

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ESCALANTE VALLEY  
WATER USERS ASSOCIATION, BERYL, UTAH February 23, 1972

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 PM at the Escalante Valley Community Building by Mr. Donald Norseth of the State Engineers Office.

Mr. Norseth reported on the general water supply on a state-wide basis and in the local area; reported on the passage of H. B. 79 in the State Legislature which will necessitate the filing of an application by any individual proposing the change of the natural channel of a stream; summarized the agenda for the meeting and introduced Mr. Sherwood Bracken, Chairman of the Water Users who would conduct the meeting.

The following water users were in attendance:

Sherwood Bracken	John M. McGarry
Richard F. Jones	Albert Harrison
Robert Holt	J. Raed Prince
Albert Holt	Roy Urie
A. Morley Wilson	Nyal Bosshardt
N. L. Nielsen	Al Pedersen
Willard Pickering	Solon O. Dobbs

The minutes of the annual meeting held at Beryl, Utah on February 3, 1971 were read by the secretary and there being no additions, deletions or corrections, were declared approved as read.

Mr. Norseth read the financial report pertaining to the operations of the water distribution system for 1971 and explained various items included therein. There followed general discussion and approval of the financial report.

Mr. Albert Holt, Water Commissioner, presented the following figures for 1971 as compared to 1970:

1970		1971
69,324	Acre Feet Pumped	73,343
6,331	Surface Water Used (ac. ft.)	7,515
6 Wells 1,058	Overpumpage (ac. feet.)	9 Wells 935
75,855	Total Water Pumped (ac. ft.)	80958

Mr. Holt indicated that there were three or four more wells pumped last year and that the overpumpage was covered by temporary changes.

It was indicated that the water in Enterprise Reservoir and Newcastle Reservoir was just about the same as last year.

Mr. Holt said that there are a lot of water meters that need repair and some of them are not being fixed while some farmers are making every effort to keep them in repair. Mr. Norseth suggested that individuals with faulty meters be given 10 days notice to repair them and if they are not repaired the well be shut off.

Mr. Bracken indicated that the next item on the agenda was the preparation of a budget of salaries and other necessary expenses of the system for 1972. Following a general discussion on the budget, a motion was made by John McGarry, seconded by Willard Pickering and duly passed that the same budget figure of last year, \$2,750.00, be adopted and approved.

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A motion was made by Richard Jones, seconded by Al Pedersen that the assessment to the water users be based on the figure of \$2,400.00 for 1972. Motion passed.

Mr. Bracken indicated that the next item on the agenda was the recommendation to the State Engineer for the appointment of a water commissioner for the coming year. Mr. Bracken indicated that this could be done in the general meeting or in a meeting of the board of directors called for this purpose. The members present indicated that the board should make this appointment recommendation. Mr. Albert Holt was asked if he would serve another year and he indicated he would do so.

Mr. Bracken then asked for nominations to fill the expired terms on the board of directors of John M. McGarry, Craig Clark and Alpine Bowler. Mr. Bracken also stated that an additional director should be voted on to fill the remaining year of his term on the board as he now represented the Enterprise Reservoir Co. and would automatically serve on the board. The following members were nominated:

John M. McGarry	By	Sherwood Bracken
Robert Holt	"	Richard Jones
Clinton Bowler	"	Willard Pickering
J. Reed Prince	"	Albert Holt
A. Morley Wilson	"	Richard Jones

It was decided that the three highest votes serve the two-year terms and the next highest fill the unexpired term of Sherwood Bracken.

The ballots were counted by Willard Pickering and Gerald Staker.

While the ballots were being counted Mr. Norseth indicated that the overpumpage in the area was about 1% compared to a state-wide average of 12% so that was not a serious concern in this area. Mr. Staker also indicated that the average decline for the area last year was about 6/10 of a foot.

It was reported that the directors elected were John M. McGarry, J. Reed Prince and Robert Holt for two years and A. Morley Wilson for the one year term, & the composition of the board was as follows:

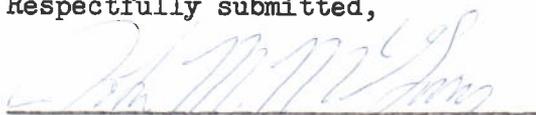
One Year Term: A. Morley Wilson  
Willard Randall

Two Year Term: John M. McGarry  
J. Reed Prince  
Robert Holt

Sherwood Bracken, Enterprise Res. Co.  
Richard Jones, Newcastle Res. Co.  
Albert Harrison, Pinto Irrig. Co.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

  
John M. McGarry, Secretary

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting of the Escalante Valley Water Users Association held on February 23, 1972 at the Escalante Valley Community Building, Beryl, Utah.

The meeting was called to order by Sherwood Bracken for the purpose of selecting a Water Commissioner to be recommended to the State Engineer for the year 1972 and also to organize the board of directors.

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Directors present were: Richard Jones, Albert/~~Holt~~, Sherwood Bracken, A. Morley Wilson, John M. McGarry, Robert Holt and J. Reed Prince.

The minutes of the last board of directors meeting held on Feb. 22, 1971 were read and approved.

Motion was made by Albert Harrison duly seconded and passed nominating Sherwood Bracken as Chariman. Motion was made by Robert Holt, duly seconded and passed nominating John McGarry as secretary. Motion was made by Richard Jones, duly seconded and passed that the nominations be closed and the nominees be unanimously elected.

Motion was made by Richard Jones, seconded by J. Reed Prince that the board select Mr. Albert Holt as Water Commissioner and his name be submitted to the State Engineer for appointment. Motion passed.

Sherwood reported that the State Engineer will be in the area sometime within the next 60 days for a policy development meeting.

Sherwood also indicated that the legislature has been chipping away at the allocation of funds for the operation of the State Engineers Office and, at the same time making the State Engineer responsible for additional duties. He felt that their services were extremely important to us and suggested that the directors and all interested water users contact their state representatives in the legislature to insure adequate funding for the State Engineer.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 4:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

  
John M. McGarry, Secretary