

Cottonwood Creek Distribution System

Annual Water Users Meeting

February 3, 1987

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The annual meeting of the Cottonwood Creek Distribution System was held in Castle Dale, Utah on February 3, 1987. Chairman Eugene Johansen called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. and asked Mr. Kent Jones, Directing Engineer for Distribution with the Division of Water Rights to read the minutes of the 1986 annual meeting. A motion was made by John Jorgensen to accept the minutes as read. A second was given by Mr. Carly Burton. The motion passed.

The next order of business was the reading of the 1986 financial statement. Mr. Jones covered this item. As of December 31, 1986, there was \$3249.22 in the trust account. There were no delinquent accounts outstanding. Total receipts for the year were \$8775.63 with total expenditures of \$8210.35.

Chairman Johansen indicated that the budget for the 1987 water year should include funds for a file cabinet and additional funds for travel expenses. It is anticipated that a poor water year will occur and the commissioner will be required to travel more. Therefore, the following budget was prepared:

Commissioner's Salary	\$5000.00
Matching Social Security Tax	\$357.50
Matching State Retirement	\$650.00
Commissioner's Travel Expense	\$2000.00
Bonds and Insurance Premiums	\$120.00
Annual Report & Office Expenses	\$300.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$72.50
Total 1987 Budget	\$8500.00

It was decided that the total budget would be assessed. A motion was made by Eugene Johansen that the 1986 financial statement be accepted as read. Also that the 1987 budget be accepted as prepared and that the total budget be assessed in 1987. A second was given by Carly Burton. The vote was unanimous.

The 1986 Cottonwood Creek Commissioner, Clyde Magnuson, was asked to give a brief report of the water used during the past year. During the 1986 water year, 46,768 acre feet of water was used for irrigation purposes on Cottonwood Creek. Utah Power & Light Company used 9050 acre feet and 9870 acre feet was delivered to Huntington Creek through the Cottonwood Creek and Huntington Canal. It was estimated that 32,991 acre feet spilled from Joes Valley Reservoir in the spring to make a total water supply of 98,679 acre feet during 1986. It was a very good year. On August 28, 1986, the commissioner measured each of the transmountain diversions and has the figures recorded. Carly Burton made the motion to accept the commissioner's report. John Jorgensen seconded the motion. The motion passed.

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A brief discussion followed concerning the projected water supply for the 1987 water year. According to the latest SCS Snotel data, the Seely Creek station was at 33% and the Red Pine Ridge gage reported 42%. The projected streamflow for Cottonwood Creek for the period of April through July is 35,000 acre feet or, 74% of average. If we do not receive an above average snowpack this spring, it is anticipated that the water supply will be quite short. Joes Valley Reservoir is still dropping slowly. At the present time, the reservoir has approximately 2000 acre feet less than at this same time as last year. It presently has 46,760 acre feet of water in storage.

The next item of business was the appointment of a commissioner for the 1987 water year. A motion was made by John Jorgensen to retain Clyde Magnuson for another year of service. The motion was seconded by Carly Burton. The vote was unanimous.

The appointment of a committee to serve in 1987 was the next item of business. John Jorgensen made the motion that the following people serve during 1987:

Eugene Johansen	Emery County Water Conservancy Dist.
Carly Burton	Utah Power & Light Company
Gale Jorgensen	Cottonwood Creek Consolidated Irr. Co.
Arthur Olson	Upper Users
Mark Williams	Lower Users

Mr. Jorgensen's motion also included that Mr. Johansen be retained as the chairman of the committee. The motion was seconded by Clyde Sherman. All present were in favor.

Some discussion followed about the necessity of checking the transmountain diversion early in the spring of 1987 to insure as good a supply of water as possible. It was also requested that the Division of Water Rights personnel work with the commissioner in solving the exchange problem in the Reeder Creek area.

The meeting adjourned at 1:45 a.m.

Those present included the following:

Clyde Magnuson	Cottonwood Creek Commissioner
Carly Burton	Utah Power & Light
John Jorgensen	Lower Water Rights
Clyde Sherman	ECWCD
Mark Humphrey	Self - Orangeville
Eugene Johansen	ECWCD and CCCIC
Kent Jones	Div. of Water Rights - SLC
Mark Page	Div. of Water Rights - Price