

MINUTES MEETING OF LONG VALLEY WATER USERS  
GLENDALE, UTAH. Mon. April 23, 1956.

A meeting of the water users of the East Fork of the Virgin River in Kane County, Utah, was held at the home of James S. Esplin in Glendale, Utah, April 23, 1956, at 8:00 o'clock P.M. pursuant to a notice that had been sent out to the water users of this area from the office of the State Engineer.

James S. Esplin Pres. of the Glendale Irrigation Co. was unable to be present so that Co. was represented by Rex Bauer, board member. Orderville Irrigation Co. was represented by it's Pres. Mark Chamberlain. Mt. Carmel Irrigation Co. was represented by it's Pres. LaDru C. Sorensen. Two independent water users were present, Irene H. Carpenter and J. W. Morrison.

Birt Gardner, Sec'y of the Water users Committee, was chosen to act as chairman of the meeting. He stated that Mr. Charles Hepworth who had served as water commissioner for the past two years had notified the committee that he would not be able to act again this year because of other commitments so now it will be necessary to recommend someone else for this job. Mr. LaDru Sorensen stated that he had interviewed Val C. Tait of Mt. Carmel and found him willing to act if appointed. After some discussion a motion was made by J. W. Morrison to recommend Val C. Tait of Mt. Carmel, Utah, to the State Engineer for appointment as Water Commissioner for Long Valley in 1956. Motion was 2nd by LaDru Sorensen and passed by vote.

The chairman stated that some decision should be reached and recorded concerning the duties and responsibilities of the Water Commissioner and the **compensation he should receive** therefor. A motion was made by LaDru Sorensen that the duties of the water commissioner should be to prevent as much as possible any unauthorized diversion of water and to measure and divide the available supply of water among the various users according to their decreed rights. The maintenance man for each canal should be notified when a change in the distribution of the water has been made so he can co-operate with the commissioner to maintain proper adjustments of the gates, etc. The Commissioner should keep an accurate record of the time he works the dates when adjustments or checks are made the milage traveled on his official rounds and the water measurements and findings on each trip. That he should be paid \$1.50 per hour for the time he works and 10¢ per mile for necessary travel. Motion 2nd by Mark Chamberlain and passed by vote.

Rex Bauer called attention to the fact that all of the canals of the three irrigation Companies have parshall flumes made of concrete for the measurement of their water, but the ditches of the independent water users are almost all with any weir or measuring device whatever, That in justice to all concerned every ditch that takes water out of the creek should have at least a plank weir so the commissioner could measure their water. He further made a motion that the State Engineer should be asked to notify these independent water users of their legal obligation to provide a measuring device in each of their ditches which should meet the approval of the Commissioner. Further that the Commissioner should be given a copy of the said notice and a list of the persons to whom such notices were sent. Motion 2nd by LaDru Sorensen and passed by vote. It was also suggested that the members of the committee should follow up on this project and to give whatever assistance might be necessary to complete the job.

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