

Bluff Town Council  
State Water Engineers  
Wednesday, February 20, 2019  
Bluff Community Center at 1:30 p.m.  
190 North 3rd East  
P.O. Box 324  
Bluff Utah 84512

Regular meetings are held every Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. at the Bluff Community Center. Requests to be on the agenda may be submitted to Ann K. Leppanen at least 4 days before the meeting.

Minutes

The meeting started at 1:30 p.m.

Roll Call Mayor Ann K. Leppanen, Luanne Hook, Brant Murray, Jim Sayers, and Linda Sosa  
BSA Wes Shook Jackie Warren, Mark Bond, Ginny Burns, and Bill Lincoln  
BWW Marx Powell  
State Dave Horsley (water engineer) and Rick Wilde (water rights) SE Region

At 1:30 p.m. the Council met with the BSA, Horsley and Wilde. The questions centered on how could the BSA transfer water rights and infrastructure to the Town. Horsley and Wilde explained that it is like a quitclaim deed, There are four water rights; to transfer them from the BSA to the Town each one needs to include the deed, a water rights conveyance form and \$40. Infrastructure can be included on the forms. They are recorded with the County Recorder and a copy is sent to the State.

Concerns included:

- easements and right-of-ways,
- private well owners, and
- the land that the arsenic plant and water tanks are on, leased or SITLA?

At 2:15 p.m. the Council met with the BWW representative, Marx Powell, Horsley and Wilde. The BSA owns the water rights and infrastructure while the BWW delivers the culinary water. Murray suggested a Town Water Department, instead of the current three entities, under control of elected officials. Powell suggested an Interlocal Agreement between the Town and BWW for water delivery until all loose ends are taken care of. Concerns include:

- certificating water rights to the town,
- pushing for secondary water to protect 500 acre feet involving growth and town planning,
- listing all debts and assets of BWW,
- grants and/or loans the BWW currently has,
- SITLA easements and local easements and right-of ways, and
- private wells,

Powell suggested getting these concerns straightened out and then transferring delivery authority. Leppanen asked what an agreement would look like and suggested an agreement with a moveable timeline for transfer, Powell said that the BWW has access to grant entities and trusts, and the BWW has always said they are willing to work with the Town. Murray would like the transfer to be finalized by the end of 2019.

Adjourned.