08/20/09 as presented by Lance Christie. Second by Mike Holyoak. Dan Pyatt-Aye, Gary Wilson-Aye, Rex Tanner-Aye, Jerry McNeely-Aye, Preston Paxman-Aye, Lance Christie-Aye, Mike Holyoak-Aye, Tom Stengel-Aye, Brian Backus-Aye. MOTION CARRIED.

Citizens to be heard none

Check approval Motion to approve checks in the amount of \$71,245.50 by Lance Christie. Second by Tom Stengel. Dan Pyatt-Aye, Gary Wilson-Aye, Rex Tanner-Aye, Jerry McNeely-Aye, Preston Paxman-Aye, Lance Christie-Aye, Mike Holyoak-Aye, Tom Stengel-Aye, Brian Backus-Aye. MOTION CARRIED.

Discussion of lake levels and irrigation system – guest speaker – Lynn Jackson – BLM Ken's lake is currently at 491 AF. Projected use for September will potentially put the lake below the 400 AF minimum required under contract for fish habitat. The Agency asked for a waiver of this requirement of the BLM to facilitate inspection of the lower lake levels and continue to serve irrigation customers. Lynn explained that although there have only been a few instances where the waiver has been requested, the BLM would like to see a more detailed conservation plan on the part of the Agency with different actions taken depending on drought conditions. Mark explained that all efforts the Agency is able to provide are currently in use. He also advised him of plans for increased education, a more effective metering system, and larger, more efficient pumps for the supplemental ground water wells. The board told Lynn that the lake should have 75 to 100 AF in storage when the irrigation system is shut off. Lynn said that the BLM would grant the waiver in a letter provided to the Agency next week. He also said that he spoke with the Division of Wildlife Resources regarding the fish habitat and they are planning a free fishing day at the lake in anticipation of the lower lake levels.

Consideration and approval of letter in support of San Juan County water and sewer improvements A draft letter to San Juan County in support of the proposed water and sewer improvements was presented in the meeting packet. The board discussed the language and intent of the letter in depth. Rex Tanner requested that San Juan County send a letter to the Agency to formally request support from the board. There was also discussion of the language in the letter concerning the treatment of sewer and the agreement with Moab City. The board directed staff to work with Lance Christie's proposed language in the letter and have it available for consideration along with a letter requesting support from San Juan County at the meeting of September 17, 2009. Motion to table this agenda item by Lance Christie. Second by Tom Stengel. Dan Pyatt-Aye, Gary Wilson-Aye, Rex Tanner-Aye, Jerry McNeely-Aye, Preston Paxman-Aye, Lance Christie-Aye, Mike Holyoak-Aye, Tom Stengel-Aye, Brian Backus-Aye. MOTION CARRIED.

Committee Report(s) The water and sewer committee met last week and discussed the letter to San Juan. President Pyatt said the secondary committee met last week to discuss irrigation rates. Vice President Wilson said the conservation committee met last week and began the process to implement a conservation education program for outdoor water use. Updates to the Conservation Plan were also discussed.

Items from staff Mark told the board about a meeting with Moab City this week. They discussed the road upgrades on Millcreek Drive that relates directly to the Millcreek waterline replacement project. Mark said he would keep the board apprised of the situation. Sewer treatment for San Juan County was also discussed. The county held a meeting about the 2010 CIB funding on Wednesday. The Agency's main request was for \$60,000 for a generator

for use in an emergency to operate the well pumps. Marsha asked the board for input on dates for the annual party. She will send an email to the board members with several dates to choose from.

Items from Board Members none.

Closed session as needed None

President Pyatt declared the meeting adjourned. Hearing no objections; the meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

ATTEST:

Dan Pyatt, Chairman

Gary Wilson, Vice Chairman