

DUCHESNE AND STRWBERRY RIVERS WATER ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL WATER USER AND ANNUAL MEETING WITH
STATE ENGINEER

March 10, 2010

10:00 am

Those in attendance:

NAME

Wayne Robb
Ryan Jones
Dean Peterson
Moreen Henderson
Lee Moon
Helen Kempenich
Karl Mott
Matt Betts
Trent Potter
Clinton Moon
Dennis Jones
Craig Thomas
Farrell Farnsworth
Guy Taylor
Andrew Dutson
Keith Hooper
Jared Hansen
Karnel Murdock
Dale Thomas
Jeff Budge
Lance Henderson
Art Taylor
Lee Sim
Bob Leake
Mike Silva
Connie Mullins
John Swasey

REPRESENTING

Shanks Ditch
JRRT Enterprises
Strawberry River
Uintah Basin Irrigation Company
Rocky Point
Ashley National Forest
Shanks Ditch
Rocky Point
Duchesne/Strawberry
Duchesne/Strawberry
Farm Creek Irrigation
Hicken Ditch Company
Upper Duchesne
Self
Division of Water Rights
CUWCD
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Provo River Water Users Assoc.
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Duchesne/Strawberry
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Duchesne/Strawberry
River Commissioner

President Clinton Moon called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

MINUTES

The minutes of the March 18, 2009 Duchesne and Strawberry Rivers Water Users Association (DSWUA) were reviewed by Clinton Moon.

MOTION: Lee Moon made the motion to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2009 meeting as written. There were no corrections. The motion was seconded by Art Taylor. Motion carried.

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COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

John Swasey stated that 2009 was a good water year due to the late season moisture that was received. He thanked Keith Hooper of Central Utah Water for the releases in August that helped maintain the natural flows. No project water was used in 2009. He showed a slide presentation of some of the problems throughout the system, including measuring device problems, debris in ditches. He showed how the repeater system works and how to figure project vs. natural flows. There is a chart showing this on the website: www.duchesneriver.org . Then click on diagnostics, John's report and then excel. Project amounts can be obtained from Keith at Central Utah Water Conservancy District.

MOTION: Lance Henderson made the motion to approve John's report for the 2009 irrigation season. The motion was seconded by Guy Taylor. Motion carried.

BOARD PRESIDENT REPORT

Clinton Moon thanked the Water Commissioner for all the work he does. He thanked the State for their help in making things run smooth. The board has several goals this year including looking into the bylaws and Entity documents to see if there are updates or changes that need to be made and are working toward better communication with Duchesne County Water Conservancy District.

DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS REPORT

Mike Silva thanked the Water Commissioner for his work on the river system and also for his knowledge of the telemetry equipment. He complimented the efficiency of the river system. Mike said that the state is concerned with inflow measurements and evaporation data from the last several years. He stated that even though they have tried two different methods for measuring the evaporation, there is too much inconsistency with it. His goal is to have accurate measurements and would like to work with Central Utah Water Conservancy District to put a water measuring device on the Strawberry River above Starvation Reservoir. He thanked the water users for the prompt payment of assessments, stating there are only 2 unpaid assessments to date. He noted that although last year was a good water year, the snow packs are down for this year.

2009 BUDGET REVIEW

The 2009 receipts and expenditures were reviewed by Mike Silva, as follows:

BEGINNING BALANCE-January 1, 2009		\$57,409.01
RECEIPTS:		
Regular Assessments:		\$108,177.52
Special Assessments:		0.00
Delinquent Penalties:		70.95
Previous Assessments and Penalties:		27.50
Transfers and Adjustments:		0.00
Annual Interest Earned:		437.16
System Reimbursements:		2,481.98
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EXPENDITURES

Budgeted Expenditures:	\$109,648.57
Unbudgeted Expenditures: (Total of negative amounts)	202.50
Transfers and Adjustments:	0.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$109,851.07
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ENDING BALANCE:	\$58,753.05
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2009 Delinquent Water Assessments totaled \$430.87.

All delinquent assessments are for one year with the exception of Leon Nielsen who hasn't paid since 2002. Mike Silva noted that a collection notice had been sent certified mail and there had not been a response. The state then issued a "cease to use" order. There has been no response by Mr. Nielsen.

MOTION: Lee Moon moved that the 2009 financial report, as reported by Mike Silva be approved. The motion was seconded by Trent Potter. Motion carried.

2010 BUDGET PROPOSAL

The 2010 Budget Proposal is as follows:

BALANCE of Trust Funds, 12-31-2009:	\$58,753.05
RECEIPTS:	\$108,264.00

Regular Assessments
Plus previous assessments and penalties

BUDGET:

Commissioner Salary	\$54,600.00
Social Security	4,140.00
Retirement	8,600.00
Insurance	10,500.00
Travel	14,000.00
Secretary Expense	500.00
Committee Expense	1,500.00
Office Expense	2,500.00
Supplies and Equipment	5,000.00
Telephone Expense	2,150.00
Miscellaneous Expense	24.00
State Engineer Assessment	7,486.00
Contractual Services	2,000.00

TOTAL BUDGET:	\$113,000.00
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Comments: Guy Taylor thanked the Water Commissioner and said he feels John is doing a good job, he then asked if John feels the wages are adequate. John replied that he is very happy to have a job in the current economy conditions and feels he does not need a raise. Art Taylor commended John for his decision to not ask for a wage increase and noted the importance of job security.

MOTION: Lee Moon moved to accept the 2010 proposed budget. The motion was seconded by Lance Henderson. Motion carried.

DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM ASSESSMENTS:

It was proposed that the distribution system assessments be increased from \$.26 to \$.28 to help maintain increased budget costs.

MOTION: The motion was made by Lee Moon in favor of the increase. Motion seconded by Dennis Jones. Motion carried.

BOARD MEMBER ELECTION

There are two positions on the board that are up for election, Art Taylor, representing the Upper Duchesne River Water Users and Clinton Moon representing the Lower Duchesne River Water Users.

Trent Potter asked for nominations for the Upper Duchesne River Water Users. Art Taylor was nominated by Moreen Henderson. Nomination seconded by Wayne Robb.

MOTION: Guy Taylor made motion to suspend rules and appoint Art Taylor by acclamation. Motion seconded by Lee Moon. Motion carried.

Nominations for Lower Duchesne River Water Users: Clinton Moon was nominated by Lee Moon and seconded by Guy Taylor.

MOTION: Lee Moon made the motion to suspend rules and appoint Clinton Moon by acclamation. Motion seconded by Wayne Robb. Motion carried.

OPEN DISCUSSION/QUESTIONS

Lee Moon noted that even though bad water years occur, those on the Strawberry/Duchesne drainage should be grateful for the management of the water system that makes it possible to have water during those years. He noted that the system is well operated and runs smooth unlike a lot of other systems. He thanked Central Utah Water Conservancy District for their efforts in storing and releasing the irrigation water and cooperation in working with water users. Art Taylor agreed with Lee and noted other systems are not as fortunate to have the storage capacity that allows them to irrigate during those bad water years.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 am.

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