

Board Meeting
Escalante Valley Water Users Association
February 11, 1975

Following the annual water users meeting, the newly formed board of directors met to organize for the year and discuss a recommendation to the State Engineer for our selection of water commissioner for 1975.

The meeting was called to order at 5:20 PM by Sherwood Bracken, with John McGarry, Robert Holt, Albert Harrison, Max Cannon and Richard Jones in attendance.

A motion was made by Max Cannon, seconded by Albert Harrison and duly passed that Sherwood Bracken and John McGarry be elected to serve as Chairman and Secretary respectively.

There was a discussion on selection of a water commissioner, however it was decided to set a meeting at a later date and have the secretary post notices in Newcastle, Enterprise and Beryl for applicants for the commissioner's job.

A meeting date of February 27, 1975, 7:30 PM at the community building was tentatively set.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

John M. McGarry, Secy.

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The meeting was called to order by Sherwood Bracken at 7:30 PM, with John McGarry, Robert Holt, Max Cannon, Ivan Barlow, Richard Jones.

The minutes of last years board meeting were read and approved as corrected.

There was a general discussion of the job of water commissioner and it was the feeling of the board that the job should include the repair of water meters. It was indicated that Jack Moyle had a large supply of parts on order for this year and the necessary funds had not been included in the budget to purchase parts for water meter repairs, however the board should determine if the commissioner job could include the repairs on meters and possibly include funds for parts in next years budget.

Applications for the job of water commissioner were received and read: Melvin Bolwer, Grant Twitchell and Alma Terry.

Following a general discussion it was unanimously decided that the application of Mr. Grant Twitchell be accepted and the board recommend to the State Engineer the appointment of Mr. Twitchell, Enterprise, Utah as water commissioner for the year 1975.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

cc: State Engineer
Sherwood Bracken

John M. McGarry, Secy.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ESCALANTE VALLEY
WATER USERS ASSOCIATION, BERYL, UTAH, FEBRUARY 11, 1975

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM at the Escalante Valley Community Building by Mr. Donald Norseth, Distribution Engineer, Utah State Engineers Office.

The following water users were in attendance:

John M. McGarry	Kerry Holt	Richard F. Jones
Niels L. Nielsen	Charles Twitchell	Leo J. Gardner
Gertrude Thomas	LeRoy W. Adams	H. Wayne Holt
R. Leon Bowler	Roy Urie	Vern A. Pickrell
Brad Bowler	Murray Harrison	Eldon Crawford
Normand Laub	Albert Harrison	Bradley Barlow
J. Bowler	Willard Pickering	Elmo B. Farnsworth
Al Pedersen	Fenton Terry	Gary L. Farnsworth
Neal Bracken	Clinton Bowler	George Gardner
A. Morley Wilson	Phil Norton	Steve Staheli
Marvin Bracken	Jack E. Moyle	Willard Randall
Robert Holt	Max Cannon	A. B. Larson
Carl Anderson	Parley J. Harker	LaVon Randall
Steve Jones	Mason Jones	Melvin Bowler
Mrs. Moyle		

In addition, Mr. Jesse Pickett and Mr. Earl Bunn were in attendance, representing the Parowan Pumpers together with Mr. John Bene, Deputy State Engineer, Don Norseth, Distribution Engineer and Lorin N. Sperry, Cedar City Office, Utah State Engineers and Mr. Lloyd H. Austin, representing the Division of Water Resources.

Mr. Norseth opened the meeting by stating that this was the annual meeting of the Water Users Association and summarized the agenda of the meeting. He reported on the water conditions and storage supplies and this was followed by a general discussion.

Mr. Norseth then turned the meeting over to Mr. Sherwood Bracken, Chairman of the Water Users who would conduct the balance of the meeting.

The minutes of the last previous annual meeting were read by the secretary, John M. McGarry, and were approved as read.

Mr. Norseth read the financial report of the operations of the distribution system and the report was approved as read.

Mr. Melvin Bowler, Water Commissioner, presented the commissioners report for the year 1974 as follows:

1974		1973
88,042.95	Acre Feed Pumped	73,421.
14,121.	Surface Water Used (ac. ft.)	10,892.
235	# of Wells	214
12	# of Wells Overpumped	7
—	Acre Feed Overpumped	688.4

Mr. Bowler indicated that 10 of the 12 wells overpumped were covered by temporary changes.

NOTE: ((There was a discrepancy in the comparative figures listed by the commissioner for the surface water used in 1973. The above figure was taken from the published commissioner's report for 1973)).

Mr. Bracken then stated that the next item on the agenda was the preparation of a budget for the operating year 1975. Mr. Norseth reported on the budget for 1974 and indicated that the budgeted item of \$137.50 budgeted for the Utah Water Users Association had not been expended as a voucher for the same had not been prepared and presented and funds could not be spent unless a voucher was filed.

A motion was made by Vern Pickrell, seconded by Richard Jones and duly passed that the sum of \$137.50 be approved for this years budget and a voucher be made and submitted to the State Engineer, for the Utah Water Users Association., and that the \$137.50 budgeted last year revert to the reserve fund.

Changes in the budget for 1975 were as follows:

1. Increase the Commissioner's travel expense from \$.12/mile to \$.20/mile for a total of \$900.00
2. Increase the Misc. Expense from \$ 00. to \$17.90.

The above two changes were covered under a motion by A. Morley Wilson, seconded by Clinton Bowler. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Normand Laub, seconded by Richard Jones that the budget for the year 1975, including the above changes, with a total expenditure of \$3,000.00 be approved and authorized. Motion passed.

The 1975 Assessment to cover the budget was then under discussion. It was indicated that the assessment for last year was \$2,400.00 with an expenditure total of \$2,436.96 and that the new budget had been increased approximately \$125.00. A motion was made by E. B. Farnsworth, seconded by Leon Bowler, that the assessment for 1975 be increased to \$2,600.00, with the balance of the expenditures taken from the reserve. Motion passed.

The next item on the agenda was the selection of a water commissioner for the year 1975. Mr. Melvin Bowler indicated he would take the job. Mr. Norseth said that new forms would be prepared that would make it easier to keep a check on the water used. It was suggested that the commissioner should have a phone. Various other items were discussed. A motion was made by Clinton Bowler, seconded by Jim Bowler to let the board make the decision. Motion passed.

Mr. Bracken indicated that the next item on the agenda would be the nominations for directors to fill the expired terms on the board of A. Morley Wilson and Sherwood Bracken. Those nominated were:

Willard Randall by E. B. Farnsworth
Sherwood Bracken by Albert Harrison
Max Cannon by Robert Holt

Motion by Wayne Holt, seconded by Vern Pickrell and duly passed that nominations cease and we proceed to ballot. Motion Passed.

While the ballots were being counted, there was a general discussion on the Enterprise Meeting and the subsequent policy statement by the State Engineer. Mr. Norseth indicated that another meeting in the area would be held within thirty days relative to the policy statement.

There was also a discussion on availability of parts for meters, notices of shut-off and broken meters.

The results of the election were announced as follows:

Max Cannon
Sherwood Bracken

The composition of the board for the year 1975 is as follows:

One Year Term: Robert Helt
Reed Prince
John M. McGarry

Two Year Term Max Cannon
Sherwood Bracken

Ivan Barlow, Enterprise Reservoir Company
Richard Jones, Newcastle Reservoir Company
Albert Harrison, Pinto Irrigation Company

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

John M. McGarry, Secretary

cc: State Engineer
Sherwood Bracken