

**Milford Distribution System
2019 Annual Meeting Minutes
February 21, 2019**

Meeting held at the Milford EMS Center offices conference room.

Meeting conducted and Called to Order by Joey Leko at 1:05 PM.

Note: Water Commissioner April McKeon was unable to attend due to snowstorm in the Saint George area, making travel unsafe.

1) Meeting Minutes read by Mike Silva, there were no changes. Tim Marshall made a motion to accept and Dusty Wiseman second all were in favor of accepting the minutes.

2) Mike Silva delivered the Water Commissioner's report reading from notes provided by April McKeon in her report. See the annual report for additional details. Dusty Wiseman motioned to accept and Dave Christensen second. All those were in favor of accepting the WC's report.

3) Water Commissioner's term was up for renewal and April had indicated that she was willing to accept another 4 year term. This was motioned by Ben James and David Christensen second. All voted in favor.

4) Division of Water Rights Report: Mike Silva reported that snowpack was at 120-143% of normal and run off should be good this year to replenish the aquifer. Jared Manning commented about the 1974 groundwater study to address Seth Davie's concerns about pumping in the Beaver Valley above Minersville reservoir. There were some concerns about Expansion of acreage and pumping limits and wells and meters in the beaver valley are not being limited or checked. Jared suggested that a request be submitted to the State Engineer for Water Rights review on the beaver valley. There are Water rights limits for sole supply from GW sources. There is no program in place to monitor this until it becomes a critical GW management plan area. Beaver River is a surface supply monitored system, per the Beaver River Decree. Jared suggested that if the water users feel that GW is affecting Surface water, they should write to the State Engineer to express their concerns. Joey Leko added that he has not seen flowing water at the Adamsville Bridge for the last 3 years for his fishing. Seth said that the 1931 split at the Patterson dam defined which part of the system would work from the tail water but now the tail water is all being controlled and filed on and with the GW being depleted, the tail water now, is not getting back to the river. This effects all diversions on the lower beaver, including the Minersville inflow.

There was some additional discussion on tracking Milford city transfers and it was determined that if Municipal rights switched to agricultural use, then those acres would be billed.

Ben James mentioned that the Milford valley has been very efficient in their pumping and the sprinklers used have been very effective in limiting pumping and staying within their water rights for not over pumping but there are no controls on Beaver Valley pumping and they are still using flood irrigation when they have the surface water.

There was additional discussion on the 1992-1993 line at the 5 mile dam that there were to be no transfers of water north or south of that "5 mile line" in the area north of Milford. This line used to be at the road to Blundel

and now it has been moved to the 5 mile line. There was some concern about this since the geothermal project is starting up near Blundel. Meters reading beyond 5-mile line are done with the water use program.

5) Jared Read the financial Report. Dusty Wiseman motioned to accept as read and Tim Marshall seconded all those voted in favor of accepting the financial report.

6) Delinquent accounts: Silva will make a Call to William Powell account

7) Budget was prepared to total 14,787 for 2019. Dusty Wiseman motioned and Tim Marshall seconded to accept. All voted in favor of the proposed budget

8) Assessment was set at \$14,500 Dusty motioned and David Christensen seconded. All voted in favor.

9) Chair and Board Positions: Brandon Yardley was voted in as chair for 2019 year for a 4 year term. Dustin Kesler (435) 896- 3853 was added to the board, with Joey Leko going off the board. This was motioned, voted and approved by those in attendance

10) Other Business: The Large geothermal steam pocket north of the Black Rock Forge is gearing up with an anticipated 2025 start up and its east of the lime plant area. There was some concern about how their water use would affect the Milford valley area wells.

No other business or further discussion ensued, and the meeting adjourned at 1:54 PM.

Notes Kept and transcribed by Mike Silva.