

Proceedings

BLUE MOUNTAIN DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM
ANNUAL MEETING - FEBRUARY 1, 1977

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The annual meeting of the Blue Mountain Distribution System was held in the Courtroom of the San Juan County Courthouse at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 1, 1977. The following were in attendance:

John Bene - Deputy State Engineer, Division of Water Rights
Ken McKinney - Area Engineer, Division of Water Rights
Mark Page - Area Engineer, Division of Water Rights
Ernest Sonderegger - Pioneer Irrigation Company
Max Dalton - Blue Mountain Irrigation Company
Mons Smith - Verdure
Joseph R. Barton - Verdure
Don R. Barton - Verdure
Clyde M. Barton - Verdure
K. S. Barton - Verdure
J. Lynn Lewis - Pioneer & Verdure
Bob Sparks - Pioneer
Joseph Francis Barton - Verdure

Chairman Max Dalton asked Ken McKinney, Area Engineer of the Division of Water Rights, to conduct the meeting. A brief statement was made concerning the upcoming water year and its dim outlook. It was stated that the forecast in the surrounding area ranges from a low of 10% to a high of 28%. Therefore everyone was to expect a very poor water year with expected minimal runoff.

Ken McKinney, Division of Water Rights, then proceeded with the meeting. Mr. McKinney read the minutes from the two meetings held in 1976. Also read as part of the proceedings of 1976 was a letter which spelled out the trial plan of operation for that year's distribution on the Blue Mountain system. There were no corrections or additions, therefore Chairman Dalton made a motion that the minutes be approved as read. A second was made by Don Barton. The motion passed.

The next item of business was the financial statement which was read by Deputy State Engineer John Bene. The balance of funds as of December 31, 1976 was \$461.10. There are at the present time two delinquent accounts totaling \$90.00. Therefore if these accounts were paid the balance would be \$551.10. For the 1976 water year no expenses were made on the system's finances. Don Barton made the motion to accept the financial statement as read, Max Dalton seconded. The vote was unanimous.

The next item of business was the commissioner's report. It was stated that there was not a commissioner appointed for 1976. Chairman Dalton stated that each subsystem run its system and that only limited information was available. Mr. McKinney requested that each subsystem representative mail to the Price Office any information that was kept on their particular area. It was stated that the trial method of operation did not prove to be a great improvement but that it was a workable method of operation. Mr. McKinney requested that the subsystem representatives for 1977 keep as much data as possible so that a report could be prepared on the upcoming water year. The proposal was accepted by those present. A request from the Price office would be made for

the 1976 data by the subsystem representatives.

It was decided by those present that the distribution system would be operated as in 1976 and that Max Dalton would remain the chairman and that each subsystem would retain the same people as in the preceeding year. The distribution of available water would be made by the subsystem representatives. It was mentioned that it would be necessary for the measuring devices to be in good repair so that the water could be allocated properly.

Those present were appraised of the fact that Mr. McKinney would be leaving the Price office in early February. Mr. McKinney was commended for his good service.

Don Barton made the motion that the meeting stand adjourned. Mons Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m.