

On December 12, 1994 at 3:10 p.m. the Water Committee, Keith James, Russell Mayer, Gary Sullivan, Water Commissioner Richard Jefferson, Lee Simm, John Larsen, Gertrudys Advins and Kerry Carpenter met at the home of James Mayer. Chairman James Mayer was unable to attend.

Lee Simm called the meeting to order by asking Commissioner Jefferson to report on pedo tube and meters. Richard stated that he is not happy with the way the pedo tube measures he said it is not accurate, but he said meters are not accurate either. Richard said he thinks air is probably why the pedo tube is not accurate.

John said it does work with the right amount of pressure. When the pressure is low it does not give a accurate reading.

Russell said that meters can be set for inches. Some pumpers may not know that and that's why it might not be accurate.

Richard said he had trouble getting numbers off of locked wells. Lee said he will talk to UP&L about it.

John stated that valves are beginning to pop because they are not being drained before it freezes.

Valves are being put in the wrong places, but they can be fixed easily.

A question was asked if the problem was getting solved and Lee said it's two thirds of the way there.

Commissioner Jefferson said the pumpers need to tell him of any changes they are doing. He also said it would be easier if the wells had numbers on them so he could tell which well he is at.

Richard commented on checking wells at Circle 4 Farms. He said he has to shower before entering each building. Lee said he will talk to Smithfield to see if something else can't be done.

54 wells are being read with pedo tube. There are 164 wells altogether.

The committee was concerned about the water Smithfield is transferring, and will the farm ground still be farmed. Lee said he will keep track of what water is being moved then he will contact the Commissioner.

Lee commended Commissioner Jefferson on a job well done and thanked him. Richard was then dismissed.

Lee stated that they won't accept the hour meter on the diesel wells any more if they are going to be read with the pedo tube.

Lee commented that by July 50% of the wells had ball valves on.

It was decided that pumpers need to pay \$25 before the Commissioner reads the well with the pedo tube.

The committee decided that the board be on a rotate system. Five members should be on the board.

After discussion the board decided that they will interview for a Commissioner for the following year.

The board decided to meet again on January 19th at 7:00 p.m. at Jim's house.

Annual meeting is February 9th at 3:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

On January 19th at 7:00 p.m. the Water Committee, Russell Mayer, Keith James, Gary Sullivan, Chairman James Mayer, John Larsen, Lee Simm, Gertrudys Advins, Kerry Carpenter from Division of Water Rights and Nick Swain met at the home of James Mayer.

Jim Called the meeting to order by introducing Nick Swain.

Lee then asked Nick about his background. Nick said he had been a teacher, principal, and worked at Thiokol several years ago.

He said he can only work 20 hours a week and can't get paid over \$8,000 a year because he is retired.

Lee explained what his job will consist of, he will be reading meters on wells also he will be reading with the pedo tube. He, will need to do a annual report. Lee mentioned that he is on a years contract.

Lee said that he will be reading three times a year with the pedo tube and once a month for the meters. Keith suggested that he could start right now reading meters so that it won't be to much reading when the pedo tube readings start.

Nick said he is not familiar with the well locations. John said Gertrudys and him would be helping him this year and there is maps that show you where they are. John said it takes ten or fifteen minutes at each well.

A question was asked what does Nick do when a meter is not working? He will put a tag on it, contact the farmer, then notify the State. Then they will send a letter to the farmer if he is not taking care of it.

Nick asked what type of training will he get. John and Gertrudys will do most of the training and there is a seminar at the end of February that all expenses are paid for.

They would like Nick to be able to notify the water user when he is getting low on water. Nick asked there are two committee's here and what report does he give to who. Water Committee will be for questions answered. State Committee is who you give reports to. There will be a computer provided by the State that Nick will have to keep records on. John then explained what happens at Annual meetings. It is open up to all water users. Nick will give his annual report on how the year went. The budget for next year will be set.

Keith asked if we couldn't explain to the water users how important it is to only use what water he has. Maybe send them a letter.

Jim asked what is the starting date to turn wells on? Everyone has a different date and they start from April 1 to the 15. The closing date is from October 1 thru the 31. What happens if they start before? The Commissioner will have to notify the State. Kerry did say that you can get permission to start watering earlier, but it will be metered and it has to be a good reason for it.

Jim asked about reading the meters at Circle 4 Farms, if the Commissioner needs to shower before going into each house? Kerry said he has talked to Warren Petersen about it and Warren didn't realize it was a problem and said he will see if something can't be worked out. Nick needs to read meters at Circle 4 Farms once a month all year round.

What happens if the farmer still water's crop after he has sold his water right. They said the Commissioner needs to contact Kerry and Kerry will notify the State.

Jim asked if water is being metered that Circle 4 is using for construction. Kerry explained that if you use water for construction that you need to apply for an application at his office and it will be metered.

There was a concern on why the extra charge on reading with the pedo tube? It is because it takes longer to read and it requires paper work.

Lee suggested maybe to hire someone to put ball valves on for the pumpers. It was suggested to credit the pumpers that has already done theirs and assess the one that hasn't. Lee suggested to pay a person \$1,600 to install ball valves and that will include materials that he needs.

It was decided to have \$500 assessed for travel expense for Commissioner.

It was decided to pay the Secretary \$50 for annual meeting and one prior to Annual meeting and \$25 for extra meetings.

\$50 will be put in the budget for Commissioners phone calls he will be making.

It was decided to assess Circle 4 Farms double this year because their meters have to be read all year and maybe change it for the following year.

Jim asked if there shouldn't be someone from Minersville on the Water Committee? They decided five should be on the board and it will be a rotating board, but the one that is dropped off can run again. Chairman will be elected by the Committee. Jim will ask Tim Marshall or Shaun Pearson if they want to run.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.