

MINUTES  
Cedar Valley Distribution System  
Surface Users  
February 17, 2015  
6:00 p.m.

Those Present: (See attached roll)

This meeting was called to order by Chairman Brent Jones. He explained that there may be some confusion as to the starting time of this meeting, as this is the first time that separate meetings have been held for surface water users and pumpers. He introduced himself as the Chairman of the surface users board and asked that those present introduce themselves. He then asked Deb Bauer to read the Minutes of the 2014 meeting, which was a combined meeting. Brent called for any comments or corrections on the Minutes. Ramon said he would like the Minutes at the bottom of page one to read that the water is measured, but sometimes it bypasses. Mike asked that the name of Kurt Moses be changed to Nathan Moses. With those corrections, the Minutes were approved as read.

Brent then asked Sam Bauer to read his report for 2014. Sam reported that the 2014 water year was below average for the second year in a row. The stream peaked on May 16<sup>th</sup> at 76 c.f.s., which was half of what the peak was in 2013. The creek did flow as high as 126 c.f.s. twice in January. The flow remained low during the year except for the thunderstorm floods. The 2015 water year doesn't look very good, as there is very little snow pack on the mountain. The pond still needs to be flushed out two or four times daily, especially during the high flow to wash out the sand build-up. One of the floods that came down Cedar Canyon in September broke out a section of the diversion, leaving the grizzley wide open. A second flood came down a week later which filled the open part of the grizzley with rocks. Repairs will need to be done before we can take the water out of the creek this year. The City has started to work on this problem as of February 12, 2015. Measuring the water in the Southwest Field is still a problem. The Commissioner has in his possession one four-drawer filing cabinet and one Dell laptop computer. Brent then called for a motion to approve the Commissioner's Report. The motion was made and seconded; Commissioner's Report approved as presented.

The pond is still a problem, and ideas are being discussed to change the design of the structure so it won't have to be flushed so often. Mike suggested that the surface users all get together and go talk to the City about what needs to be done to have the system function properly.

Brent then asked Mike Silva to give the report from the State. It was decided to separate the surface water accounts from the pumpers accounts, so we are going to have two separate systems. There are 178 pumper accounts and five surface accounts; two of them are both. On the current assessment amount, it has been working out at about \$.43 per acre foot for the surface users and about \$.77 per acre for the pumpers. He also commented that there is now in process a Canal Safety Management Plan, which the local conservation district can provide information about, and for which a fund has been established to assist with the development of such a plan. We will receive more information about this as it progresses.

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Brent said that the 2014 Financial Report would be presented. This is a combined report for both the pumpers and the surface water users. Mike said that there was a beginning balance of \$9,114.53, as of January 1, 2014. We had receipts in the amount of \$18,373/86 and expenditures in the amount of \$18,013.40. Our ending balance December 31, 2014, was \$9,474.99. On page 11 of the Annual Report of the System the 2014 Budget Expenditures are itemized, and show a balance of \$1,132.60 for the surface users and pumpers combined. Delinquent assessments were reviewed. All of the surface users are current, and the delinquent assessments for the pumpers will be discussed in the next meeting. Brent called for a motion to approve the Financial Report. A motion was made and seconded; Financial Report approved as presented.

The 2015 budget for the surface users was discussed. The Water Commissioner's salary will remain the same, \$5,585; Social Security, \$428; Insurance, \$60; and Travel Expense, \$2,000; Secretarial Expense, \$150; State Engineer Assessment, \$582; Annual Report, \$150, for a total of \$8955. The remaining balance from 2014 will be divided between the surface users and the pumpers, with \$4,360.30 as the beginning balance for the surface users for 2015. We like to see a 30% reserve to begin the year and we have about 50%, so we are in good shape. Brent then asked for a motion to accept the surface users budget for 2015. Deb Bauer moved to approve the 2015 budget; Paul Nelson seconded; motion carried.

Brent then commented that we need to set the assessment for the surface users for 2015. Sam moved that we set the assessment at \$8,000; Paul seconded; motion carried.

Brent said that we need to elect a chair and two board members for the surface users. The current members are Brent Jones, Chairman, Paul Nelson and Ramon Prestwich, Board members. Sam moved that we retain the same chair and board members; Lynn seconded; motion carried.

Ramon asked that it be noted that the 2 CFS rights which belong to Cedar City Corp. are included in the South & West Field Water Right. Jared said that the City actually receives a bill for that amount of water. Ramon said that we actually run their water for them, and the water is all mixed together. We put their water in the ditches for them.

Surface water users meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

**CEDAR VALLEY SURFACE USERS**  
February 17, 2015

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