

**GRAND WATER & SEWER SERVICE AGENCY**  
**Operating Committee Meeting**  
April 4, 2013

The meeting was called to order by President Pyatt at 7:00 p.m. at the Agency office, 3025 East Spanish Trail Road, Moab, Utah. Other Agency Board Members present were: Kyle Bailey Preston Paxman, Rex Tanner, Gary Wilson, Tom Stengel, Leon Behunin, and Dale Weiss. Absent were: Mike Holyoak, Brian Backus, Jerry McNeely, and Pat Holyoak.

Others present were: George Carter, Jeff Richards, Duane Stewart, Bob and Margaret Southards, John Fogg, Mark Sovine, Dana Van Horn and Marc Stilson.

**Minutes of board meeting 3/21/13** Motion to approve the minutes of 3/21/13 as presented by Tom Stengel. Second by Gary Wilson. MOTION CARRIED 8-0.

**Citizens to be heard** None,

**Presentation by Marc Stilson of DWR – Mill Creek restrictions** Marc gave a synopsis of a meeting of the Mill Creek water users earlier that day. If the water year is as poor as predictions indicate, the water users will implement a strategy of restrictions and possible turns. The final plan is due to the DWR by May 1, 2013. Mark Sovine said the ultimate decision will be made by the MIC board. Marc left at 7:15 p.m.

**Discussion and consideration of culinary water / irrigation water exchanges** Mark addressed his concerns with the plan of potentially exchanging irrigation water for culinary water. If the Agency did this for one customer then they would have to do it for anyone. There is a potential stress on the aquifer and the idea does not fit with the Agency's conservation plan. Dale said she did not want to devalue the culinary water and possibly put the culinary customers at risk. Duane Stewart of Rim Village who originally asked if the exchange was possible said that after hearing the reasons behind the board's position, he agreed with them and thanked them for the consideration. He also praised staff for their work during the coldest part of the winter.

**Lake/Snow report and discussion of irrigation season start-up** The lake has 411 AF in storage. The snow-water equivalent is 77% of average and the ytd precipitation is 77% of average. Soil saturation is 27%. The board discussed possible start up dates and restrictions. A date cannot be chosen until the spring runoff begins. The April 18 meeting will be moved to Monday the 15<sup>th</sup> to provide for more discussion and time to prepare customer letters.

**Committee report** None.

**Items from staff** Dale, Mike, Jerry, and Mark attended a meeting with the BLM regarding the required 3cfs below the diversion. He will now be in touch directly with the Division of Wildlife Resources to discuss the issue. No program will be in place for this season, however, it is possible to have something in place for next winter.

**Items from board members** None.

**Closed session if necessary** None.

President Pyatt declared the meeting adjourned. Hearing no objections; the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Dan Pyatt, President

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Mark Sovine, Secretary/Treasurer