

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

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17TH, 2026 - 7:00 P.M.

THE GRAND WATER AND SEWER SERVICE AGENCY

Meeting was called to order at 7:17 pm by President Gary Wilson. In attendance were Kevin Clyde, Preston Paxman, Dale Weiss, Rani Derasary, Steve Getz, Don Hamilton, Ben Wilson, Mike Holyoak, Rick Thompson, Miles Loftin, and Brian Martinez.

Ken Helfenbein and Brian Backus were not in attendance.

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

At 7:15pm, we adjourned to open a Public Hearing, then reentered this meeting at 7:20pm.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes – Board meeting of 5/21/ – Gary asked for two parts of the minutes to be updated before approval. MOTION to approve GWSSA 5.21.2026 minutes with changes by Dale Weiss. SECONDED by Rani Derasary. MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY. In favor were Kevin Clyde, Preston Paxman, Dale Weiss, Rani Derasary, Steve Getz, Don Hamilton, Ben Wilson, Mike Holyoak, Rick Thompson, Miles Loftin, and Brian Martinez in favor.

Citizens to be heard – NONE

Approval of Checks and Expenditures 4/17/2026 to 5/21/2026 – Motion by Kevin Clyde to approve the amount of \$542,030.74. SECONDED by Ben Wilson. MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY. In favor were Kevin Clyde, Preston Paxman, Dale Weiss, Rani Derasary, Steve Getz, Don Hamilton, Ben Wilson, Mike Holyoak, Rick Thompson, Miles Loftin, and Brian Martinez in favor.

Financial Statement – Presented by Ben Musselman. Reporting for month of May. For the current year, 42% has elapsed. 41% of operating revenue has been billed out for year. Total expenses are at 29%. Income billed vs received is at about a 5% margin. The gap in this will close in after all irrigation payments have been received. The budget is holding steady with nothing out of the normal except for the line items that have been previously discussed and will get amended.

We are not getting a lot of interest in the fleet vehicles we are selling. It might be best for us to surplus them.

Project Updates – There were two presentations today regarding the cloud seeding operations. The first was presented by Jared Smith of Rainmaker, who provided a year-end report on the company's operations. The second presentation was given by Randy Seidl and Jeffrey Chagnon (who joined remotely) of Rain Enhancement, who presented a snow season report and discussed planned operations for the upcoming summer months.

Ben spoke about the Sumerlan Group, who sent us an agreement that states its non-binding. If we use them and they find us savings, then we pay them 50% of whatever that savings was. Ben talked to the guy at Rocky Mountain Power, and his only suggestion was we schedule pumps to not run during peak time. Currently, we are not ready to sign anything and move forward.

Lake and Snow Report – Ken's Lake is declining. From last month to this month, there was a net loss of 33-acre feet. We took into the lake, through Sheely Tunnel, 204-acre feet of water. From the Beeman and Corbin wells, we pumped 98.2-acre feet. Millcreek is declining because of season. We have not had to shut off any lake water users this month, in regard to hitting the 50% allowed usage for 2026.

Items from staff – Utah Division of Drinking Water fee: We received an advanced notice for the Fiscal Year 2028 fees, which are due to the Department of Environmental Quality – Division of Drinking Water (DEQ-DDW). According to the calculation, which is based upon our water use reports, the amount due will be \$5,221.62. They will mail out an invoice sometime in 2027, and payment is required before December 31st, 2027. We did qualify for all 4 of the incentives for the reduced rates. If broken down per 1000 gallons, this would be a bill line add-on of \$0.014/1000 gallons. It was recommended that we bill the customers for this amount and have that line item say what that extra charge is for, so they know it's not GWSSA imposing that fee on their own. We will come back to this.

Moab Well Agreement: The Moab City Council approved the well agreement prior to our attorney review. After a few edits by our attorney, they agreed that the intent was the same and it was just a clarification of verbiage, and they honored the amendments. We have since completed the agreement. Ben Musselman sent out a RFP to our well-service providers in the area for work needed at the location.

Ben mentioned that there was an alternative to doing the Cemetery Well. If the board desired, we could look at the condition of a well we own in the Hecla Subdivision. It is situated very close to the MIC irrigation line. We would need to check it out, to see if it was usable. After discussion, Ben will look more into it.

Committee Reports – None

Items from Board Members – Next week on the 24th, we will be doing a Workshop to address key planning, funding, and operational strategies for water and sewer infrastructure projects and conservation efforts in the county.

Rani Derasary asked about educational things that could be put on the bills that go out to customers, as she had received an email that asked about tier rates. Josh Green said he would forward her a email after the meeting, that contained a Youtube link to an explanation of our tier rates, to pass on to customers.

Future Agenda Items Request – None.

Adjournment – MOTION to adjourn the meeting by Mike Holyoak at 8:47 PM. SECONDED by Rick Thompson. MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY. In favor were Kevin Clyde, Preston Paxman, Dale Weiss, Rani Derasary, Steve Getz, Don Hamilton, Ben Wilson, Mike Holyoak, Rick Thompson, Miles Loftin, and Brian Martinez in favor.

ATTEST:


BEN MUSSELMAN, AGENCY MANAGER


GARY WILSON, PRESIDENT