

Mt. Nebo Water Agency Special Meeting Minutes
April 14, 2015

Board Members: Chairman Warren Peterson, Goshen Valley; Chris Hansen (alternate), Central Utah Water; Randy Brailsford, Salem City; Larry Ellertson, Utah County (alternate); Danny Throckmorton, Strawberry High Line Canal Company; Rick Moore, Payson City.

Board Alternates: Tyler Coon, Goshen Valley; Soren Christensen, Salem City.

Technical Committee: Chris Hansen, CUWCD; Richard Nielson, Utah County; Travis Jockumsen, Payson City; Tyler Coon, Goshen Valley.

Staff: S. Junior Baker.

Public present: Dan Ellsworth, Marty Larson, David Tuckett, Hal Shelley, Jeff Hearty, Neil Anderson, Jeremy Sorenson, Paul Christensen, Fred Vincent, Marlin Boyer, Riley Snow, Wayne Peterson, Dave Dillman, Bruce Ward, Greg Thomas, Chris Vest, Neil Lundell, Jeff Remsehissel (sp?), Cody Orton, Bart Mortensen, Paul Tervort, John Mendenhall, Teresa Wilhlemsen, Gil McLachlan, Darrick Whipple, and Wayne Pullan.

Chairman Warren Peterson called the meeting to order at 6:49 p.m.

Chairman Peterson previewed a slide show, for the Board, which outlined the presentation for the public open house to follow. Chairman Peterson asked the Board if there were any questions or changes. There were none.

Public Open House

Chairman Peterson opened the public open house at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed those present and explained the various columns on the sign-in sheet. Attendees can check a box to indicate interest in participation and/or just receiving on-going information.

Chairman Peterson proceeded to present the slide show. It reviewed the purposes of the Agency, the Mission Statement of the Agency, the State of Utah growth projections for south Utah County through 2060, the importance of preserving agricultural uses in the area by assuring an adequate supply of water, and the Agency's proposed project to conduct an analysis to determine what studies exist for water supply in the area and what gaps exist. This is phase I, which is yet to be authorized. Phase II, if approved, will seek to fill in the gaps in the existing studies.

Chairman Peterson reviewed the need for cooperation among all water suppliers in order to protect the water in south Utah County and make sure there is sufficient for all uses moving into the future. He indicated that interested parties can participate in Phase I or just ask to be kept informed. Persons present were asked if there were any questions.

Several questions were asked, generally about what benefit the other water suppliers, particularly the irrigation companies, would reap from participating in this project.

Chairman Peterson explained the benefits, and gave three examples of how this can and should benefit all, rather than just a few. He gave specific examples of Colorado regional water committees, the Cox Decree on the Sevier River, and the IPP power plant project near Delta. Cooperation in those instances maximized the beneficial use of the water, making sure there was sufficient to go around, avoided conflicts, and allowed all participants to readily resolve disputes.

Marlin Boyer mentioned that Springville City had a similar study conducted previously.

Other Business

There was none

Rick Moore **moved to adjourn**. Randy Brailsford **seconded** and the motion passed at 7:55 p.m.