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 May 21st, 2026 - 7:00 p.m.

PENDING APPROVAL

The Grand Water and Sewer Service Agency

The Meeting was called to order by Gary Wilson at 7:00 PM. Those in attendance were Kevin Clyde, Dale Weiss, Steve Getz, Ben Wilson, Miles Loftin, Preston Paxman, Don Hamilton, Ken Helfenbein, and Brian Martinez.

Not in attendance were Rick Thompson, Mike Holyoak, Rani Derasary, and Brian Backus.

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

Minutes – Board meeting of 4/16/2026 and Public Hearings of 4/16/2026 – MOTION to approve GWSSA 4.16.2026 minutes by Dale Weiss. SECONDED by Brian Martinez. MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY. In favor were Kevin Clyde, Dale Weiss, Steve Getz, Ben Wilson, Miles Loftin, Preston Paxman, Don Hamilton, Ken Helfenbein, and Brian Martinez.

MOTION to approve 4.16.2026 Public Hearing Minutes by Dale Weiss. SECONDED by Ben Wilson. MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY. In favor were Kevin Clyde, Dale Weiss, Steve Getz, Ben Wilson, Miles Loftin, Preston Paxman, Don Hamilton, Ken Helfenbein, and Brian Martinez.

Citizens to be heard – Aaron Lindberg discussed the County Water Preservation Element. He was invited to stay and make comments on item 10 by Gary Wilson.

Approval of Checks and Expenditures 4/17/2026 to 5/21/2026 – Motion by Kevin Clyde to approve the amount of $480,898.38. SECONDED by Steve Getz. MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY. In favor were Kevin Clyde, Dale Weiss, Steve Getz, Ben Wilson, Miles Loftin, Preston Paxman, Don Hamilton, Ken Helfenbein, and Brian Martinez.

Financial Statement – Presented by Ben Musselman. Reporting through April, 33% of the year has elapsed. Operating Revenue billed out is at 32%. Billed vs Received is at 4% margin. Impact fees and interest income is still higher than anticipated.

ACTION ITEM: RESOLUTION 2026-04-16-a : A RESOLUTION OF THE GRAND WATER & SEWER SERVICE AGENCY ESTABLISHING A WATER PRESSURE ENHANCEMENT SURCHARGE FOR SERVICE AREAS BENEFITTED BY PRESSURE-ENHANCING FACILITIES – MOTION to approve by Dale Weiss. SECONDED by Kevin Clyde. MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY. In favor were Kevin Clyde, Dale Weiss, Steve Getz, Ben Wilson, Miles Loftin, Preston Paxman, Don Hamilton, Ken Helfenbein, and Brian Martinez.

ACTION ITEM: RESOLUTION 2026-04-16-b : A RESOLUTION OF THE GRAND WATER & SEWER SERVICE AGENCY ESTABLISHING FIRE HYDRANT USE, METER RENTAL, AND WATER USE FEES FOR CONSTRUCTION PURPOSES, PURSUANT TO UTAH CODE TITLE 17B – Ben Wilson spoke, saying that

the penalty should be raised from $150.00 to a higher amount to encourage compliance. This was discussed, and if needed there would be another public hearing to increase it. MOTION to approve by Dale Weiss. SECONDED by Kevin Clyde. In favor were Kevin Clyde, Dale Weiss, Steve Getz, Ben Wilson, Miles Loftin, Preston Paxman, Don Hamilton, Ken Helfenbein, and Brian Martinez.

Project Updates – Waterline Replacement project has been moving forward. First Change Order for the project was brought before the board tonight and approved.

Lake and Snow Report – Water in lake is lowering due to irrigation. We had a bump in elevation after last weeks rain storm, but it has gone down again. The Ken's Lake Dam inspection went well, no big issues. The rodent problem was solved by the snakes.

Items from staff – To avoid future issues that may arise, the following statement will be added to all agendas: "The Board May Discuss, Consider, or take action on any item listed on this agenda".

Josh Green went to the Grand County High School and taught a water conservation class to over 130 students. The teacher was happy with the presentation and said they are doing water conservation projects in the class now.

Currently working with Sumerlan Inc. to find and identify rebates from Rocky Mountain Power. Sumerlan finds these rebates and work for 50% of whatever the savings are. Ben Wilson has a contact in Rocky Mountain Power that may be able to find us these rebates with no cost, so he will forward Ben Musselman's contact info to him.

Moab Irrigation Company will start using our board room for their future meetings.

County Water Preservation Plan Discussion - Grand County has written a water preservation element to comply with the Resource Management Plan requirements. We have worked with Andrew Jackson in the Planning Department and Brian Martinez to help shape and create accurate statements to the best of our knowledge. The original plan highlighted the agricultural uses, and tourism demands of our culinary water systems as major draws. We made edits to clarify that agricultural water is not affecting our culinary system. We noted that tourism is a draw but highlighted outdoor yard water as the biggest contributor to peak demands on the culinary system. It was mentioned that the plan has stalled in the Planning Commission and has not yet been sent to the Grand County Commission. Aaron Lindberg, who is a planning commissioner, answered questions.

Southeastern Utah Watershed Workshop Update – There has been a call for project ideas to allow the Southeastern Utah Colorado River Council to work on pushing projects. We presented eight possible projects. All projects were ranked by members. Weather Modification Projects was the top ranked item.

Committee Reports – Members had met to discuss the Southeastern Utah Watershed items to present to the meeting.

Met with Cash Stallings of the Utah Division of Water Rights about the diversion for South Mesa as Mr. Miller is building a pond up there. Also, talked about the diversion of putting flood water into gravel pits; Cash said you can take what you want if you have the water rights to do so. Also talked about water rights for people drilling a well on their land.

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Items from Board Members – Miles Loftin, Moab City Council liaison, says that the Cemetery Well vote is on track.

Future Agenda Items Request – None.

Adjournment – MOTION to adjourn the meeting by Ken Helfenbein at TIME 8:40 PM. SECONDED by Preston Paxman. MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY. In favor were Kevin Clyde, Dale Weiss, Steve Getz, Ben Wilson, Miles Loftin, Preston Paxman, Don Hamilton, Ken Helfenbein, and Brian Martinez.

ATTEST:

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GARY WILSON, PRESIDENT

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BEN MUSSELMAN, AGENCY MANAGER

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