

Parowan Valley Ground Water Management Plan Committee Meeting
May 16, 2019
Parowan City Offices
M I N U T E S

Chairman Craig Laub welcomed everyone to the meeting and called the meeting to order. Those in attendance were:

Tyce Palmer, UDAF	Sam Halterman, Parowan Pumpers
Scott Stubbs, Farmer/Rancher	Von Cluff, Little Creek Water Co.
Ben Roberts, Roberts Legacy, LLC	Nancy Dalton, Little Creek Water Co.
John Dalton, Little Creek Water Co.	Mike Adams, Roy Adams Farms
Craig Laub, Laub Farms	Jason Bradshaw, NRCS
D.J. Laub, Laub Farms	Mark Halterman, E&I CD/HB Inc.

Sam Halterman gave a financial update and reported that the Parowan Pumpers have around \$20,000 in their account.

Tyce Palmer read the minutes from the last meeting.

Jason Bradshaw, NRCS, reported that Jeff Wood is still mining some gravel from his pond/pit. The committee still needs to work with him in being able to put water in the pond/gravel pit. Von Cluff mentioned that it might be a hard sell to Jeff as he might not want water in that pit.

The committee discussed in detail regarding the importance of showing the state how much percolation is taking place in recharge areas to get credit from the state water engineer. Von reported on Red Creek and stated everyone is using as much water as they can. The highway north of town is flooding right now and the pond is running over. It was mentioned also that they Charlie Boardman property is the site for a dike or pond as it is part of the NRCS PL-566 plan.

Nancy Dalton reported on Little Creek and said there has been a lot of flooding and the engineering part of a mitigation plan will be completed within the month. Because of flooding, the county road department and I-15 freeway will need to start two years ahead of schedule. The flood retention has begun with a measuring device, inlet is in, and the rock work is going on right now. The pond/dike is currently filling.

Ben Roberts reported and said they dug three ponds recently and they are currently recharging. They are estimating around 900 acre feet in the upper pond going into the aquifer.

Jason Bradshaw, NRCS, reported that DEQ staff told him they will have to have 40 soil samples and will evaluate each lagoon and verify where the bio-solids stop and the regular soil starts. Thirty to forty tests have to be run at \$1,200. SUU will provide the testing. Three out of six sewer ponds have old bio-solids in them. The owner of the facility (Parowan City) will have to develop the permit. Jason said he can do it and

Parowan City can sign off on it. Jason also stated that Parowan City will need to do the sampling. He will contact Cleve with details. If there is any public outcry, Jason mentioned that the committee will have a DEQ permit.

Mike Adams talked with Steve Applegate regarding the culinary hookup. He already has a hook-up in place on his property. He will let Mike know if he will consider letting us tie in during winter months. Mike said he felt good about the discussion with Steve.

Mark Halterman made a motion to spend \$2,000 on soil testing, Mike Adams seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Ben Roberts shared a video of the ponds they dug out on their property.

The committee discussed the need to meter our flows into the aquifer.

Mark Halterman reported that the E&I Conservation District has some state funding that they could consider using for the ground water management study.

The committee discussed how many meters they would need for the valley's recharge projects. For now, at least three. One for Fremont, Summit, and Parowan.

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

The next meeting was scheduled for August 22 at 12:00 at the Parowan City Office.