

Meeting September 15th, 2011

Stakeholders Present:

Mark Sovine	Grand Water and Sewer Service Agency
Laurel Hagen	Canyonlands Watershed Council
Donna Metzler	City of Moab
Mike Allred	UDWQ
Kirstin Peterson	Moab City
Melinda Brimhall	Grand County
Dave Erley	Town of Castle Valley
Geoff Freethey	Grand Co. Trail Mix Committee
Dee Taylor	Livestock/Grazing Representative
Bryan Torgerson	SITLA
Jerry McNeely	San Juan County
Kara Dohrenwend	Grand Conservation District
Robert Davidson	USFS Manti-La Sal
Jan Curtis-Tollestrup	USFS Manti-La Sal

Others Present:

Tessa Groff                      Watershed Coordinator

Actions

1. Minutes were reviewed and approved.
2. Changes were made to the By-laws document addressing the quorum concern.
3. The group scheduled the next meeting for October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2011, at 8:00 AM at the GWSSA office.

Discussion Items

**Item One: Approval of Minutes.** Bryan Torgerson made the motion to pass the minutes and Mike Allred seconded. Mark Sovine asked if there were any objections.

*Conclusion/Action: There were no objections and the minutes were approved.*

**Item Two: Addressed the Quorum concern in By-laws.** The group spent time discussing the quorum that had been established and added to section eight of the by-laws at the last meeting. There was concern from a few partners that the quorum needed to include a larger percentage of partners in order to meet the goal originally set by the group of obtaining super majority of the total partnership for voting purposes. After much discussion, it was decided that the quorum would remain as decided at the previous meeting. This decision will allow routine agenda items to be passed and permit meetings to occur with fifty percent plus one of total partners. Any routine agenda item that the quorum cannot reach consensus on or any action item identified as necessitating a vote, will require 2/3 of total signatory partners to pass. This is reflected under “Consensus and Voting” in section eight of the by-laws.

*Conclusion/Action: Changes were made to the “Consensus and Voting” to reflect that 2/3 of total partners must be present to vote and super majority must be met for approval of action items. A quorum of fifty percent plus one is necessary to pass routine agenda items.*

**Item Three: Call for Projects.** Tessa Groff asked all partners to share water quality related projects that their agencies/organizations are implementing or would like to see implemented within the watershed in order to compile a comprehensive list of project ideas. Donna Metzler presented a list of projects the City of Moab is considering and Mark Sovine informed the group of a project GWSSA may pursue in order to update the Sheley Diversion. There was limited time at the meeting for further discussion, so it was decided that each partner should forward their list of project ideas to Tessa.

*Conclusion/Action: A date of October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2011 was set for current project ideas to be delivered to Tessa Groff. She will then compile, organize and distribute the comprehensive list to all partners.*

**Item Four: Forest Service Suggested Changes to Partnership Agreement.** Robert Davidson with the USFS presented a copy of MAWP’s Partnership Agreement that had suggested changes from the Forest Service. With limited time to review these changes it was decided that this document should be distributed to the whole group and reviewed at the next meeting.

*Conclusion/Action: Mark Sovine will scan the drafted document that contains USFS changes and Tessa will distribute it to all partners for review. MAWP will postpone sending out the Partnership Agreement for signature until a final draft addressing all suggested changes is completed.*

**Item Five: Next Agenda.** All items on the September agenda that were not discussed will be added to the following agenda. In addition, the group would like to re-visit the watershed plan outline and identify technical committees to aid in the collection and analysis of data. We will also review the comprehensive project list and USFS suggested changes. The next meeting was set for October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

*Conclusion/Action: The next meeting will be held at the GWSSA office on October 13<sup>th</sup> 2011, at 8:00 AM.*