

Meeting of Spring Creek-North End Water Users
of Blue Mountain Distribution System
January 28, 1975 - 7:00 p.m.

A meeting of the Spring Creek-North End water users of the Blue Mountain Distribution System was held in the San Juan County Courthouse at 7:00 p.m. on January 28, 1975. The following persons were in attendance at that meeting:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Representing</u>
Lyman D. Nielson	Account 4-E
F. Bennion Redd	Account 4-D
Clem E. Washburn	Account 4-C
Jeff Frost	Account 4-D
Val Dalton	Account 4-A
James M. Scorup	Account 4-F
Kenward H. McKinney	State Engineer's Office, Price

The people in attendance represented all of the Spring Creek-North End water users in the Blue Mountain Distribution System except Max Bailey. Jim Scorup indicated that Mr. Bailey had been notified of the meeting.

The meeting was called to discuss selection of a water commissioner for the distribution system for the year 1975 and also to discuss the installation of headgates and measuring devices. It was agreed by all present that if headgates and measuring devices were not already installed they would be this spring. Mr. McKinney would contact Max Bailey and inform him of this matter.

The matter of the Dalton Claim on Gooseman Spring, Diligence Claim No. **2648** (09-543) was discussed. There were some who contended that Gooseman Spring water was an integral part of Spring Creek while Val Dalton contended that the water from the spring had been used separately and distinctly from Spring Creek. At the time of the filing of the Diligence Claim by Melvin Dalton, there was physical evidence that the water from the spring had, in the distant past, been used separately and distinctly from Spring Creek. There was discussion on this matter and it was decided that the Spring Creek Users would further investigate and discuss this matter among themselves and decide if there should be any action taken on this matter.

The matter of beaver ponds and impoundments on Spring Creek was then discussed. It was indicated that beaver impoundments and ponds on Forest Service and private land had again become a problem. Val Dalton indicated that if something could be done about the beaver impoundments and ponds on Forest Service ground he would allow something to be done about the ones on his place. He indicated he could see no reason to remove the impoundments and ponds on private ground if the same could not be removed from the forest. Mr. McKinney indicated that the Division of Water Rights would contact the Division of Wildlife Resources and Forest Service about this problem.

The matter of Monticello City Lake or Pond (Spring Creek Lake), located in unsurveyed Sec. 23, T34S, R22E, SLB&M was discussed. Spring Creek users indicated that when the impoundment was first constructed there were facilities for letting water through the dam during periods of low water flow in Spring Creek. However, it was indicated that no such facilities exist at this time. Mr. McKinney indicated that he would check into this matter.

The matter of the water commissioner for 1975 was then discussed. Jim Scorup indicated that Al Haskins, San Juan County Civil Defense Director had indicated that he would take the job providing there was no conflict of interest problem. In a talk with Mr. Haskins prior to the meeting he had indicated to Mr. McKinney that 1/2 of the Civil Defense budget was paid from Utah State funds and that he wanted to make sure this was no problem. If it was he would not accept the position. Mr. McKinney indicated that he would find out about this. It was indicated that Lloyd Young might be interested in this position. He is a retired government employee with experience in water matters. He is a resident of Monticello from early Spring through fall. Bennion Redd indicated that he would contact Mr. Young to see if he would be interested. It was indicated that as a last resort and providing that all headgates and measuring devices were installed, the 1974 commissioner, Grayson Redd, might take the job.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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