

GWSSA OPERATING COMMITTEE MEETING

GRAND WATER & SEWER SERVICE AGENCY

3025 E. SPANISH TRAIL ROAD, MOAB, UTAH

THURSDAY, MAY 15TH, 2025 - 7:00 P.M.

THE GRAND WATER & SEWER SERVICE AGENCY

The Meeting was called to order by President Gary Wilson at 7:05 PM. Board Members in attendance were Kevin Clyde, Mike Holyoak, Rani Derasary, Mike Duncan, Dale Weiss, Brian Martinez, Rick Thompson, Preston Paxman, and Brian Backus.

Joining via zoom were Steve Getz, and Ben Wilson.

Not in attendance were Dan Pyatt, Ken Helfenbein, and Luke Wojciechowski.

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

Minutes for Board Meeting 4/17/2025 – MOTION to approve minutes by Brian Backus. SECONDED by Rick Thompson. MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY.

Citizens to be heard – None.

Approval of Checks and Expenditures for 4/18/2025-5/15/2025 – Presented by Ben Musselman. One of the expenditures was for the George White #4 pump that was installed. This was \$775.00 over the original bid price, because of hours estimated were subject to change. They had difficulty with pipes at wellhead. Ben wanted to let the board know that on the balance sheet, we will not see it this meeting. Next meeting, the funds will be pulled out of the Spanish Valley Sewer Improvement District Reserve Fund for Contingency Water to pay for pump installation. Chemtech Ford had samples sent to them, which was another expenditure. \$1800.00 went to our pre-auditing prep for Mike Miles. Moab City Interconnect question asked by Rani, Ben explained it's a grant for the interconnect project that will be at the intersection of Spanish Trail Rd and Spanish Valley Drive. We paid Arch Walker to install garage door openers for our building (this was a budgeted item). Norman Taylor Refund was for his water/sewer connection fees. This was for another project that is no longer happening, now he is doing an ADU and we refunded the fees.

MOTION to approve the amount of \$329,088.52 by Mike Holyoak. SECONDED by Dale Weiss. MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY.

Financial Statement – Presented by Ben Musselman. Everything is in order. 33% of year has elapsed. We are at 32% billed for the year, with 27% of revenue received – there is always a lag as bills are not due before the meeting.

Project Updates –

Annual Audit: Auditors provided us with a 5 year contract, which expired a year ago. They sent a new contract, but it has to be approved by all boards and would delay the process. The auditors went off of the approve rate for last year, will submit a new contract for review. – One thing to note is the Auditors said Kristi Taylor did a great job having everything ready for them.

Water Right Hearing: Living Rivers Protest to our GWSSA's Extension of Time request. Several questions were asked, which were sent to the board. Ben was advised by a water rights professional that they did not pertain to the specific extension of time request, and it would be best to not answer them. DWR asked for clarification on type of water right, which was for Irrigation. We are now waiting on DWR Judgement.

George White #4 Well – Installation is completed. We have ran it for two days now. Have sent out Bac-T samples, which came back positive. Had to disinfect, then resend samples. We passed. We are now at 1000 GPM now. Inside the building is not that loud anymore, thanks to new pump.

Colorado River Authority: Will have an engineer on staff in next month, which can help us with our measuring device at the Sheely Tunnel. They have grant funds available to help with that.

Canyonlands Ranch Water on South Mesa: Previously Farnsworth's Property. They have 42% of their 171 acre feet water shares that they use as winter water to keep pond full. Letters were sent because of their usage; when everyone downstream is on restrictions, they still receive 100 percent of their water. The new owner of ranch had this issue/situation explained to him by Ben Musselman. Ben worked to come up with a new agreement: Their winter water goes from November to March, and that use is at whatever restriction was in place during that season. New owner is on board with this and wants to help. Gary would like to have someone from our agency go up there periodically to check the diversion that is used by the ranch.

New Pump: New pump is still on order.

Potentially reallocate irrigation shares for non-payment for 2024 – The bill has been paid; putting the reallocation of Irrigation Shares for non-payment as an item for this meeting has encouraged the party to pay their bills current.

Action Item: Royce's Electronics Lease – Question about monthly amount, which was \$700.00. Previously, it was discussed to be at \$800.00. Gary Wilson had concerns of the current contract, in regards to the 2% increase, per year, for 10 years. Gary believes it should be more like 4-5 years at 2%, then renegotiate. Our ability to renegotiate was discussed, which needed to be changed as it was too vague. After more discussion about rate increase and renegotiation terms, it was decided that: Increase is at 2% for two years. That said agreement can be renegotiated subsequently every year from there out.

MOTION by Brian Martinez to approve the contract, based on language as for said. SECONDED by Preston Paxman. MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY.

Lake & Snow Report – Presented by Ben Musselman. The lake is up in elevation slightly. The storms have helped in the past month. In Millcreek at diversion, we are taking 13 CFS and releasing 3.6 CFS downstream. Soil moistures are up. Josh Green has created a website page that has the five most current readings of lake elevation/lake storage, and will send that out to all board members.

Items from staff - Presented by Ben Musselman. Josh Green has finished the Water Conservation class and now has the certification. We are going to set up a Water Conservation Committee Meeting next month on the 11th of June to go over the Water Conservation Plan that is due this year.

Josh Green is asking Water Conservation Coordinator Josh Zimmerman to read the proposed Buildout Plan by Mike Duncan to see if it would fit in with the conservation plan, as we are not sure if it can be included or not.

There is a grad student that is doing Ground Water Modeling study. She would like some data from us, but we cannot provide that report from our office as we have to have our SCADA provider generate that report for us. The Report will be over \$1,800.00 to have done. Ben Musselman wanted to know if the Board wanted him to proceed with this; Dale Weiss asked Grand County Commission liaison/Commissioner Brian Martinez if Grand County would be willing to pay for this as they are the ones who commissioned it originally. Brian Martinez said he'd look into it.

Committee Reports - None

Items from Board Members – Dale Weiss stated that while at the MAWP meeting, County Commissioner Bill Winfield has offered his assistance with our Colorado River Diversion project. If we would like him to, he would get in contact with the staff of the two Utah Senators (Lee and Curtis) about us getting our grant money. He would like to have the final amount of money that we would need so he could tell them. We will need to get proposals ready, first. This will be discussed again at the next meeting.

Closed Session – Not Needed.

Adjournment – MOTION to adjourn by Mike Holyoak at 8:30 PM.

ATTEST:



GARY WILSON, PRESIDENT



BEN MUSSELMAN, AGENCY MANAGER