

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

**March 18, 2009**

**10:00 am**

Those in attendance:

**NAME**

Jay Abbott  
Wayne Robb  
Ryan Jones  
Dean Peterson  
Terry Abbott  
Matt Betts  
Gary Robb  
Kaye Robb  
Kim Farnsworth  
Moreen Henderson  
Lee Moon  
Trent Potter  
Clinton Moon  
Jerry Wilson  
Dennis Jones  
Craig Thomas  
Farrell Farnsworth  
Leo L. Brady  
Maurice Harvey  
Brad Taylor  
Guy Taylor  
Dwayne Davies  
Andrew Dutson  
Keith Hooper  
Tom Bruton  
Randy Crozier  
Clint Park  
Karnel Murdock  
Mike Silva  
Jeff Budge  
Owen VanTassell  
Tim Shepard  
Lance Henderson  
Brent Fitzgerald  
Richard Fitzgerald  
Art Taylor  
Lee Sim  
Bob Leake  
Connie Mullins  
John Swasey

**REPRESENTING**

Meacham Ditch/RPDC  
Shanks Ditch  
JRRT Enterprises  
Strawberry River  
Rocky Point  
Rocky Point  
Knight  
Knight  
Duchesne Irrigation  
Uintah Basin Irrigation Company  
Rocky Point  
Duchesne/Strawberry  
Duchesne/Strawberry  
Rocky Point  
Farm Creek Irrigation  
Hicken Ditch Company  
Upper Duchesne  
Pioneer Canal  
UBIC  
Orchard Mesa  
Self  
Orchard Mesa  
Division of Water Rights  
CUWCD  
CUWCD  
DCWCD  
Duchesne City  
BIA  
Division of Water Rights  
Provo River Water Users Assoc.  
Jasper Pike  
Grey Mountain  
UBIC  
Grey Mountain/UBIC  
Grey Mountain/UBIC  
Duchesne/Strawberry  
Division of Water Rights  
Division of Water Rights  
Duchesne/Strawberry  
River Commissioner

**RECEIVED**

**FEB 23 2010**

**WATER RIGHTS  
SALT LAKE**

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

## MINUTES

The minutes of the March 18, 2008 Duchesne and Strawberry Rivers Water Users Association (DSWUA) were reviewed by Clinton Moon.

MOTION: Art Taylor made the motion to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2008 meeting as written. There were no corrections. The motion was seconded by Jerry Wilson. Motion carried.

## BOARD PRESIDENT REPORT

Clinton Moon commented that the 2008 water year went smooth mostly due to Central Utah Water releasing the 500 AF ensuring enough water for everyone below Starvation Reservoir. He thanked the board members and noted that they had met several times this past year to improve relationships with ditch companies and water users. He thanked the State for their help and the water users for ideas they presented to try to make the system better. He would like to see better communications with Duchesne County Water Conservancy District and CUP.

## COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

John Swasey presented a power point presentation on the 2008 water year. He noted a comparison of water availability from May 2007 of 78% to May 2008 of 98% and current snow pack as of March 2009 of 87%. He showed how to access data on the internet and explained the website to view reports as well as financial information.

John complimented Red Creek on their regulation of water and how much success they are having. He noted the measuring device currently being installed at the Myton Townsite with a completion date sometime in early April.

Comments: Art Taylor noted that this group of water users need to be appreciative of the amount of water they receive as it is more than many other districts have. Guy Taylor thanked those involved with the new technology and improvements over the years of water storage, automation and delivery.

MOTION: Jeff Budge made the motion to approve John's report for the 2008 irrigation season. The motion was seconded by Keith Hooper. Motion carried.

## RECOMMENDATION FOR WATER COMMISSIONER FOR NEXT TERM

MOTION: Lee Moon made the motion that John Swasey serve another term as the Water Commissioner. The motion was seconded by Lance Henderson. The motion carried.

## DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS REPORT

Lee Sim said the new State Engineer is Kent Jones who was appointed by the Governor's office a couple of months ago. Kent has been with the Division of Water Rights for 27 years. He also introduced Mike Silva who is the Distribution Engineer and has been assigned to the Duchesne System.

