

MINUTES OF CEDAR VALLEY DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

HELD WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1981

7:45 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Donald Norseth who stated that it has been a tough year, snow wise. The State is not in good shape natural flow wise, but most of the reservoirs are full, and Gunlock is within three feet of the spill way. Baker Reservoir is full; Minersville Reservoir is at 98%. The Beaver River, Sevier River and Virgin are at 39% of average. If we don't get some really good precipitation, the natural flow users may be hurting.

Mr. Norseth went on to say that this is our annual water users meeting. We will hear the minutes from last year's meeting, we give a financial report, hear the Commissioner's report, and prepare a budget. We then make recommendations for a Commissioner, and then have a period at the end for other business. Mr. Norseth then turned the meeting over to Brent Jones, Chairman.

Mr. Jones called for the minutes. Secretary, LaRee Garfield, read the minutes. Joe Melling moved that the minutes be approved as read; the motion was seconded and unanimously passed by the members present.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Mr. Norseth read the Financial Statement for 1980. He stated that the current delinquencies are within reason now, and that approximately \$700.00 had been picked up since the report was prepared. Max Heap made the motion to accept the Financial Report; Thelmer Stratton seconded the motion, and it was unanimously passed by the members present. Mr. Brent Jones stated that the delinquencies are the lowest they have been for a long time.

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).

Clemont read the summary of his report and stated that 1980 had been a good water year. Much rain fell in January and February, and much flooding occurred. Coal Creek reached its peak May 21st at midnight, and the stream held up well. There were 44 days of storm in 1980, and the valley produced good crops. The amount of water used by the various companies can be found on page 14 of Clemont's report. The total water used in the valley this year was 61,829.29 acre feet. There were a number of people who over-

pumped this year, and most who did were big users of Coal Creek water. The Deputy Commissioner had broken meters to contend with which required much of his time. Mr. Norseth asked that the Deputy prepare a report showing which meters are broken and send this data to him. Following his report, Clemont resigned. Mr. Norseth reported that Grant Twitchell, who lives in Enterprise, has some meter parts on hand, and he repairs meters. He gets the money first and seems to be doing all right. Chairman Jones then asked if there were any questions on the report. It appeared there were none. Thelmer Stratton moved that the Commissioner's report be approved as read; Kerry Jones seconded the motion, and it was unanimously passed by the members present.

BUDGET: Chairman Jones asked Clemont if he needed more money for gas, and Clemont said that gas and upkeep on the vehicles concern him the most. Mr. Norseth said that most systems are getting 35¢ per mile, and Clemont said that would be fine for them and that their salaries could remain the same if an increase in travel expense could be approved.

Dr. Prestwich suggested that we approve a Commissioner and made the motion that Clemont be retained. George Vandenberghe seconded the motion, and it was unanimously passed by the members present. Clemont nominated Gene Roundy for his deputy; Dr. Prestwich seconded the nomination. Mr. Norseth stated that they would accept Clemont and Gene, because they do an excellent job.

Kerry Jones asked what the purpose of having a Commissioner is and setting up a budget, because every year it appears that things are still the same. Clemont said that much of what Kerry said is true, but the gravity flow up the canyon would be in bad shape if there was not someone to control things. Mr. Norseth said that we also need a Commissioner to retain some sort of record. Discussion followed as to the number of broken meters and what could be done to the offenders in this regard and also to those who over pump. Clemont said that there are about six people who over pump every year, but most people try hard to use the water wisely, and there have been some conservation practices put into use that have really helped.

Hal Adams stated that the Deputy Commissioner's salary figures out to be about \$4.00 per hour which is not much when you have to hire someone to open gates. He made the motion to increase the Deputy Commissioner's salary by \$200.00 per year; Dr. Prestwich seconded the motion, and it was unanimously passed.

Discussion followed as to recourse that might be taken against the overpumpers. Gene Roundy said that he had sent letters to the people with broken meters at least three times, and some of the meters are still broken, but a few people responded. Brent Jones suggested that if the State were to notify them that they had over-pumped, and if they continued, some action would be taken. Clemont said that a few years ago he had tried to enforce this, and it just

wasn't worth it. He said that not more than 1,000 acre feet was overpumped this year.

The budget total for the year was set at \$7,758.97. Kerry Jones moved that the budget be accepted; Rulan Woodbury seconded the motion, and it was unanimously passed.

Chairman Jones then called for nominations for a new chairman and board. Kerry Jones moved that we suspend the rules and retain the Chairman and the board. Hal Adams seconded the motion. The present Chairman and members of the board are as follows: Chairman, Brent Jones, board members Ramon Prestwich, Bud Garfield, Howard Nelson, and LaRee Garfield, secretary. The motion carried.

Chairman Jones then called for any other items of business. Doug Croft asked for time to discuss the proposed ski area in Cedar Canyon. Lengthy discussion followed. Chairman Jones asked for a motion to end the water users meeting and have a discussion of the ski resort for those who would like to stay. Bud Bauer seconded the motion. Dick Clark said that Mr. Croft was asking the water users to consider this, and they had the right to defend their case.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

/s/ LaRee Garfield, Secretary