

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ESCALANTE VALLEY
WATER USERS ASSOCIATION, BERIL, UTAH, FEBRUARY 23, 1983

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 P.M. at the Escalante Valley Community Building by Michael Brown, Chairman, who presided.

The following water users were in attendance;

Nyal Bosshardt	Jack Moyle	Lowell Day
A Morley Wilson	Spencer Truman	Chester Whitelaw
Weston Randall	Darwin Hulet	Neal Bracken
Normand Laub	James Fain	Marvin Bracken
Mike Brown	John McGarry	

Grant Twitchell, Water Commissioner

Mr. Donald Norseth, Mr. Jerry Bronicel, Mr. Larry Rainey and Mr. Gerald Stoker representing the State Engineers Office.

Mr. Ed. Hahne and Mr. Ivan representing Ranchers Exploration.

Mr. Norseth surveyed the water conditions and potential water supply in the area for the coming year, indicating that there had been a 17% increase in the past three weeks and spring runoff should be well over 100% of normal.

The secretary passed out copies of the Water Commissioner's Annual Report indicating that the minutes of the last years meeting were included and asked that those in attendance read them. The minutes were read by those in attendance. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Nyal Bosshardt, seconded by Morley Wilson and passed.

Mr. Don Norseth presented the financial statement and itemized budget expenditures for 1982. A motion to accept the report by Morley Wilson, seconded by Darwin Hulet and passed.

Mr. Grant Twitchell gave the commissioner's report, indicating that there were 28 meters not operating at the end of the year and that Wayne Peterson was now repairing old meters. He indicated that the mine water usage by individual farmers was determined through the use of meters or weirs. Motion by Morley Wilson accepting Mr. Twitchell's report, seconded by Lowell Day and duly passed.

Mike Brown then indicated that the next item on the agenda was the preparation of the budget for the coming year, noting that Mr. Twitchell had indicated that he would take the commissioners job at the same. The Commissioner's salary will remain the same, with matching social security also the same. The matching State Retirement will increase to \$393.80. The Commissioner's travel and Bonds and Insurance Premiums will remain the same, as will the Annual Report costs. The Expenditure for the Utah Water Users Association dues were again set at \$160.00 and Chester Whitelaw made a motion that this item be left in the budget, and leave the decision up to the board whether to expend these funds. Motion seconded by Darwin Hulet and duly passed. Miscellaneous expenses were left the same. There was a discussion on the amount for committee expenses. Mike Brown reported on actions of the board relative to the Articles of Incorporation and the By-laws; Chester Whitelaw indicated a percentage of the assessment should be based on ownership rather than acre foot usage, and the board will review this. After full discussion a motion was made by Nyal Bosshardt to leave the committee expenses at \$2,000. Motion seconded by Jack Moyle and duly passed.

Those in attendance then approved the complete budget at \$6,202.20 with the assessment to be based on the full amount.

Mike Brown then indicated that the board recommended Grant Twitchell to remain as Water Commissioner. Motion by Morley Wilson, seconded by Darwin Hulet concurring with the board's recommendation. Motion passed.

Mike Brown then called for the election to directors to fill the expired terms of Sherwood Bracken and Robert Holt. The following water users were nominated:

Steve Christensen	Morley Wilson
Sherwood Bracken	Robert Holt

A motion was made by Darwin Hulet, seconded by Marvin Bracken that nominations cease and we proceed to ballot. Motion passed.

The ballots were counted resulting in the election of Steve Christensen and Morley Wilson being elected for the two-year term to the board of directors.

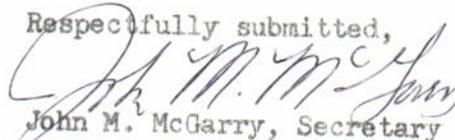
Mike Brown indicated that the board recommended that the water users pass a resolution that the State Engineer equally and uniformly enforce the acreage limitations; that the water users here were in complete compliance as was not the case in the Parowan area, giving that area an economic advantage over us. This was discussed in detail and a motion was made by Morley Wilson, seconded by Chester Whitelaw that the board prepare a formal resolution. The motion passed.

Mike indicated that the representatives of the State Engineer's office had another meeting to attend and excused them prior to formal adjournment of the meeting.

Mr. Ed Hahne and Mr. Ivan Hunt then presented a report on the operations of the Silver Mine, with charts and graphs indicating the water levels at various times of the year.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



John M. McGarry, Secretary

NOTE: Composition of the board for the year 1983:

One Year Term:	Michael Brown
	John M. McGarry
	Jack Moyle
Two Year Term:	Steve Christensen
	A. Morley Wilson

Enterprise Reservoir Co.:

NewCastle Reservoir Co.:

Pinto Irrigation Co.:

Lyle Jones

Richard Jones

John Hafen