

MINUTES
Cedar Valley Distribution System
Well Users
February 16, 2016
7:00 PM

Those Present: (See attached roll)

This meeting was called to order by VaLyn Sherratt. She asked everyone to introduce themselves and tell who they represented. She then asked Secretary LaRee Garfield to read the Minutes of the 2015 meeting. Two corrections were made to the Minutes included in Monti's Report. With those corrections, Rob Dotson moved for acceptance of the Minutes; Brent Jones seconded; Minutes approved as corrected.

VaLyn then asked Monti to present his Commissioner's Report for 2015. He reported that the 2015 season was his second year serving as the Cedar Valley Water Commissioner for the well users. He said that it has been a continuing learning experience to understand the Distribution System. He said that he has been focusing mostly in updating the accounts spreadsheet and updating the current map of the vally to coincide with the spreadsheet data. This is an ongoing process, as accounts change ownership, and farm fields change locations of farming. He has been in contact with Rick Kelson at the AGRC office and Lee Eshler at the Water Richts office in keeping informed with the latest news on aerial imageries for the maps. With regards to the account spreadsheet, he is adding crop type to the spreadsheet for the 2016 irrigation year and will be doing field verifications. This will help us differentiate between hay alfalfa, grain, corn, or a combination of those. With respect to billing delinquent accounts, he is continually researching those accounts at the County office to see who the present owners are and reviewing property records. These delinquent accounts are mostly due to bad addresses. If you are farming your neighbor's ground and they are on the delinquent list with a "bad address" note, please contact Monti. Any information will be helpful. As far as in the valley, he has been observing instances where some of the wells are experiencing water cavitations where the well pumps are starting to pump air into the systems. This is most likely due to the lowering of the aquifers. This issue was also brought up at the Groundwater Management Plan meeting held on January 7, 2016, at the Cedar High School Auditorium. With the snow fall we are receiving, hopefully that will compensate for some of the loss.

VaLyn then called for a discussion of the Commissioner's Report. Nathan Moses asked that Monti include the number of acres being watered, compared to the water rights owned for 2016. Mike Silva said that Monti could use the printer at the Water Rights office to print the maps off. Following this discussion, VaLyn then called for acceptance of the Commissioner's Report. Deb Bauer so moved; Dan Sherratt seconded; motion carried.

Mike commented that the snow pack looks good, and we are a little ahead of normal. However, the snow is melting quickly. He then said that last year, the pumpers were separated from the surface water users, and accounts have been set up for each group. He also said that he has been working with Monti to update the water rights in the valley. He asked that if we have any water rights changes that we get those changes into Nathan's office before the irrigation season starts.

Jared Manning from the State Office then reported that HB258 went into effect January 1, 2016. This bill clarifies the status of Water Commissioners as State employees. This will involve training for Monti.

VaLyn then asked Jared to present the 2015 Financial Statement. Our beginning balance as of January 1, 2015, was \$9,474.99. We had receipts as follows: Assessments, \$7,658.77; Delinquent penalties, \$34.96; Previous assessments & Penalties, \$513.25; Transfers & Adjustments, \$0.00; Annual interest earned, \$29.90; System reimbursements, \$0.00. Total Receipts, \$8,236.88. We had expenditures as follows: Budgeted Expenditures, \$9,935.31; Unbudgeted Expenditures, \$231.57; Transfers & Adjustments (from surface users fund), \$4,360.30; Total Expenditures, \$14,527.18. Ending Balance, \$3,184.69.

A motion to approve the Financial Statement was made and seconded; Financial Statement approved as presented.

