

**MINUTES**  
**Cedar Valley Distribution System**  
**Well Users**  
**February 14, 2017**

Those present: (See attached roll)

This meeting was called to order by VaLyn Sherratt. She said that the first item on the Agenda was to hear the 2016 Minutes, and she asked Secretary LaRee Garfield to read those Minutes. She then called for a motion to approve the 2016 Minutes. Brent Jones so moved; Ramon Prestwich seconded; Minutes approved as read.

VaLyn then asked Monti Rugebregt, Water Commissioner (Pumpers) to present the 2016 Commissioner's Report. Monti reported that the 2016 season was his third year serving as the Cedar Valley Water Commissioner and 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 valley to coincide with the spreadsheet data. He said that this is an ongoing process, as accounts change ownership and farm fields change locations of farming. Monti has been in contact with Rick Kelson of the AGRC office to keep informed with the latest news on ariel images for the maps. There has been a 2016 ariel image taken, but only in the northern Utah areas and not in the south, but Rick has assisted him in obtaining an updated satellite image that he can use, which appears to be a 2015 image. He has also considered the possibility of acquiring a quad-copter and licensing, but he is not versed in the laws of flying over farm crops to get the latest ariel images. Monti said that he was able to observe the Central Iron County Water Conservancy District do static tests on water levels at various water wells. Monti further commented that he has observed instances where some of the wells were 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 brought up at the Groundwater Management Plan meeting held January 7, 2016. With the snowfall we are receiving, hopefully that will compensate for some of the loss. Monti said that when he started looking at the images, they were only available for 2014, but they will have images available for 2015 this year. He also commented that a quad copter would be good to have, because he could get an accurate view in what is happening with the cavitation taking place, but, as he stated in his report, he is not versed in the use of this device. Rob asked if he had kept track of his hours as he was asked to do last year, and Monti said that he had kept track of his hours. Rob then moved for approval of the Commissioner's Report as presented; Ramon seconded; motion carried.

Sam Bauer asked if there was a problem with overpumping. Monti referred him to the last few pages of his Report with the information highlighted in red. The pumpers are

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getting together and doing some things that will help with the Groundwater Management Plan. Jared Manning said that the Groundwater Management Plan meeting which was held December 8, 2016, can be viewed on the State website, [waterrights.ut.gov](http://waterrights.ut.gov).

Jared reported that there is a statute now in place where Water Commissioners are State Employees. A new law is being considered this year which addresses the purchasing power of Commissioners. This may not affect this System very much. Mike said to pay close attention to the spreadsheets in the Annual Report that pertain to our individual water rights, and to come into our local office if there are errors.

VaLyn then called for the 2016 Financial Report. Jared reported that we had a beginning balance of \$3,084.69, January 1, 2016. We had receipts in the amount of \$7,471.04 and expenditures in the amount of \$10,434.70. Our ending balance, December 31, 2016, was \$121.03. Jared said that they like to keep a balance of about 30%, so we are in the red now and will need to consider that when we set the assessment for 2017. Rob asked why Monti had not submitted his travel expense for last year and also the costs for the Annual Report. He then asked if these expenditures will have to come out of the 2017 budget. This matter will be discussed with Monti. Brent Jones then moved that the Financial Report be approved; Ramon Prestwich seconded; motion carried.

It appears that the Delinquent Assessments are mostly due to bad addresses. Ramon said that he will check on these. He said that the Sandra Olds account should go to Steve Sevy.

Concerning the quad-copter that Monti mentioned in his report, Ramon asked if Monti could contact someone with the proper licensing to do a fly-over of some of the fields, but Mike said that we are not quite to that point, yet.

VaLyn then said that we needed to prepare a budget for 2017. Monti's salary will remain at \$8,800.00; Social Security, \$674.00; Insurance, \$190.00; Travel Expense, \$500.00; Secretary Expense, \$150.00; Miscellaneous Expenses, \$450.00; State Engineer Assessment, \$728.00; and Annual Report, \$200.00, for a total Budget of \$11,692.00. Brent Jones moved for approval of the 2017 Budget; Rob Dotson seconded; motion carried.

