

**Moab Irrigation Company
Annual Officer's Report for 2023
February 5, 2024**

The 2023 Annual meeting last February was finally held in person again and a quorum allowed for the transaction of a fair bit of company business.

David Engleman accepted nomination for another five-year term as director for 2023 and was overwhelmingly voted into continuing his term.

This year, the seat held by Lee Sjoblom reaches term and he has accepted nomination for another term on the board.

For 2023, the same company officers were carried over from 2022 as follows:

Ken Minor President, George Dalton Vice-President, Dave Engleman Secretary.

Five minor By-Law changes regarding Article 2 – Stockholders were approved, primarily to modernize procedures around the annual meetings and simplify wording. Two sections were added to Article 8 – Distribution of water were added. The first dealt with Leasing of Water and the responsibilities of stockholders who may do so and the second dealt with Water Conservation Programs. All were overwhelmingly supported.

Utility work around Moab has continued to result in numerous Blue Stakes requests around Moab and a few repairs related to those projects. Thanks to those who have fielded those requests and coordinated the needed repairs.

The most significant repair project outstanding was completed in March. It involved the repair of the east gabion wall of the lower dam. The damaged gabion baskets were stabilized, additional concrete foundation was poured, and a new row of gabion baskets were attached to the new foundation and existing wall and then filled with rock. Two bids were received to complete the work. One for \$30,000 and one for \$40,000. The lower bid from Beh Brothers Construction was accepted and they got right to work and finished the repairs by the third week of March. Once the work was completed, we added a yard of concrete to the leading edge of the new wall and along the surface of the spillway to strengthen the tie-in and hopefully divert debris from flood events away from the new wall. So far, it has done exactly that.

The spring runoff was long and steady and brought a lot of silt, Sam was busy daily maintaining flow to the headgates and emptying the sandboxes. He is to be commended for the way he was able to keep the water flowing with as much silt as we had. Shortly after the silt cleared up, the beavers became active on D1 and D2, again keeping the watermaster busy cleaning the grills.

Minor repairs continued throughout the season. Some related to utility work, some related to the flood damage from 2022, and others simply from age and wear. We have found that increased material and labor costs have driven up the cost of repairs. The price of plastic water pipe, for example, has more than doubled over the past two years.

In total 21 listed repair projects were completed in 2023. There are a few still on our list, some were completed in January.

The annual assessment was increased again in light of increased expenses including these repairs. The new assessment is \$26/share and a \$138 admin fee/shareholder.

Water resources have continued to be a hot topic in 2023 with Grand County Councilor Trish Hedin and Moab City Councilor Rani Derasary attending our regular June board meeting to gain an understanding of the MIC, our resources, and our operations. Grand County Councilor Bill Winfield and Ben Musselman, the manager of GWSSA attended our August meeting.

The County has been sponsoring a series of educational workshops to help local leaders, the general public, and the media, understand the issues of water in our area. A coalition of water utility providers, engineering consultants, public involvement consultants, and water rights attorneys has a project known as the Water Utility Resource Management Plan (WURMP). Their goal is to plan for water usage over the next 100 years in Moab and Spanish Valley. The public website for the WURMP has some very interesting information about water in our area.

<https://engagemoab.com/water-utility-resource-management-plan>

MIC and our water is mentioned in their documents. We are not an official member of the coalition as we are not a public water utility, but GWSSA is a shareholder of the MIC, and Ben has agreed to keep us informed of discussions that may affect the MIC.

The board is continuing to be involved in the issues of water in the valley and encourages the shareholders to be involved as well. We are committed to maintaining our water right by assuring appropriate beneficial use of our allocation to the best of our ability. We encourage our shareholders to efficiently use their appropriate shares, and to cooperate within their distribution zones to help the company in this endeavor. As water becomes scarce, it requires improved coordination with our neighbors to assure appropriate delivery. I am happy to report that this past summer, we did not have to turn on any wells and the shareholders worked together for a successful season.