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MINUTES OF CEDAR VALLEY DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1983

7:00 P.M.

This meeting was called to order by Donald Norseth of the State Office. He stated that he had brought with him Jerry Bronicel who works out of Salt Lake with underground water, Larry Rainey of the Cedar City Office, and Gerald Stoker.

Mr. Norseth stated that the pattern on water matters in the State has been a little different than normal. Bear River is 84% of normal, while as of February 11, Beaver, Virgin, and Sevier are at 140%, increasing the further south you go. September was the wettest in history, and in late September and early October, 8.1 inches of rain fell, with 6.1 inches over at Deer Creek. Up north, the ground is saturated all over, and they are trying to make room for the spring run-off. In the south, Gunlock and Minersville Reservoirs are full, and it looks like a good water year.

Mr. Norseth stated that this our annual distribution meeting where we talk about water, what we did, and what money we have. We hear the Minutes, the Commissioner's Report, prepare a budget for expenses and name the 1983 Commissioner. At the end of the meeting, we take up anything which is proper to come before the group.

Mr. Norseth asked secretary LaRee Garfield to read the minutes of the 1982 meeting. Louis Webster moved that the minutes be approved as read; Nelson Bulloch seconded; motion carried; minutes approved.

Mr. Norseth discussed the Financial Statement for 1982. He stated that the balance of distribution trust funds as of January 1, 1982, was \$4,023.36, and the balance as of December 31, 1982, was \$4,745.18. Louis Webster moved that the Financial Statement be approved; Howard Nelson seconded; motion carried.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT: (A copy of this report was given to the heads of the various fields prior to the meeting, and a copy of the same is attached hereto and made a part hereof by reference.)

Commissioner Gene Roundy reported that 1982 was a relatively good water year, and the snow pack produced good runoff. The creek froze over in December which made it difficult to keep the water regulated.

The creek reached 131.0 c.f.s. on April 26, which was also the first day it produced 100 c.f.s. The creek peaked extremely early this year, on May 3 at approximately 640 c.f.s.

The Commissioner made 274 trips along Coal Creek after his appointment March 1, and the wells were read eight times, with the same problems

of broken meters, gates, etc..

The inventory is the same as before, one IBM typewriter and one Hewlet-Packard Model 25 Calculator.

The recommendations for this year are the same as before, to help the Commissioner enforce meter repair, and to require Cedar City Corporation to submit a report of its use by January 15 of each year. Gene commented that the City did submit their report on time this year, and that perhaps this recommendation should be deleted from his report.

Gene reported that he had added two new items to his report, a Claim Number Index on pages 14 and 15, and a list of broken meters on page 48.

Gene resigned as Commissioner, with the comment that he would be happy to accept the nomination again for the next year.

Nelson Bulloch moved for approval of the Commissioner's Report; Louis Webster seconded; motion carried. Brent Jones, Chairman, expressed his thanks for the great job Gene had done as Water Commissioner.

Gene commented that we have a couple of bad leaks in the system, and he has asked Rice Machine Shop to make the necessary repairs. Clemont said that to fix what needs to be done may be a major expense if it requires a lot of concrete, so this should be considered when the budget is set up for this year.

Gene also suggested that \$350.00 be budgeted for the Commissioner's Report. Howard Nelson moved that \$400.00 be budgeted for the report; Louis Webster seconded; motion carried. The budget for 1983 was set at \$8,330.72, with the assessment remaining the same as last year, \$7,708.79.

Louis Webster moved for the appointment of Gene Roundy as Water Commissioner for 1983; Nelson Bulloch seconded; motion carried. Mr. Norseth stated that they would follow this recommendation and appoint Gene as the Commissioner.

Chairman Brent Jones stated that nominations were in order for officers of the system. Louis Webster moved that the rules be suspended and that the present officers be sustained; Nelson Bulloch seconded; motion carried.

A discussion was held regarding the matter of making better use of the water we have. Howard Nelson suggested that up Right Hand Canyon, near Urie Creek, there is a small reservoir site from which could be pulled approximately 20 c.f.s. late in the summer after Coal Creek quits running. Bud Bauer said that a study was run on this area a few years ago when they did the study on Ashdown Gorge, and Louis Webster said that the study should be available somewhere. Mr. Bauer and Mr. Webster both commented on the Quail Creek project in Washington County and stated what a tremendous thing it has been for that

area. Mr. Bauer also stated that there has got to be something we can do to make better use of our high water. Clemont said that the SCS ran a full investigation on this area, and the material is compiled and needs to be brought out and looked at again. Mr. Norseth stated that the State Engineer's Office made an investigation a few years ago, and they have compiled a list of prospective reservoir sites. Mr. Bauer asked Mr. Norseth if he would get that list to Mr. Jones. Chairman Jones said that he would talk to Senator Matheson when he returned from the Legislature concerning the Washington County project and what they did down there. Bud Garfield suggested that a committee be organized to work on this matter and that we actively pursue this and see what can be done. The officers of the system will work on this matter.

Louis Webster moved that the meeting adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.