

**Parowan Valley Ground Water Management Committee Meeting
December 17, 2019
MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 noon. Those in attendance were:

Tyce Palmer, UDAF	Evan Vickers, State Senate
Jason Bradshaw, NRCS	Rex Shipp, State House of Representatives
Jake Benson, UDAF	John Dalton, Little Creek Irrigation
Von Cluff, Parowan Pumpers	Alma Adams, Roy Adams Farms/Iron County
Mark Halterman, E&I CD	Cleve Matheson, Parowan City
Coy Stowell, HA Farms	Kelly Stone, Parowan City
Sam Halterman, HB Farms	Mike Worthen, Iron County

Tyce Palmer read the minutes from the meeting held on October 17, 2019. The minutes were approved as read.

Sam Halterman gave a financial update. The committee/Parowan Pumpers currently have \$21,685 in the account and a \$5,000 C.D.

Jason Bradshaw had several copies of the proposed draft of the ground water management plan that he helped draft. He stated that a stable water table is the goal from the plan. He mentioned that water rights is giving/recommending a 65 year plan for the Parowan Valley. The committee went through the plan and years/cuts which will take place. On January 31st, the state engineer will be in Iron County and the committee will meet with him.

Currently according to the plan/document the valley is using 32,500 acre feet and we had to get to 22,000 acre feet according to the Division of Water Rights.

Jason Bradshaw also reported that we still don't have a permit from DEQ on the sewer pond recharge project. He stated most likely we are on the low priority list from bigger projects around the state that DEQ has to deal with.

The committee welcomed Senator Evan Vickers and Representative Rex Shipp to their meeting. The legislators were happy to see such a good local grass-roots organization to take on the valley's aquifer issue. They mentioned it will be important to show and have matching sources for future dollars coming from the state. Also having good data numbers to show the state water saved through our efforts will be huge.

Other reporting included Little Creek. Water is running into the pond. Commissioner Alma Adams reported he has not heard anything on the Bayless decision yet. He will still try and make contact.

As there was no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm.