

1 **MINUTES OF THE SPRINGVILLE CITY WATER BOARD**

2
3 Tuesday, March 11, 2008
4 6:30 a.m.
5 Council Room
6 50 South Main
7 Springville, Utah 84663
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10 **ATTENDANCE**

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12 Councilmember Secretary
13 J. Niel Strong Marcie Clark
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15 Board Members City Staff
16 Alton Beck Brad Stapley
17 Lynn Panter – excused at 6:45 Russell Vest
18 Nile Hatch
19 Calvin Crandall - excused
20 Rick Child - excused
21 Rollin Hotchkiss - excused
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23 **Welcome – Carl Carpenter**

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25 1. **Review of Minutes** – the minutes from February 12, 2008 were reviewed. Mr. Beck made a motion to
26 approve the minutes. Cl. Strong seconded the motion; all were in favor.
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28 Carl Carpenter reviewed water right legislation and the bill that just passed. Mr. Carpenter feels it was a
29 good bill for cities and districts. It should help the state engineer do what he is supposed to do. If cities
30 have water rights for future use, the new bill will protect those, as long as they are submitted properly.
31 Albert [Harmer] and Marlin [Boyer] think there are a lot of shares the City has that have not been used for a
32 long time. If we haven't made proper application, there may be some shares in jeopardy. Mr. Carpenter
33 said the rule is 7 years now, instead of 5. Rights are subject to forfeiture unless we file a non-use
34 application. We can still file a non-use application within 15 years after the initial 7 years – so it's like we
35 have 22 years. Mr. Stapley heard rumors that Jerry Olds was urging the governor to veto the bill.
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37 Mr. Carpenter talked about the action against Hobbble Creek and Spanish Fork Water. It was not done
38 properly 50 years ago, so it will have to be done again. They all agreed a deputy River Commissioner is
39 needed – would be funded by the water users. The driving force will be the existing SF River
40 Commissioner and the Hobbble Creek and SF Water users. Mr. Beck would still like to see someone from
41 Springville City to oversee water rights. Cl. Strong asked Mr. Stapley if someone has been assigned to do
42 that. Mr. Stapley doesn't think putting one person on staff is a good idea. If that person leaves, so does all
43 that information. Mr. Stapley thinks we should have policies in place and computer data bases that keep us
44 in line. We have Well Protection Plans that come due regularly and the State sends us letters to remind us
45 when they are due. Mr. Stapley said a master list is being put together with all those water rights.
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47 Other legislation that did pass was a Water Rights Ombudsman. When disputes come up and problems
48 arise, this ombudsman can mediate so it doesn't go to court. There was one on livestock rights that allows
49 a beneficial user to water livestock on public land. Judicial review of state engineer decision – Mr.
50 Carpenter doesn't think that one passed. Water and Land Use Development (Senate Bill 279) – designed to
51 prohibit a municipality from requiring water rights when land is annexed. Mr. Carpenter doesn't think that
52 one passed either. There was another one on water right appropriation amendment – to extend the time to
53 file. It was supplemental to the forfeiture bill (House Bill – 179). Mr. Carpenter thinks that one passed.
54 Bill 278 passed – regulation on wells (drilling and what driller has to report). Safe Drinking Water

1 Regulation (House Bill 40) passed. A municipality has to provide ground protection for drinking water.
2 The Board of Drinking Water has to provide guidelines. Springville is already doing this.
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4 Cl. Strong mentioned a website you can go to and check on bills that are going to the legislature. Mr.
5 Hatch asked if there is always this much that goes before the legislature every year. Mr. Carpenter said
6 there is sometimes more.
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8 Mr. Carpenter mentioned when the dust settles on the consolidation of the irrigation companies, the City
9 should enter into a separate agreement with the drainage district and the irrigation companies.
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11 Cl. Strong asked about the new 400 South water line and the anticipated good run-off this spring. Will it
12 give us better pressure? Mr. Stapley said the main use for that pipe line was to feed the west fields. And
13 right now that section of the pipe line is not finished. It probably won't help pressure. That wasn't its main
14 purpose. The River Bottom Road pipeline was supposed to help pressure, but we don't have the money for
15 that one right now. Cl. Strong asked that status of the siphon valve in the river bottoms. Mr. Stapley said
16 the City is looking at how we can connect those subdivisions in the river bottoms to pressurized irrigation.
17 One segment was missed years ago and it does not have PI. Cl. Strong asked how secondary water is
18 billed. Mr. Stapley said it would probably be a set fee. Mr. Hatch said that is how Mapleton does it. Cl.
19 Strong asked about the Mapleton holding pond and Springville's participation. Mr. Stapley said he gave
20 his information to Troy [Fitzgerald] and he was supposed to get with the mayor on it.
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22 Mr. Stapley distributed his monthly report, explaining what is going on in Public Works. We're looking at
23 replacing the Konold Springs pipeline, as it goes along the mountain and connects to Cherrington Heights
24 Subdivision. Outside of the new subdivision we're finding the pipeline is completely gone. We're
25 considering drilling adjacent to the existing pipeline or pipe bursting. Steve Kay put out a bid of \$100,000
26 to open cut it, but Mr. Stapley is concerned with the effect on the residents. Does his bid really fit, or
27 would it be better to go with the Whittaker bid? The Konold Spring doesn't have a meter on it now, but
28 Mr. Vest will be budgeting for one. The project needs to be completed soon before the Highline ditch is
29 activated.
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31 Mr. Beck made a motion to adjourn, Mr. Hatch seconded. All were in favor.
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33 **Adjourn** – This meeting adjourned at 7:32 a.m.
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