

MINUTES OF THE EAST FORK VIRGIN RIVER DISTRIBUTION MEETING
February 23, 1994
Orderville, Utah

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. with Lee Sim, Assistant State Engineer for the Division of Water Rights conducting. Those in attendance were:

C. F. Cleveland	Cleveland Ditch
Norman Carroll	Glendale Irrig. Co.
Dennis MacDonald	MacDonald Ranch
L. Dean Anderson	Glendale Irrig. Co.
Sharon Lamb	Mt. Carmel Irrig. Co.
Earl Sorensen	Orderville Irrig. Co.
Cleve Esplin	Mt. Carmel Irrig. Co.
John Reese	Mt. Carmel Irrig. Co.
Gertrudys Adkins	Division of Water Rights
John S. Larsen	Division of Water Rights
Lee Sim	Division of Water Rights
Kerry Carpenter	Division of Water Rights

The first order of business was to have the minutes of the previous year's meeting read by Lee Sim. No corrections were needed so a motion was made by C. F. Cleveland to accept the minutes as read, seconded by L. Dean Anderson. Motion carried.

Lee then discussed the financial report. Receipts totaled \$2,093.78 with expenditures totaling \$1,367.36 so a balance in the trust fund for 1993 was \$1,403.14. There were no delinquencies on the system for the year. The travel costs for the commissioner were discussed and were down because not as much travel was required by the commissioner last year. A motion was then made to accept the financial report by Norman Carroll, seconded by Dennis MacDonald. All approved.

Commissioner Gerry Hoyt was not able to attend this year's meeting so Mr. Sim reviewed the commissioner's report. Gerry's written report indicates this last summer was an ideal water year. All of the first and second class users had ample supply all season long except for a short period in August when only 94% could be measured. There were several severe thunderstorms which helped supplement the normal stream flows.

C. F. Cleveland then asked about the responsibility for costs and installation of a weir in the ditch he and four others use on the system. Lee said that the responsibility is on all of the ditch users. The weir has not been installed as of this date and Mr. Cleveland doesn't mind doing the work if he can get some help. Lee said he would ask the commissioner to oversee the work. Dennis MacDonald then stated that he would make sure a screw gate on the MacDonald diversion gets installed this season.

A motion then was made by Dennis MacDonald to accept the commissioner's report, seconded by C. F. Cleveland, all approved.

A motion was made by L. Dean Anderson, to retain Gerry Hoyt as commissioner for the 1994 season, seconded by Norman Carroll. Voting was unanimous.

Lee then discussed the budget. A commissioner's seminar is being sponsored by the Division of Water Rights in Salt Lake on March 3rd and 4th and the water users want their commissioner to attend this seminar. Lee thought that \$100.00 or less will be needed for a motel room and meals for the two days. After some additional discussion, a motion was made by Norman Carroll to keep the budget and assessment at the same level as in 1993, the budget being set at \$1,800.00 and assessment at \$1,400.00. This motion was seconded by Dennis MacDonald, all approved.

Lee Sim then discussed the trust funds for the distribution system. The State Auditor's Office in a recent audit of the trust funds, has indicated that by statute, any funds administered by a state agency must have these funds deposited with the State Treasurer's Office. The trust funds are currently held in Zion's Bank. The State Engineer's Office had some initial concern about how quickly the State Treasurer's Office could make payments to the distribution systems as needed. The State Engineer's Office has been assured that with the implementation of a new computerized accounting system, payments can be processed within an additional day or so of the current setup. A request has been made to transfer the funds January, 1995 to conform with the distribution system fiscal period of January through December.

Mr. Sim then discussed funding of the USGS gaging stations. The operation and maintenance costs for each station is \$6600.00, one-half funded by the Division of Water Rights, one-half funded by the USGS. Costs for operating these stations have been rising at approximately 8% per year. Because the funding the Division of Water Rights receives from the legislature is a fixed amount, unnecessary stations have been shut down throughout the State to help reduce costs. Further elimination of additional stations may begin to hamper the distribution system's ability to measure and regulate the water supply from the river. Mr. Sim suggested that the distribution system begin to consider taking over the operation and maintenance of those stations which directly affect them. This probably can be done at considerable cost savings.

Only one station exists on this river system at the mouth of Lydia's Canyon where is confluences with the East Fork. Gerry Hoyt doesn't utilize this station but the USGS is taking measurements.

Sharon Lamb then wanted to know about the enforcing of a measuring device order as far as the delivery of water is concerned. Lee said that this is difficult to enforce but the first step is to shut off delivery of water if necessary. If the water user is making an effort to get a measuring device in then we will work with him. He also wanted to know the status of the

adjudication on the East Fork Virgin River. Lee said he would get a letter out to him concerning this matter.

Meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.