

**GWSSA OPERATING COMMITTEE MEETING
3025 E. SPANISH TRAIL ROAD, MOAB, UTAH
THURSDAY JULY 18TH, 2024 – 7:00 P.M.**

The meeting was called to order by Dan Pyatt at 7:02 p.m. at the Agency Office, 3025 E. Spanish Trail Rd., Moab, Utah. Other trustees present: Gary Wilson, Mike Holyoak, Brian Backus, Trisha Hedin, Rani Derasary, Rick Thompson, Dale Weiss, Steve Getz, Mike Duncan, Luke Wojciechowski

Others present were Ben Musselman, Kristi Taylor, Doug Rasmussen

Board Members absent were Kevin Clyde, Ben Wilson.

Minutes – Board meeting of 6-20-2024 Motion to approve the minutes of 6-20-2024 board meeting as presented by Dan Pyatt was made by Dale Weiss, Second by Mike Holyoak. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Citizen to be heard There were no citizens to be heard.

Approval of Checks and Expenditures 6-20-24 to 7-18-24 Presented by Ben Musselman who stated there was nothing unusual or out of the ordinary MOTION by Dale Weiss to approve the checks presented, second by Rick Thompson. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Financial Statement Presented by Ben Musselman. Ben explained that while there may be some areas that are showing negatives, it's because a lot of work is being done out of our own inventory, and we are unable to replace the parts in our inventory at the moment. Inventory/parts are on backorder. Once we get those parts back into our inventory it will correct itself. Kristi Taylor, Bookkeeper for GWSSA, states as of the end of June, GWSSA revenue is at 54% of budgeted amount and interest is at an all-time high and currently above 300% of budgeted amount. No questions by board members.

Audit Report Presented by Doug Rasmussen, C.P.A. with SMUIN, RICH, & MARSING. Doug states that it is their clean opinion that they did not find anything that is materially wrong with the financial statements, from the work that they performed for the agency. For the Management Discussion Analysis, he provided financial highlights and where it came from. He explained the net operating income 1.5 million dollars this past year, with non-operating revenues and transfers, overall the Agency had a positive of \$944,000.00. GWSSA had an increase of positive cash flow for 2023 of almost \$894,000.00. Doug also presented a mandatory report that showed that if the Agency wasn't in existence, that the Water Conservancy District this past year would have had a net loss of almost \$564,000; Spanish Valley would have had a net income of 1.1 million.

A review of internal controls and compliance, based on testing, showed no instances of noncompliance that needed to be reported. As far as State Compliance goes, they found that there were no deficiencies in internal control over compliance that were considered to be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Doug said this is a very good job and a very good audit report and he concluded it.

A question was asked about making a profit as a government entity, if there was an issue with carrying money in the bank as it belongs to the tax payer. Doug answered that with the Enterprise Fund, which is how the Agency runs, there are no restrictions on how much the agency can hold year after year.

Letter of Intent for purchase of Water Right Number 05-295 Discussion/ Approval The letter gave the option to withdraw if the purchase does not go well. There are complications with the water right that the owner is trying to resolve. Ben Musselman states if the owner cannot get the complications cleared up, it will become null and void. A question was brought up about a right-of-access for using it as a monitoring well, but Ben doesn't believe we will do anything with it except abandon it as it is around 73 feet deep and old. Gary Wilson believes it should be abandoned and the seller should pay half of the abandonment charges and would like it added to the agreement. The owner doesn't know where the well is exactly and is still trying to find it. The

Division of Water Rights may want to use it as a monitoring well, so they will keep that part in the letter but also add the abandonment part to the letter. A MOTION was made by Dale Weiss to approve the Letter of Intent for the Purchase of Water Right Number 05-295 with mentioned changes. Second by Rani Derasary. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Water Service Shutoff Moratorium Program Discussion Presented by Ben Musselman. It's a program that considers the risk of shutting off water for people during extreme weather conditions when they can't pay their bill. This will set a period of time that will keep water from being shut off during these extreme weather conditions. This was a rough draft for viewing only. Trisha Hedin states she has written for a grant to have money set aside for situations like this for assistance and would be controlled by Moab Solutions. Luke asked if the customer's water was shut off before the high temperatures, would their water get turned back on. Ben said he assumed so, but there isn't usually a huge list of people that are turned off at any time. The board would like to have the ability to have a seasonal shutoff, for the months of June-September.

Project Updates Ben Musselman states that we are having problems with the Booster Pump and getting back in the well. Need to have a better wire for it and are on our second set of O-rings since this project began. We have two more sets of O-rings ordered and will use a different piece of equipment to lower it this time to keep it from tearing the gaskets. All the towers are complete for the AMI System. They are elevated to their higher points and they will come do a final assessment and fine tuning. Currently, we are only missing 127 meters, some of which are buried under sidewalks, concrete, or under cars. We did pick up some of Moab City's meters (2800). We can see their meters, but are not tracking their usage. Ben suggested that Moab City should put up towers.

Lake & Snow Report Presented by Ben Musselman. The lake level is dropping by trend. Just a little bit lower than last year at this time. We are taking 9.58 CFS above the Sheely Tunnel. We are releasing 3.4 CFS downstream from Millcreek. Moab Irrigation Company is getting close to not having enough water in the ditch, so Ben wanted to ask if we could cut some loose from the diversion to send downstream, so we could turn on our irrigation pumps to test them. Gary Wilson says it's not a bad idea to test them. Ben says it's expensive to run them. It's recommended to wait until they call to ask for more water, and Gary said to wait for the next meeting to decide to run those pumps. Dale Weiss asked if there were any Algal Bloom sightings; Ben said not yet, that's more like late August.

Items from staff Ben Musselman states Gary Wilson, Kevin Clyde and Trish Hedin are participating in the new Southeast Colorado River Watershed Council. Currently unsure of the significance of the group. Trish said she has seen other boards like this. Hopeful that if some of the things are highlighted by this group, the State Legislature would be helpful towards it. Right now, it's a voluntary board that has no money, no power, and is just an advisory board.

Ben says he was informed of flood damages at the Moab Irrigation Company (MIC) Meeting. They lost a gabion basket wall in Millcreek that was completed in March last year. This was the first flood to hit it, and it failed. They have a lot of their infrastructure buried in their sediment. Ben offered that if they find the valves, we can GPS them for them.

Kevin Clyde is now a check signer for the agency.

Rim to Rim has obtained a 5 year, 5 million dollar grant for wild fire defense fund. Will address Mill Creek and Pack Creek drainages. There could potentially be some hardening and improvements where our utility crossings are that will be helpful to us when that project goes through that area.

Committee reports No Reports.

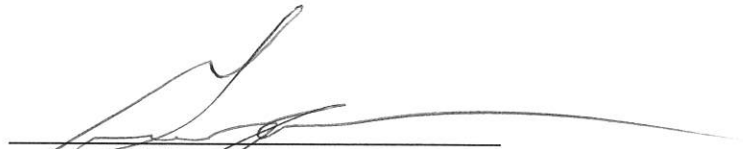
Items From Board Members No Items from Board Members

Closed session No Closed Session Necessary.

Adjournment MOTION TO ADJOURN by Mike Holyoak. Second by Rick Thompson. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The Meeting adjourned at 7:59 PM.

ATTEST:


Ben Musselman, Agency Manager


Gary Wilson, Vice President