VaLyn then said that it was necessary to prepare a budget of salaries and other necessary expenses. Monti was asked how much time he is spending doing his job, and he said that he is spending about 20 hours a week. Wayne LaBaron asked what we are paying for, what exactly does Monti do? Mike explained Monti's duties and said that it is important to provide enforcement if people overpump. Mike said that Monti's salary is lower than systems of comparable size in other areas. Jared said that it is appropriate to ask how many hours Monti works. Rob Dotson suggested that Monti keep track of his hours this year. His present salary figures at about \$8.50 per hour. Larry Gardner moved that we increase Monti's salary 10% for this next year; Rob Dotson seconded; motion carried. The budget for 2016 was set as follows: Commissioner's Salary, \$8,800; Social Security, \$674; Insurance, \$190; Travel Expense, \$500; Secretary Expense, \$150; Miscellaneous Expense, \$450; State Engineer Assessment, \$721; Annual Report, \$350; System Transfer, \$0.00. Total Budget, \$11,835.00.

VaLyn then called for a motion to accept the budget for 2016. Brent Jones so moved; Monti seconded; motion carried.

VaLyn then said that we need to set the assessment for 2016. Linda Kaczmar moved that the assessment be set at \$12,000; Larry Gardner seconded; motion carried.

Mike said that it was necessary to elect a new chair and committee members. Dennis Porter, Stephanie Kaczmar, and VaLyn Sherratt have been serving with rotating terms. VaLyn's term expires this year. Sam nominated VaLyn Sherratt to serve another term; Rob Dotson seconded;

Brent moved that the meeting adjourn; Sam seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

CEDAR VALLEY WELL USERS
February 16, 2016

NAME	REPRESENTING	MAILING ADDRESS	PHONE #
1. MIKE SILVA	DIV OF WATER RIGHTS	PO BOX 146300 SLC UT 84114	801538-7430
2. Jared Manning	"	"	801-538-7380
3. Valyn Sherratt	Pumpers / Waterwell users	4103 W. 2800 No. Cedar City UT	435-531-1473
4. Nathan Moses	Water Rights	Box 506 Cedar City	435-586-4231
5. Sam Bauer	Self	1011 W 3000 N	435 586 4960
6. Deb Bauer	"	"	"
7. Rob Dotson	ENOCH CITY	900 E. MIDVALLEY RD. ENOCH	435-586-1119
8. Jason Bradshaw	NRCs	2390 W. Hwy 56/14 Cedar	559-0524
9. Wayne L. Beeson	Cedar Valley Ranch	1453 E. Mariah Kol Cedar City UT 84721	435-559-3200
10. Kit Warshaw	Cedar City	10 North Main, Cedar City, UT 84720	233-1180
1. Dan Sherratt	Cedar City	4103 W 2800 N Cedar City	435 591 1472
2. Brent Jones	SELF	181 E. MIDVALLEY RD. ENOCH UT	435-559-6734
3. Paul Nelson	Self	3736 N. Minersville Hwy Cedar City	435-586-6488
4. Bill Drimshaw	Self	5045 N. Enoch Rd Enoch	435-586-0247
5. MONTY STRATTON	BLACKBURN FAMILY PART.	2105 N. DOUBLETREE WAY	435 559 1171
6. Regine m. Lister	Geo. Vandenberghe Trust.	3252 So. 4900 W Cedar City UT 84720	435.5468
7. Judy V. Jenson	Sagebrush Ave LLC George & Mary Jane Vandenberghe Trust	2111 E. Cliff Point Dr. Ut. Cedar City 84720	St. George 435-313-4262
8. Monti Rugebregt	Cedar Valley Pumpers Water Rights	185 W. 895 S. APT 4 Cedar City UT 84720	435 531 3912
9. Robert Tuckett	Midvalley Estates Water Co	4819 No 2800 West Cedar City UT 84721	435-559-0111
10. Howard Jones	self	82 N Roundabout way Cedar City.	586-7255

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NAME	REPRESENTING	MAILING ADDRESS	PHONE #
21. Henry Gantner	Self	3095 N. Creek Rd Ervick	435-586-9380
22. Paul Monroe	CICWD	88 E Fiddlers cove DV	8659901
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