

MINUTES

COTTONWOOD CREEK
DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

February 20, 1980

This meeting was held to organize the Cottonwood Creek Distribution System.

The meeting was called to order by Donald C. Norseth at 11:03 a.m. in the Commissioner's Room of the Emery County Courthouse.

The minutes of the meetings held February 5, 1980 were read.

A representative of Huntington-Cleveland Canal Company mentioned that they felt that they were to be allowed two representatives at the meeting on February 20. Mr. Norseth made a comment that whether one or two representatives were sent was not so important as the actual representation of the company's interest.

The users of Cottonwood Creek expressed that they would prefer to have a separate commissioner and system for Cottonwood Creek.

The representative of the Huntington-Cleveland Canal Co. stated that there is considerable disagreement within their company at this time and that the company asks for more time to settle its internal conflict before a distribution system is set up on Huntington Creek. Another meeting was set for Wednesday March 19, 1980 in Huntington at 11:00 a.m. with the water users involved making arrangements for a meeting place.

The committee from Cottonwood Creek was called together to discuss their system. The committee consisted of:

Eugene Johansen of Emery Co. Conservancy District

John L. Jorgensen of the Lower Users

Tom Forsgren of Utah Power and Light Company

Lee Humphrey of Cottonwood Creek Consolidated Irrigation Co.

Clay Wilburg of the Upper Users

Donald C. Norseth acted as chairman of this meeting.

Applications for water commissioner were read by the chairman. Written applications were submitted by:

Clark J. Killian Price

Francis Rasmussen Castledale

Clyde J. Magnuson ?

The next item of business was the setting of a budget. The following budget was finally approved:

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| Commissioner's Salary | | \$5000.00 |
| Matching Social Security | (6.13%) | 306.50 |
| Matching State Retirement | (9.05%) | 452.50 |
| Commissioners Travel Expense | 3000 mi @ 38¢ per mi | 1140.00 11.40 |
| Bonds and Insurance | | 50.00 |
| Annual Report and Office Expense | | 150.00 |
| Miscellaneous | | 200.00 |
| | TOTAL BUDGET | <u>\$7299.00</u> |

Lee Humphrey made the motion that the 1980 budget be set at \$7299.00. John Jorgansen seconded the motion. All committee members signified their approval of the budget.

The basis of the assessment was discussed next. John Jorgensen expressed his concern as to what the lower users would be getting for their money—it is the end of the system and you can't make water. Therefore whether or not they have a commissioner, they will have no additional benefit. He, therefore, expressed the feeling that, if the lower users were assessed on an acre-foot basis, weighted equally with the upper users that the lower users would be paying a disproportionate share of the cost of the system.

Representatives of the Cottonwood Creek Consolidated Irrigation Company (Eugene Johansen) stated that they would be willing to pay the full assessment for the first year. During this period the commissioner is to keep track of his time, mileage and expenses for each part of the system. This information will be used as the basis of the 1981 assessment.

There was considerable discussion as to whether or not water delivered by the Conservancy District as "Project Water" should bear an assessment. It was agreed that whereas the water is actually handled by Conservancy personnel and the Commissioner would only be checking diversions and keeping records on this portion of the water, that the Project water (28,000 ac ft) not be assessed.

The Commissioner will be required to keep records on the diversions to:

The upper users, the Trans-Mountain Diversions, Cottonwood Creek Consolidated Irrigation Co., Emery Co. Conservancy District, Utah Power and Light, Wilsonville Ditch, Willburg Ditch, and Mill Ditch.

Lee Humphrey made a motion that to the State Engineer, Clyde Magnuson be recommended for appointment as Water Commissioner. The motion was seconded by Clay Wilburg. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Norseth said that Mr. Magnuson would be interviewed and his duties explained to him prior to his appointment.

John Jorgensen made a motion that Eugene Johansen be appointed Chairman of the Cottonwood Creek Water User's Committee. This motion was seconded by Clay Wilburg. The motion passed with no dissenting votes. Mr. Johansen immediately appointed John *Jorgensen* as secretary to the Committee.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:49 p.m.

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File: Cottonwood Creek
Distribution System

File: Huntington Creek
Distribution System

ATTENDEES:

| <u>NAME</u> | <u>COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE</u> |
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| Lamar Hansen | Huntington Cleveland Irr. |
| Milton M. Elprang | " |
| Lynn Guymon | " |
| Dean Howell | " |
| Clay Wilburg | Upper Water User |
| Ina Lee Magnusen | Wilberg Ditch Mammoth Clypper Western Blue Cut |
| J. G. Haight | Utah Power & Light |
| John L. Jorgensen | Cottonwood Creek & Lower Users |
| Lee Humphery | Cottonwood Creek Board Member |
| Francis Rasmussen | Cottonwood Water User |
| Mack V. Bunderson | Emery Water Cons. District |
| Tom Forsgren | UP & L Co. |
| Eugene Johansen | Emery Water Cos. District |
| Donald C. Norseth | Division of Water Rights |
| Mark Page | " |
| La Mond Gardner | " |
| Arthur V. May | " |