

**MINUTES**  
**Cedar Valley Distribution System**  
**February 14, 2017**  
**5:30 p.m.**

Those Present: (See attached roll)

This meeting was called to order by Chairman Brent Jones. He stated that this meeting was for the Cedar Valley surface water users. The first item on the agenda is hearing the Minutes of the 2016 meeting. Brent welcomed Mike Silva and Jared Manning from the State and then asked Secretary, LaRee Garfield to read the Minutes of the 2016 meeting. The Minutes were read, and Brent then called for a discussion of the Minutes. Kit Wareham moved for approval of the Minutes as read; Sam Bauer seconded; Minutes approved as read.

Brent then asked Commissioner Sam Bauer to present the Commissioner's Report for 2016. Sam reported that the 2016 water year was below average for the fourth year in a row. The stream peaked on May 15<sup>th</sup> at 205 c.f.s. The flow for April and May was good then dropped off for the rest of the year. The 2017 water year looks very good. There's a good snow pack on the mountain. The pond still needs to be flushed out two to four times a day, especially during the high flow, to wash out the sand and gravel build-up. Every time the pond is flushed, four irrigation companies lose water. The four irrigation companies that take the water out the North side of the diversion are concerned with the amount of water that will be coming down the creek this year because of the snow pack on the mountain and that they will also be getting a lot of sand and the pond will need to be flushed more often so they will lose more water. When the new diversion was put in, the four irrigation companies were told that this new diversion would remove the sand out of their water, and that has never happened. They are seeing more and more sand in their ditches every year since this diversion was installed. The irrigation companies feel that they need to go back to the City to resolve the issues about the diversion. It needs to remove the sand and allow them to receive their full shares of water rights. Measuring the water in the Southwest Field is still a problem that has not yet been resolved. Sam has in his possession the following: One 4-drawer filing cabinet and one Dell laptop computer. Brent then called for a discussion of the Commissioner's Report. Mike asked about measuring the water at the diversion. Ramon Prestwich said that he uses a device that is quite accurate, and Mike said that he would help with the calibration of the device so the water will be measured fairly. Brent then called for a motion to approve the Commissioner's Report. Deb Bauer moved for approval of the Commissioner's Report; Kit Wareham seconded; Commissioner's Report approved as presented.

Brent said that the next item on the agenda was to recommend a Water Commissioner for the next term. Jared Manning said that last year the Water Commissioners were made

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employees of the State through HB258, and this year there is a follow-up bill in the Legislature, as the State has had a lot of headaches with the current process. It was the consensus of the group that Sam continue as the Water Commissioner.

Mike said that something still needs to be done to take care of the problem with the sediment. Kit said the City is working on some new process, but they are still getting muddy water. Mike said that he is concerned because we have a lot of snow this year, and we may have another year like 2011 when we had a lot of water coming down and jumping out of the channel. The snow pack is about 176% of normal right now.

Brent said that the next Agenda item was hearing the 2016 Financial Report. Jared reported that we had a beginning balance of \$3,201.79, January 1, 2016. We had receipts in the amount of \$9,043.85 and expenditures in the amount of \$9,082.72. Our ending balance December 31, 2016 was \$3,162.92.. Caroline Howe moved to accept the Financial Report as presented; Sam seconded; motion carried.

Brent said that we now needed to review the Delinquent Assessment Accounts. It was determined that the one delinquent account of Esplin & Sons Land and Livestock in the amount of \$5.50 was probably a stock watering right. Ramon will check on this.

Brent said that it was now necessary to prepare a budget of salaries and other necessary expenses for 2017. Water Commissioner Sam Bauer's salary will remain at \$7,585.00, Social Security, \$581.00, and Insurance, \$160.00. Secretary Expense, \$150.00; State Engineer Assessment, \$634.00; Annual Report, \$100.00. Total Proposed Budget, \$9,210.00. Ramon moved to accept the 2017 Budget; Sam seconded; motion carried.

Brent called for a discussion concerning the 2017 assessment. Ramon moved that the assessment be set at \$9,000.00; Sam seconded; motion carried.

Brent said that new distribution system chairman and committee members needed to be selected. Caroline moved that the same officers be retained, Brent Jones, Chairman, Ramon Prestwich and Paul Nelson, Committee Members; Ramon seconded; motion carried.

Mike pointed out that there is a map showing the major areas of groundwater development on page 18 of the Annual Report. The increase of the salinity in the water is a concern. Jared mentioned that in 1973 the Corp of Engineers made a basin near the airport, and it filled in 20 years and was mined out with over two million cubic yards of sediment.

Brent called for a motion to adjourn. Ramon so moved; Kit seconded. Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

