

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 AUGUST 21ST, 2025 - 7:00 P.M.

THE GRAND WATER AND SEWER SERVICE AGENCY

The Meeting was called to order by President Gary Wilson at 7: 00 PM. Those in attendance were Brian Martinez, Ben Wilson, Preston Paxman, Ken Helfenbein, Rick Thompson, Mike Holyoak, Steve Getz, Mike Duncan, Rani Derasary, and Dale Weiss. Kevin Clyde joined Via Zoom.

Not in attendance were Dan Pyatt, Brian Backus, and Luke Wojciechowski.

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

Minutes for Board Meeting 6/16/25 – MOTION to approve minutes by Dale Weiss. SECONDED by Ben Wilson. MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY.

Approval of Checks and Expenditures 7/25/25 to 8/21/25 – Motion by Dale Weiss to approve the amount of \$213,808.76. SECONDED by Mike Holyoak. MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY.

Financial Statement – Presented by Ben Musselman. We are at 58% of year lapsed.

Project Updates – Met with Colorado River Authority regarding the Demand Management Program. Also sent out to board members the WURMP final draft. Moab City is acknowledging receipt of study but has no formal adoption of it for various reasons. Ben recommended a workshop to discuss plan at later date.

Presentation: Rain Enhancement Technologies, Randy Seidl – Presented information about an upcoming cloud seeding project in the area. This was done via Zoom.

Thompson Discussion – Presented by Ben Musselman. Ben explained the financial documents we received from Thompson Special Service District (TSSD), regarding operating costs. Ben explained that there would be an increase in their (Thompson's) service fees if we were to take over their district, which would need to happen to fund our operations out there. Ben recommends that we do a rate study for TSSD. Recommended to send this to Thompson and have them look it over.

Lake and Snow Report – There is not much run off and we haven't had any rain. Ken's Lake is currently at 938 Acre Feet of water in storage. We have found that the conservation pool is 400-acre feet of storage. Ben has prepared a letter to send to BLM, which will request a waiver allowing usage of up to 200-acre feet. He contacted the DWR, who will not be restocking the fish in the lake next month.

Committee Reports – Gary Wilson, Steve Getz, Ben Musselman, and Kevin Clyde met earlier today. Talked about the new tax/fee by the Division of Drinking Water (DDW). The DDW was granted fee authority through legislator this year; we are looking to pay roughly \$10,000 per year.

Items from Board Members –

Brian Martinez, Commission liaison, has been working on our landscape ordinance so our customers can apply for the sod buyback program. Brian explained that they are having a hard time getting it passed and has requested to the board to use our Yoppify message delivery program to request anyone that is interested in this program, to contact planning and zoning to request them to get this back on agenda for a public hearing. Kevin Clyde recommended that we also write a letter in support of this program and for them to put it on the agenda. Gary directed Ben Musselman to write the letter and send.

Rani Derasary brought up that the Grand County Commission wants to provide an incentive to get all boards to switch over to the same auditor. Confirmed by Brian Martinez. Per Ben Musselman we are separate of Grand County and this does not apply to us.

Closed Session – Not needed.

Adjournment – MOTION to adjourn the meeting by Mike Holyoak at 8:30 PM. SECONDED by Ben Wilson. MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY.

ATTEST:

GARY WILSON, CHAIRMAN

BEN MUSSELMAN, AGENCY MANAGER