



MINUTES
Springville Water Advisory Board Meeting - MARCH 14, 2019

MINUTES OF THE SPRINGVILLE WATER ADVISORY BOARD MEETING WAS HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2019 AT 6:30 A.M. AT THE SPRINGVILLE CIVIC CENTER, 110 SOUTH MAIN, ROOM 217, SPRINGVILLE, UTAH.

Committee Members in Attendance: Rollin Hotchkiss, Alton Beck, Nile Hatch, Calvin Crandall, Rod Andrew, Bryan Boshell, John Clemons, Cl. Craig Jensen

City Staff: Brad Stapley, Marcie Clark

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Hotchkiss welcomed everyone.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Mr. Andrew made a motion to approve the January 10, 2019 minutes. Mr. Beck seconded. All were in favor.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Water System Update - Mr. Stapley gave a brief update on the 400 S. Well #2. The bid for the well house has been awarded to STAPP Construction for around \$1,039,000. Mr. Stapley explained all the pumps and motors that go into it and why it is so expensive.

Mr. Hotchkiss asked about pressurized irrigation and whether or not there are more hookups. Mr. Stapley stated we are continually connecting more houses.

Ditch #1 update - Mr. Stapley explained that City Council decided about a month ago we would pipe the ditch for the westerly part of the ditch. Some of the residents north of the ditch were angry over the decision to remove the trees along the ditch. City staff met with them and worked through the issue. The ditch will now be piped, but only by the last two houses. The long term plan involves the bike trail and the Parks Department will handle that.

Revolving Topics - The old list from 2008 was distributed to everyone and topics were reviewed. Mr. Hotchkiss explained the purpose of the list was to stay on top of topics and stay ahead of the curve. Mr. Hotchkiss would like to review the 20-year plan occasionally and see updates. Think of things to add or take off. Mr. Hatch mentioned that discussing water conservation gets complicated, due to water rights, income for the City, character of the City, etc. We should look at taking a field trip to the new 400 South Well once it gets done.

CUP stream restoration project - Mr. Hotchkiss hasn't heard anything lately. Mr. Stapley mentioned the City is working with FEMA on flood plains vs. flood ways. You can't build in the flood way. The City will be working with home owners and looking at levees along Hobble Creek. Mr. Hotchkiss would like a formal presentation to the Water Board on that. Mr. Stapley mentioned that the Water Board may not have a say in that. Mr. Hotchkiss suggested we ask City Council why storm water is not covered by a citizen board. Mr. Stapley mentioned that Springville has the biggest problem with the new FEMA maps compared to other communities. He explained how Hobble Creek is continuously depositing sediment and farmers have built up banks over the years to protect their fields. Over the years, the creek level has become higher than the surrounding land. FEMA does not recognize the banks that were put in to keep the creek where it is. The banks are not even part of the FEMA analysis.

Mr. Stapley stated that we are working on an updated master plan that the Water Board will need to review. Another topic is Utah Lake. Mr. Stapley mentioned a recent development with Spanish Fork only accepting ULS water, meaning river water. Mr. Crandall clarified they will accept Strawberry water. Mr. Stapley stated that once ULS starts, everybody has to pay that has water in ULS. For Springville, that will be a two-million-dollar issue, even if we don't use the water. We have to pay for the system that was put in. We have about 5,000 acre feet of water available to us, but we don't really need it. We could lease or sell it. Spanish Fork is running out of water and they need it.

Mr. Hatch would like to look at effluent from the treatment plant as a topic to discuss.

SCAD (Strategic Collaboration and Development) - Mr. Stapley explained that SCAD has been initiated by management and city council to see how we are doing as a city. Mr. Stapley distributed the water division's spreadsheet, showing their metrics. He also displayed the information on the monitor. This is one of 6 divisions he turns into management, and he is one of ten directors. We are trying to get down to the basic things that the council can read and understand what we're doing and our progress. These metrics help us with management, but we struggle to know what City Council is looking for.

Mr. Hotchkiss asked if the city council would be interested in things that the departments are challenged with or going wrong; the anomalies - things that change from quarter to quarter. He noticed the spreadsheet doesn't have any bad news. Mr. Stapley explained that the different colors mean concerns or problems. Mr. Hotchkiss asked if some of this information, possibly the yellow numbers, could be a topic for discussion with the Water Board? Mr. Stapley explained that this has been a hard process and the division heads have been really stressed.

Mr. Hatch mentioned that he has noticed a lot of progress in the Water Department since he has been on the Water Board, such as they are not pulling funds from the general fund anymore.

Mr. Stapley stated that the City Council wants to focus on outcomes. There are 3 levels: 1) outputs (data), 2) efficiencies, and then 3) outcomes. One outcome, for example, is the State IPS Report (Improvement Priority System). If we have a score of 150, the State can take over our water system. Shortly after Mr. Stapley started with the City, our score was 152 at Jolley's Ranch and he received a notice from the State, threatening to take over the system. We made changes and that didn't happen. Currently, our IPS score is 12. This outcome shows that the water system, in all its physical, testing, mechanical workings, is doing extremely well.

Mr. Hotchkiss asked what topics we should consider in May. Mr. Stapley will not be here in May. He volunteered to have City Engineer, Jeff Anderson come and give an update on CUP ULS impact and SUMWA. Mr. Garrido can talk about the Utah Lake effluent treatment plant issue.

Mr. Stapley reported that the City sent out a letter about a month ago to residents along Hobble Creek. There were only two responses; no negative comments. We are worried residents are not doing anything to help clean out the creek. We may or may not have flooding this spring, depending on temperatures and precipitation.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Clemons moved to adjourn. Mr. Crandall seconded. All were in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:32 a.m.