Discussion concerning the 2017 assessment ensued. Brent Jones moved that the 2017 assessment be set at \$14,000.00; Sam Bauer seconded; motion carried.

VaLyn said that we needed to choose a chairman and committee members to serve for this year. The current chair is Stephanie Kaczmar, and she has moved from the area.

VaLyn Sherratt's term expires in 2019, and Dennis Porter's term expires this year. Lynn Nelson nominated Bob Tuckett to serve on the committee; Brent Jones seconded. Brent Jones nominated Caroline Howe, but she declined the nomination. Rob Dotson nominated Dennis Porter, with his term to expire in 2020; Bob Tuckett seconded. Caroline Howe moved that nominations cease; motion seconded and carried. Brent Jones moved that VaLyn Sherratt serve as the chair, with her term expiring in 2019; Lynn Nelson seconded; motion carried. Bob Tuckett's term will expire in 2019.

It was reported that Joe Melling and Rob Dotson both serve on the Groundwater Management Plan group. Joe said that they have met twice and hope to have some plans put together by spring. The group meets monthly. Paul Bittmen, the City Manager, represents the City, and Ramon Prestwich, Paul Nelson, Paul Cozzens, Brent Hunter and Spencer Jones also serve on this ad hoc committee.

Brent Jones moved for adjournment; Caroline Howe seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

CEDAR VALLEY WELL USERS

February 14, 2017

NAME	REPRESENTING	MAILING ADDRESS	PHONE #
1. MIKE SILVA	DIV OF WATER RIGHTS	PO BOX 146300 SLC UT 84114	(801) 538-7450
2. JARED MANNING	"	"	(801) 538-7380
3. Lakee Garfield	Secretary	335 S. Dewey Ave. <sup>CE</sup> 84750	435-559-0600
4. Joe Melling	Self	2775 W Melling Dr CE 84721	435-531-6986
5. Brent Jones	SELF	181 E. MIDVALLEY RD. ENCL <sup>84721</sup>	435-557-1734
6. Locke Hahne	Division of Water Rights	P.O. Box 506 Cedar City, UT 84721	435-586-4231
7. Linda Kacmar	Kacmar Farm	2832 W. 5400 N.	435-463-5557
8. Bob Bauer	East Extension In Co	1016 W 3000 N	435 586 4960
9. Sam Bauer	Cedar Valley Surface + Self	1011 W 3000 n Cedar	435 586-4460
10. Wendy Smith	Williams Farm	90 S 2125 W Cedar City	435-559-3632
11. Jamie Dumas	Williams Farm	2700 W 3100 W	435-590-8329
12. Mike Sennett	Self	2131 N. COTTONWAIL	435-590-4207
13. Caroline Howle	Self	3695 N 940 E LL 84721	435-586-8768
14. Lynn Nelson	Self	3772 N M. newville N	435 586 8518
15. Faron Prestwich		5670 South 5100 West Cedar	435-463-2257
16. Shane Prestwich	Self	844 W. Mt. W. Dr. Cedar	435 463 7426
17. Monti Rugebregt	Cedar Valley Pumpers	185 W 895 S #4, Cedar City	435 531 3912
18. Robert Tuckett	Midvalley Estates Water	Box 1696 Cedar City, UT	435 559-0111
19. Kennan Inlay	Self	1692 <sup>North</sup> <del>West</del> 3450 <sup>Cedar City</sup> <del>West</del> UT 84721	435-590-3470
20. MONTY STRATTON	BLACKBURN FAMILY PART.	2105 N. DOUBLE TREE WAY CEDAR CITY	435 559 1171

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21. Rob Dotson	ENOCH CITY	900 E. MIDVALEY RD, ENCLIT 84721	435-586-1119
22. LARRY Gardner	Self	5095 N. Enoch Rd Enoch	435-586-7386
23. Dawn Sherratt	<del>Cedar city self</del>	4103 W 2800 N	435-531-1472
24. Paul Nelson	Self	3736 N. Minersville Hwy/Pedra	435-586-6495
25. Katelyn Sherratt	Self	4103 West 2800th cent	435-531-1473
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