

# **GWSSA FULL BOARD AND DISTRICT MEETINGS**

**GRAND WATER & SEWER SERVICE AGENCY, SPANISH VALLEY WATER & SEWER  
IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, GRAND COUNTY WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT, AND  
THE GRAND COUNTY SPECIAL SERVICE WATER DISTRICT**

**3025 E. SPANISH TRAIL ROAD, MOAB, UTAH**

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH, 2025 - 7:00 P.M.**

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## **THE GRAND WATER & SEWER SERVICE AGENCY**

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 PM by Vice President Gary Wilson.

GWSSA Operating Committee members in attendance are Mike Holyoak, Dale Weiss, Rani Derasary, Preston Paxman, Ben Wilson, Luke Wojciechowski, Kevin Clyde, and Steve Getz.

Joining the meeting by phone was Brian Martinez.

Not in attendance were Dan Pyatt, Brian Backus, Rick Thompson, Mike Duncan, and Ken Helfenbein.

Also in attendance was GWSSA Staff: Agency Manager Ben Musselman and Agency Operations Assistant/Records Officer Josh Green.

**Citizens to be heard** – None.

**Minutes for Board Meeting 2/20/2024** – MOTION to approve the minutes by Mike Holyoak. SECONDED by Dale Weis. MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

**Approval of Checks and Expenditures for 01/17/2025 to 02/20/2025** – MOTION by Dale Weiss to approve the paying the amount of \$197,637.59. SECONDED by Ben Wilson. MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY.

**Financial Statement** – Explained by Ben Musselman, Agency Manager. Nothing out of the ordinary. We are at 8 percent of the year for budget.

**Project Updates** - Truck Quotes Discussion/Action – Ben Musselman states that we have gotten bids on all vehicles. They are all within three to four hundred dollars. As for our lease vehicles, Ben explained the parameters of selling them, including how we will be assisted with selling them if we want, or sell them outright ourselves. Ben Wilson made a MOTION to proceed with purchasing the two vehicles and to move forward. SECONDED by Dale Weiss. MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY.

**Chapman Well Standby Pump & Motor** – Replacement motor price was given to us after learning our pump we were having repaired had more issues with it than originally expected. The new pump and motor confirmed to fit in our Well Casing. Bids have been requested for new pump by February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Ben will email them out to board to have it ratified so we can proceed. Gary Wilson states he is glad to have a meeting in person to discuss it; Ben states we can hold an emergency meeting by following state rules to do so.

**Transparent Water Billing Grant Discussion/Action** – Presentation given by Ben Musselman to explain the grant, what Yoppify is, and how Yoppify has saved money for GWSSA by eliminating the need for mailers, door

hangers, and rolling out equipment to communicate. It was also noted that Verizon Wireless and Emery Telcom were having issues with connecting to each other, which meant we are not getting every call. Customers are using Yoppify to contact us via our website, which is another benefit of the program. After grant was explained, it was determined that having it to help with water conservation was a good thing for GWSSA. MOTION by Dale Weiss to approve resolution 2025-02-20-a A RESOLUTION OF THE GRAND WATER & SEWER SERVICE AGENCY IN REGARD TO THE TRANSPARENT WATER BILLING GRANT APPLICATION . SECONDED by Kevin Clyde. MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY.

Gary Wilson spoke about how we are having problems with Emery Telcom and Verizon Wireless connecting with each other and makes a recommendation to look at porting our phone to Verizon Wireless solely.

**Lake & Snow Report** – Lake is keeping steady level, but soil moisture is concerning. The idea has been mentioned to do a 30 percent reduction on water shares, then ease up if we get more water via rain/snow. There is no other option right now because of the lack of moisture, so we are going to send out letters explaining the situation. A discussion about the BLM representative not willing to talk about us with our Sheely Tunnel Diversion and the 3 CFS of water we send downstream, per our agreement. The Diversion releases 3.1 CFS of water per our engineered gauge. The BLM representative Ann Marie Aubry calls Ben Musselman 'The King of 2.97", in reference to their gauges downstream only picking up 2.97 CFS of flow. The BLM gauge downstream is in an open ditch, a half mile away. Because of her behavior and avoiding conversations with GWSSA members, the committee will send letters to Representative Logan Monson and other representatives to explain what is happening and what we are going to do with a new gauge we want to install.

Gary Wilson directed Ben to look into the Grant from Colorado River Authority to purchase a gauge that shows we are releasing 3 CFS.

**Items from staff:**

Preston Paxman had an item to bring up. Preston Paxman states that when Trish Hedin was still on the board, he told her he was unhappy with the County removing him from the board last year, and if they were going to do so, to put someone in with the proper experience. He states he has concern, because he has emails that are between Trish Hedin and the County Council about their concerns with our (GCSSWD) water board, and how they can change it. Since Rani Derasary was included in those emails, he believes that Rani should step down from the board. He states that the County should appoint someone that is more in tune with serving the people and not stopping water use. Gary Wilson says that it has to be an Agenda Item to discuss it, and that whoever is writing the emails should be allowed to be in the room to explain them. He says to put it on the next meeting agenda to discuss.

Ben contacted Royces electronics over his lease with GWSSA, in regards to putting equipment on our water tower for River Canyon Wireless. Royce states that he would like to install a tower at the site to get his equipment off of our storage tank. He will send Ben the information so they have it for the next board meeting.

**YEARLY OPMA TRAINING VIDEO (8 minutes)** – OPMA training was given; a signature sheet was passed around for all in attendance.

**Committee Reports:**

**Water Conservation Workshop** – Takes place March 6<sup>th</sup> at 3pm to discuss conservation efforts, like grass types.

Ben also got back the GRAMA request from UDOT  
Dale states that she attended a meeting where the City might not proceed with their tertiary water project. Luke Wojciechowski will let us know if anything changes.

Kevin Clyde spoke to WW CLYDE Company President about its dry well installation process and about our diversion structure. Kevin stated that if there was any voting involving WW CLYDE, he would recuse himself.

**Items from Board Members -**

Kevin Clyde and Steve Getz were involved with looking at the property where the Green River water is pulled into the pipeline.

**HB 274** – Gary Wilson explained the bill and how it has a sponsor now. The bill will regulate how we sell water to our customers and will install a tier structure system for our RSI/Agriculture secondary water. He is very concerned with this bill, as it is too much regulation.

**Closed Session –** Not Needed.

**Adjournment** – MOTION to adjourn at 8:30 pm by Kevin Clyde. SECONDED by Mike Holyoak. MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY.

ATTEST:

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BEN MUSSELMAN, AGENCY MANAGER

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GARY WILSON, VICE PRESIDENT