

ASHLEY CREEK DIST. SYSTEM BUDGET MEETING MINUTES

February 13, 2007 1:00 PM, South Conference Room, Uintah County Building

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Lyle Taylor called the meeting to order at 1:25 PM.

Myrna Murray was absent, consequently we had no minutes to read.

Larris Hunting reported on the Ashley Creek use for 2006. He reported that the year started slow, high water was over with quickly. Thanks to the effort of Scott Ruppe and the Uintah Water Conservancy District the system was able to pump some additional water over from Red Fleet. That got us through the middle of summer and as the use tapered off at the end of the season we came out alright. Larris also reported on the current Snotel data. As of February 13, 2007 at 9 AM Trout Creek was at 86%, King's Cabin was at 62%, Chepeta was at 103%, Mosby Mountain was at 85%. This is within average normal. This is better than last year at this same time. With even one good storm we will have a nice water season.

The financial report for 2006 was given by John Larsen. The assessment for 2006 was \$21,000.00. Two years of office expenses were paid in 2006 because it was forgotten in a previous year. Also the annual report was paid twice in 2006 since it was also missed in 2005. The past due assessments were discussed. Scott Wall was curious about the legal procedure to collect that money. Lee Sim explained that an Order to Cease Water Use would be sent, then enforcement of that order. From there water use would have to be proven. The ^{MAXIMUM} fine for use after a cease order is \$5000 per day. Larris Hunting would be the one to find the diversion and determine if the water was being unlawfully used. Scott Wall made a motion to accept the financial report as read. Ray Hunting 2nd the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Next was the budget for 2007. Larris Hunting commented that he has done this job for 5 years with only one increase in pay when the Jensen water districts were added to the Ashley Creek Commissioner's job list. Larris requested an increase in salary. After discussion it was determined to give Larris a 10% increase in salary. Scott Wall made the motion to increase Larris' salary 10%. Lyle Taylor 2nd the motion, motion passed unanimously. The budget for Larris' Social Security will increase 10%. The budget for insurance, travel expense, telephone expenses, annual report, office expense, and contract service will be left the same. The budget for the State Engineer Assessment will raise to \$1920.00. The budget for miscellaneous expenses will raise to \$80.00. A State vehicle was discussed for Larris. The rate the State pays

for using a personal vehicle is \$100 per month, plus \$.37 per mile. As far as the cost to the State the amount will stay comparable if Larris chooses to use a State vehicle. However Larris cost would go down, as he subsidizes a lot of the costs in maintenance of his personal vehicle. Larris will use the State vehicle for the 7 months of the water season. Total budget for the year set at \$28,500.00. Lyle Taylor made a motion to approve the proposed 2007 budget. Ray Hunting 2nd the motion, motion passed unanimously.

The assessment for 2007 was discussed. To cover the increased costs the assessment for 2007 will need to be raised to \$25,000.00. Scott Wall made the motion to raise the assessment to \$25,000.00. Lyle Taylor 2nd the motion, motion passed unanimously.

The change of officers listed on the agenda will be addressed at the regular annual meeting to be held on March 15th.

Scott Wall asked if the budget meeting and the regular annual meeting could be held on the same day. It was discussed, Lee Sim explained that having the budget meeting in February works well with the other traveling they do for other districts meetings. It was decided to leave the meeting schedule as is, with the budget meeting in February and the regular annual meeting in March.

With no other business Lyle Taylor made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Scott Wall 2nd the motion, motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 PM