

MINUTES
Cedar Valley Distribution System
Well Users
February 13, 2018

Those Present: (See attached roll)

This meeting was called to order by VaLyn Sherratt. She welcomed everyone to the meeting. She stated that the first order of business was to hear the Minutes of the 2017 meeting, and she asked Secretary LaRee Garfield to read those Minutes. She then called for a motion to approve the Minutes; Brent Jones so moved, Sam Bauer seconded; Minutes approved as read.

VaLyn reported that Commissioner Monti Rugebregt had resigned and that April McKeon had been hired to take that position. April has worked for the Division for some time in mapping, and she applied and submitted a very good resume. She collected the remainder of Monti's salary for last year, and the State is recommending that she be appointed. Rob Dotson moved that April McKeon be appointed as Water Commissioner for next year; Sam seconded; motion carried.

April reported that she has worked in the Milford Valley for approximately 10 years. She started working for the Cedar Valley in May. VaLyn then asked her to present her Commissioner's Report.

April showed the maps which she said will be improved for next year. She indicated that she had gone through the water rights in the valley, and if any of our water rights are not listed we should check to see why they are not shown.

VaLyn then asked for a report from the State. Mike asked that we check on our water rights, and if there is a problem let him or April know. He mentioned that we are at 34% of normal for snowpack in this area.

VaLyn then asked Jared to present the Financial Report. Jared reported that our beginning balance, January 1, 2017 was \$121.03. We had receipts in the amount of \$14,614.35, and expenditures in the amount of \$11,168.94. Our ending balance, December 31, 2017 was \$3,566.44. Jared said there appears to be a discrepancy in the amount of expenditures, so he will print a new report showing exactly what happened with the expenditures. Sam moved for approval of the Financial Report, with that note; Brent seconded; motion carried.

Mike reported that we have too many delinquent accounts, and he asked that if we see any of these people, we should ask them to get in touch with the State to take care of this problem.

VaLyn then said that we need to prepare our Budget for 2018. Mike commented that April did a lot of work that she did not get paid for in 2017. April commented that the level of working here is worth about \$15,000.00. Sam asked if the work would drop off as she worked to get the information organized and put together. She said that it may be possible that it would go down,

but right now she does not see things changing much. Jared said that for the work Monti was doing, he was paid well, but April has had to put everything together and continues the updating, and with all of the work associated with the job, it is probably worth more than the job was previously. Commissioners with similar acreage range from \$10,000.00 to \$18,000.00. Sam moved that April's salary be approved at \$15,000.00; Louise W. Dacus seconded; motion carried. The 2018 budget was set as follows: April's Salary, \$15,000.00, Social Security, \$1,198.00, Insurance, \$150.00, Travel Expense, \$500.00, Secretary Expense, \$150.00, State Engineer Expenses, \$780.00, Annual Report, \$200.00, with a total budget of \$17,978.00. VaLyn then called for a motion to approve the 2018 proposed budget. Sam so moved, Monty Stratton seconded; motion carried.

VaLyn said that it was necessary to set the assessment for 2018. Jared said that there are 14,214.14 mapped acres in the system. There is a \$20.00 minimum assessment for 5 acres or less. Sam moved that we set the assessment at \$17,000.00 for 2018; Brent seconded; motion carried.

The distribution system chair and committee members will remain the same as this year: VaLyn Sherratt (term expires in 2019), Chair; Bob Tuckett (2019), Committee Member; and Dennis Porter (2020), Committee Member.

Mike went over the Utah GS graphs which were included as part of April's Annual Report.

Joe Melling discussed the Cedar Valley Groundwater Management Plan Committee. They meet on the second Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m.. The members of the group are Paul Bittmenn, the Cedar City Manager, Ramon Prestwich, Paul Nelson, Paul Cozzens, Brent Hunter, Spencer Jones, and Reed Erickson. Joe mentioned that some places are using a drip system for watering, which has increased crop yield 40% and using less water. Mike complimented this group for the initiative they have taken in the groundwater management in this area.

Brent Jones moved for adjournment; Sam Bauer seconded; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m..