**RECEIVED**  
FEB 23 2010  
WATER RIGHTS  
SALT LAKE

## 2008 BUDGET REVIEW

The 2008 receipts and expenditures were reviewed by Lee Sim, as follows:

BEGINNING BALANCE-January 1, 2008	\$76,937.49
RECEIPTS:	
Regular Assessments:	\$87,057.62
Special Assessments:	0.00
Delinquent Penalties:	31.80
Previous Assessments and Penalties:	135.11
Transfers and Adjustments:	0.00
Annual Interest Earned:	1,492.26
System Reimbursements:	0.00
<hr/>	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$88,716.79
EXPENDITURES	
Budgeted Expenditures:	\$107,619.67
Unbudgeted Expenditures: (Total of negative amounts)	625.60
Transfers and Adjustments:	0.00
<hr/>	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$108,245.27
ENDING BALANCE:	\$57,409.01

2008 Delinquent Water Assessments totaled \$376.72.

All delinquent assessments are for one year with the exception of Leon Nielsen who hasn't paid since 2002.

MOTION: Jeff Budge moved that the 2008 financial report, as reported by Lee Sim be approved. The motion was seconded by Lee Moon. Motion carried.

## 2009 BUDGET PROPOSAL

The 2009 Budget Proposal is as follows:

BALANCE of Trust Funds, 12-31-2008:	\$57,409.01
RECEIPTS:	\$88,696.84
Regular Assessments	
Plus previous assessments and penalties	
BUDGET:	
Commissioner Salary	\$54,600.00
Social Security	4,139.00
Retirement	8,600.00
Insurance	11,000.00
Travel	13,500.00
Secretary Expense	500.00
Committee Expense	1,000.00
Office Expense	2,000.00
Supplies and Equipment	5,000.00

**RECEIVED**

**FEB 23 2010**

**WATER RIGHTS  
SALT LAKE**

Telephone Expense	2,000.00
Miscellaneous Expense	325.00
State Engineer Assessment	7,036.00
Contractual Services	2,000.00

TOTAL BUDGET: \$111,700.00

MOTION: Lee Moon moved to accept the 2009 proposed budget. The motion was seconded by Owen VanTassell. Motion carried.

**DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM ASSESSMENTS:**

It was proposed that the distribution system assessments be increased from \$.24 to \$.26 to help maintain increased budget costs.

MOTION: The motion was made by Art Taylor in favor of the increase. Motion seconded by Jerry Wilson. Motion carried.

**SETTING THE ASSESSMENT FOR DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM**

Lee Sim explained the cost to the State to send assessment notices each year averages around \$15.00 per assessment. The current minimum assessment is \$25.00. It has been proposed that the minimum assessment be increased from \$25.00 to \$40.00. Also the cost to collect on delinquent accounts is \$200.00 per assessment which will be added to any account that is delinquent more than \$200.00. He noted that the state can not collect on assessments over 4 years delinquent.

MOTION: Lance Henderson made the motion to accept that the minimum assessments be increased from \$25.00 to \$40.00. Jeff Budge seconded the motion. Guy Taylor opposed the motion. The motion carried.

Comment: Art Taylor noted that the State needs to change their policy on collecting delinquent assessments as it is sending the message that it "pays not to pay!" They need to be tougher on delinquent accounts. Lee Sim said that they hoped that this new \$200.00 delinquent assessment charge would make a difference and send a strong message.

RECEIVED  
FEB 23 2010  
WATER RIGHTS  
SALT LAKE

**BOARD MEMBER ELECTION**

There are three positions on the board that are up for election, Trent Potter, representing the Strawberry River Water Users; Farrell Farnsworth, representing the Upper Duchesne River Water Users, and Lee Moon representing the Lower Duchesne River Water Users.

Clinton asked for nominations for the Strawberry River Water Users. Trent Potter was nominated by Lee Moon. Nomination seconded by Art Taylor.

MOTION: Art Taylor made motion to suspend rules and appoint Trent Potter by acclamation. Motion seconded by Lance Henderson. Motion carried.

Nominations for Upper Duchesne River Water Users: Farrell Farnsworth was nominated.

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

Nominations for Lower Duchesne River Water Users: Lee Moon was nominated by Jeff Budge.

MOTION: Lance Henderson made the motion to suspend rules and appoint Lee Moon by acclamation. Motion seconded by Dwayne Davies. Motion carried.

**OPEN DISCUSSION/QUESTIONS**

**Current water forecast**

Keith Hooper gave an update on the water forecast for 2009. As of March 16<sup>th</sup>, Strawberry Reservoir was at 71% of average, Knight 74% and Randlett at 49%. He predicted that Starvation will fill sometime in late April.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 am.

**RECEIVED**  
**FEB 23 2010**  
**WATER RIGHTS**  
**SALT LAKE**