

# **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 MARCH 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2026 – 7:00 P.M.**

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The meeting was called to order by President Gary Wilson at 7:00 PM. Board Members in attendance were Kevin Clyde, Steve Getz, Rani Derasary, Brian Backus, Rick Thompson, Ken Helfenbein, Mike Holyoak, Miles Loftin, Don Hamilton, Dale Weiss, and Brian Martinez.

Not in attendance were Preston Paxman and Ben Wilson

Also in attendance were Agency Manager Ben Musselman and ARO Josh Green.

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

**Minutes for Board Meeting 2/19/2026** – MOTION to approve minutes by Dale Weiss. SECONDED by Kevin Clyde. MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY. In favor were Kevin Clyde, Steve Getz, Rani Derasary, Brian Backus, Rick Thompson, Ken Helfenbein, Mike Holyoak, Miles Loftin, Don Hamilton, Dale Weiss, and Brian Martinez.

**Citizens to be heard** – None

**Approval of Checks and Expenditures 12/19/2025 to 1/15/2026** – MOTION by Kevin Clyde to approve checks in the amount of \$195,629.07. SECONDED by Dale Weiss. MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY. In favor were Kevin Clyde, Steve Getz, Rani Derasary, Brian Backus, Rick Thompson, Ken Helfenbein, Mike Holyoak, Miles Loftin, Don Hamilton, Dale Weiss, and Brian Martinez.

**Financial Statement** – Presented by Ben Musselman.

**Project Updates** – Holyoak Lane Waterline bids were opened; Sunrise Engineering recommends that we proceed with Alpine Construction. The Contract Award amount was \$915,441.40. MOTION by Mike Holyoak to proceed forward with using Alpine Construction. SECONDED by Brian Martinez. MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY. In favor were Kevin Clyde, Steve Getz, Rani Derasary, Brian Backus, Rick Thompson, Ken Helfenbein, Mike Holyoak, Miles Loftin, Don Hamilton, Dale Weiss, and Brian Martinez.

**Lake and Snow report** – Holding at 5020.50 currently. Soil moisture is high due to some rain. We will be monitoring the diversion multiple times per day during the runoff, to achieve as much water flow to the reservoir as possible.

**Irrigation Start Date Discussion**- We are starting rough this year. We want to push for people to “Survive, not Thrive”, meaning water enough to keep your plants alive but not to overdo it. Board agrees, would like to have the start date be April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026. We will begin with a 50% restriction.

**RESOLUTION 2026-03-19-a**- This is another thing we learned that we needed from Josh Green’s trip to the UASD Convention. Rani Derasary found a few typos that needed addressed. MOTION to approve by Dale Weiss. SECONDED by Steve Getz. MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY. In favor were Kevin Clyde, Steve

Getz, Rani Derasary, Brian Backus, Rick Thompson, Ken Helfenbein, Mike Holyoak, Miles Loftin, Don Hamilton, Dale Weiss, and Brian Martinez.

**SCADA Agreement for discussion/approval** – In this agreement, we would own most of the equipment (some remaining owned by Browns Hill). After evaluation, it was decided to move forward with Option One of the three options provided. MOTION by Kevin Clyde. SECONDED by Steve Getz. MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY. In favor were Kevin Clyde, Steve Getz, Rani Derasary, Brian Backus, Rick Thompson, Ken Helfenbein, Mike Holyoak, Miles Loftin, Don Hamilton, Dale Weiss, and Brian Martinez.

**Items from Staff-** Letter to the Editor – Culinary Water Conservation: Josh Green wrote a rough draft of a letter to be submitted to the local newspapers. Dale Weiss recommended some changes after reading the initial draft. The letter in tonight's meeting was the final draft. It was approved to send to both papers.

Water To Water Campaign: This was sent to us as a recommendation for participation from up north. We are not moving forward with it, as we do not share the same drought conditions (and we are opening up our irrigation line on the 1<sup>st</sup> of April).

Cemetery Well Pump: We are pulling the pump, which is used to offset Mill Creek water diverted to Ken's Lake. This pumps into the MIC system. We tried to fire up this pump last season, but it would not work. Hoping to find out what's wrong with it.

Darcy Well: Putting out a RFP for a pump test of well to see if our development work has made improvements to the well.

We have sold one of the trucks; the new buyer is flying here from California next week and wants to see our other fleet vehicles.

**Committee Reports** – Gary Wilson, Steve Getz, and Kevin Clyde met earlier to discuss items from staff.

**Items from Board Members** – Commission Brian Martinez talked about Lake Powell water levels and items from Legislative Session. Brian Martinez let us know that Dale Weiss was appointed to replace Mike Duncan on the GCSSWD board. Mike is moving out of Moab and Ben let him know about the replacement and thanked him.

Discussion of Arches Special Service Water District. We are not proceeding at this time.

**Future Agenda Items Request** – Rani Derasary wanted to remind us that with Mike Duncan stepping down, there is no Vice Chair of the GCSSWD. We need to vote on that next meeting.

**Adjournment** – MOTION to adjourn by Dale Weiss at 8:30 PM. SECONDED by Kevin Clyde. MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY. In favor were Kevin Clyde, Steve Getz, Rani Derasary, Brian Backus, Rick Thompson, Ken Helfenbein, Mike Holyoak, Miles Loftin, Don Hamilton, Dale Weiss, and Brian Martinez.

ATTEST:

  
BEN MUSSELMAN, AGENCY MANAGER

  
GARY WILSON, PRESIDENT