

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

2  
3 Tuesday, May 10, 2005  
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 - absent Marcie Clark  
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15 Board Members City Staff  
16 Alton Beck Brad Stapley  
17 Lynn Panter Layne Long  
18 Gordon Wilson Russell Vest  
19 Nile Hatch  
20 Steve Oakey  
21 Calvin Crandall  
22 Rick Child - absent  
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24 Guests: Marv Allen (Hansen, Allen & Luce), Carl Carpenter (former water board member, retired engineer)

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26 1. **Reports** – Dir. Stapley reviewed his report. The electrician should be starting this week on the 400 S Well.  
27 The test pump is being put back in Canyon Road Well for testing. 5% solids were taken out with first pass,  
28 3% on second pass, and 1% on third pass. Test pumping on Evergreen well will happen today at 10:00  
29 a.m. The failure of the old pump was due to a shattered PVC pipe. The cause of the corrosion is still  
30 unknown. The State should be certifying the 10<sup>th</sup> S Well at 500 gpm, even though it will do 800 gpm. The  
31 city will continue to monitor and keep good records to show the state. The 10<sup>th</sup> S Well will be back up after  
32 summer. It has a long history; it was drilled about 1960. We have approximately \$400,000 to rezone the  
33 water systems and fix the pressure problems. It should be done by the end of summer. The 400 South  
34 transmission line will be a huge project for the future. There was brief discussion on the traffic master plan  
35 and widening of 400 South. All wells should be on line except Canyon Road Well.  
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37 Layne Long asked Russell Vest to give spring data in our next meeting. Mr. Long explained to the board  
38 that the Streets Crews are monitoring the debris basin daily, along with the creek at ten or more different  
39 points. The debris basin is doing what it is designed to do. Mr. Oakey mentioned that Carl Curtis was one  
40 who kept great records on the creek.  
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- 42 2. **“Beneficial Use” – Carl Carpenter** – Cl. Strong asked Mr. Carpenter to attend this meeting and address  
43 what the cities needs are for water rights. Mr. Carpenter said the draft master plan is exactly what needs to  
44 be done as far as quantifying water. The state statutes are pretty clear – perfection of water right is based  
45 on use and the city has this on perpetuity. The city has to have something in place for the use of water.  
46 Marv Allen explained that you don’t necessarily lose the water after 5 years. We tried to transfer the right;  
47 the state engineer didn’t take it away, he just denied the transfer from irrigation use to well use for  
48 municipal use because it wasn’t used in the last 5 years. There are many rights that have not been put to  
49 beneficial use in the last 5 years. The new state engineer is applying the law more stringently. Jerry Olds  
50 probably has had a mandate from the state to be a little more hard nosed, especially with Salt Lake County.  
51 The legislature is essentially rewarding overdevelopment – giving rights to poorly managed areas from  
52 those that have kept good track of rights. Somehow we’ve got to transfer share over. The city has talked a  
53 little bit to the irrigation companies about that. The point of diversion was changed, not the point of use.  
54 In the past 5 years, the city has had more development with less water. There have been no records kept or  
55 measuring devices to show where the water went. The city really needs a manager for water rights, or a

1 River Commissioner for Hobble Creek. Marv Allen also explained rotating water shares each year. Mr.  
2 Long has spoken to congressmen about taking the water rights issues to Legislature, but they have had  
3 other things to deal with. Marv Allen said that as long as the rights are in application status and not service  
4 status, they're ok. It all boils down to "record keeping" and the state engineer is trying to push that. When  
5 you look at all the water rights the city has, we really have more than sufficient rights to cover the build out  
6 demands. Do we really need CUP water? Just to buy CUP water, residents would have to pay \$150/year.  
7 Why would we do that if we don't need it? One of the biggest questions is the boundary dispute by the  
8 airport, between Spanish Fork and Springville. Springville can't sell water to CUP, but can lease that water  
9 to someone else. CUP assumes we will make that water available to someone up North. Mr. Carpenter  
10 said the city needs to incorporate the management of water rights into the Storm Water utility. Water is our  
11 greatest resource to protect and it may require more staff. River Commissioners are paid by the state, after  
12 the water users pay the state.

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- 14 3. **Master Plan** – We ran out of time to talk about the master plan. Marv Allen would like to see any written  
15 comments before the next meeting so he can prepare. The partial system seems to be more economical for  
16 the city. Even if we go for partial now, it doesn't mean we can't do a full system later. We could do it in  
17 two phases, pending the outcome of the storm water master plan. Since 2001, the city has required  
18 secondary lines in new development. Under state law, if the city requires them to put secondary lines in but  
19 we don't use them, the city should reimburse developers for that cost. Alton Beck recommended we hold a  
20 special meeting just to review the master plan – next Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 a.m. Marcie will check  
21 with Cl. Strong and notify everyone. Mr. Carpenter mentioned it might be a good idea to invite Richard  
22 Heap from Spanish Fork to come show his power point presentation on their secondary system and the  
23 problems they had, along with solutions. When we review the master plan, we need to look at what costs  
24 are fixed costs vs. variable costs. A lot depends on our confidence in growth of the city.
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- 26 4. **Adjourn** – This meeting adjourned at 8:35 a.m.