

**East Fork Virgin River Distribution System
2008 Annual Water Users Meeting Minutes
February 20, 2008**

**Minutes of the East Fork Virgin River Distribution System, 2008
Held at, State Bank Of Southern Utah, Orderville, Utah**

The meeting was brought to order at 11 AM with Merlin Esplin conducting. Attendees included, John Reese, Norm Carroll, Barry Ford, and Merlin Esplin. Division of Water Rights staff included Lee Sim, Mike Silva and Nathan Moses.

John Reese read minutes for both meetings conducted in 2007. The first meeting was conducted on February 21, 2007 and the second meeting was done on April 10, 2007. Norm Carroll, motioned for approval and Barry Ford seconded, motion carried.

Gerry Hoyt provided his commissioner report. He was thankful for the help by provided by deputy commissioner, Clarence Spencer. Of particular note was the hearing on the ponds by black rock canyon installed by Mark Johnson. Nathan Moses indicated that the approval letter for that water right change was approved with the condition that flumes are installed above and below the ponds. The Mark Johnson water rights involve 11/100ths cfs .

Dennis McDonald, Majors, and Jim Varney are combined on turns. Work is needed at Major's diversion.

Concern about the diversions from Jump Up canyon involving Ferrell Spencer, and John Flatburg's water. Included in this are Ellen Lamb's rights with the KOA.

Gerry discussed the need for baffles in some sluicing devices to provide a smooth profile for water readings.

Note that Larry Barns' development known as Mystic River is using Glendale Culinary water.

The water ran pretty low this year with only about 35% first class water available, however all the water users were cooperative with the cutbacks and worked with the commissioner very well.

Norm Carroll, motioned for approval and Barry Ford seconded, motion carried.

Further discussion on Jim Varney's pump house being constructed (stick frame building half built) may involve a POD change. Also the division will check into the seeps from Jump Up canyon and the transfers from surface to underground.

Lee Sim reviewed the 2007 financial report. Norm Carroll, motioned for approval and Barry Ford seconded, motion carried. There was some question on Clarence Spencer's age if he still qualified for deputy commissioner.

The 2008 budget was discussed, Pay rate for Gerry was kept the same while, Clarence got a \$500 raise. His travel budget was set at \$800. State Engineers assessment went up to 255. With other budget items changed only slightly to accommodate the pay increase. John Reese motioned for approval and Barry Ford seconded, motion carried.

Assessment was set at \$4077. John Reese motioned for approval and Barry Ford seconded, motion carried.

The committee was left unchanged from the previous year by acclimation. Norm Carroll motioned for approval and Barry Ford seconded, motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:01 PM. Note a recording on file for this meeting at <http://168.179.212.111/docImport/0498/04984411.mp3>