

THE JOINT RIVER COMMITTEE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

March 17, 2009

10:00 am

Those in attendance: Lee Sim, Mike Silva, Trent Potter, Keith Hooper, Clinton Moon, Lance Henderson, Farrell Farnsworth, Dennis Jones, Lee Moon, Art Taylor, Jeff Budge, Andrew Dutson, Bob Leake, John Swasey and Connie Mullins.

The meeting was brought to order by President Clinton Moon. Lee Sims introduced Mike Silva who is new to the Division of Water Rights. Everyone introduced themselves and told who they were representing.

MINUTES

MOTION: Lance Henderson made the motion that the minutes of the March 18, 2008 Joint River Committee be approved as written. There were no changes to be made. Trent Potter seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

John Swasey reported on the 2008 water season. He stated that there were very few shortages due to CUWCD lowering the level of the reservoir for construction of the new treatment plant which allowed 500 CFS of extra water to be released. He noted that there is still a problem with access to diversions and measuring devices on the river and cautioned the ditch companies to make sure right-of-ways are accessed, used and maintained. Also radios and antennas had to be replaced at the end of the season which caused problems as well as the repeater on Tabby Mountain quit working. There will need to be repairs made as soon as possible.

MOTION: Art Taylor made the motion that the committee approve the Commissioner's report. The motion was seconded by Lee Moon. Motion carried.

WATER COMMISSIONER RECOMMENDATION

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

REPORT FROM DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS

Lee Sim said there is a new State Engineer, Kent Jones, who was appointed by the governor a couple of months ago. Kent has been with the division for about 27 years. Mike Silva the Distribution Engineer, who is assigned to the Duchesne System said he is looking forward to learning the system and working with everyone in this area.

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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
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TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$88,716.79
EXPENDITURES	
Budgeted Expenditures:	\$107,619.67
Unbudgeted Expenditures: (Total of negative amounts)	625.60
Transfers and Adjustments:	0.00
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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. Discussion on best way to collect on delinquent assessments followed. Lee Sim noted that they have to wait until the second year of delinquency to begin the collection process and it costs \$200.00, therefore they don't always pursue collection and they can not collect anything more than four years delinquent. Committee feels something needs to be done in the case of Leon Nielsen. John Swasey also noted that Jay Abbott should have been deleted last year as he is no longer using that diversion. Mike Silva said he would make that account inactive.

MOTION: Trent Potter moved that the 2008 financial report, as reported by Lee Sim be approved. The motion was seconded by Lance Henderson. Motion carried.

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2009 BUDGET PROPOSAL

Clinton Moon read the proposed budget expenditures for 2009. The following changes were made:

Retirement will increase from \$8,500.00 to \$8,600.00.

Insurance will increase from \$10,000.00 to \$11,000.00.

Miscellaneous expense will increase from \$125.00 to \$325.00.

Discussion concerning supplies and equipment needs this year due to new radios and antennas being needed followed. Art asked about funneling grants through DCWCD. John noted that they are yet to receive payment for Rhoades Canal project from last year. There is a need to have better communication and coordination between entities. It was suggested that the supplies and equipment account be left as is and add an additional account that can be used in conjunction with grants and Rural Technology monies.

MOTION was made by Trent Potter to add an account "Contractual Services" of \$2,000.00 to be used in conjunction with grants, and matching funds with Duchesne County Water Conservancy District. Motion seconded by Art Taylor. Motion carried.

Art Taylor noted that it would be beneficial to see the itemized summary of expenses for each account. Lee Sims gave the website so anyone who wishes can view that summary: www.waterrights.utah.gov, then click on Distribution/Flow records, Distribution systems, Water Records, Duchesne River, "menu".

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
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

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MOTION: Lee Moon made the motion to approve the 2009 proposed budget as presented. The motion was seconded by Dennis Jones. Motion carried

MOTION: Lee Moon made the motion to change the assessments to \$0.26 per acre foot. Motion seconded by Art Taylor. Motion carried.

MOTION: Lee Moon made the motion to change minimum assessment from \$25.00 to \$40.00. Motion seconded by Trent Potter. Motion passed.

Lee Sims noted that a letter explaining the fee increase will be sent out with the assessment notices this year.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Clinton Moon asked if there was any other business that needed discussed.

NOTE: No motions or decisions were made on items below:

Clinton Moon said they would like to include Midview Reservoir in the distribution order. Discussion followed. Lee Sims noted that there would need to be permission from the BIA. John noted that the one downfall would be the canal capacity.

Clinton Moon asked that the Duty Order on the Reach I area which begins at Tabby Canal be changed to begin at the Hicken Ditch. Discussion followed on how to monitor. Bob Leake noted that John has the authority to regulate individual zones and he can make that call.

Clinton Moon asked that Central Utah Water Conservancy District place a measuring device on the Strawberry River flowing into the Starvation Reservoir so that negative stream flows and evaporation can be monitored. Discussion followed concerning cost, practicality and placement of measuring device.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 am.

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