

**DEEP CREEK DISTRIBUTION MEETING MINUTES
ANNUAL WATER USERS MEETING**

Minutes of the Deep Creek Distribution System held at La Point, Utah, February 2, 1999.
The meeting convened at 10:10 a.m. with Raymond Murray conducting. Those in attendance:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Representing</u>
Charman Justice	Water Commissioner
Raymond Murray	Chairman
Aaron Simmons	Mosby Water User
Martin Huber	Deep Creek Water User
David Murray	Mosby Water User
Robert Justice	Deep Creek Water User
Wayne Justice	Deep Creek Water User
Bob Leake	Division of Water Rights
Lee Sim	Division of Water Rights
John S. Larsen	Division of Water Rights
Vione Parrish	Water User

Raymond Murray brought the meeting to order. Minutes of the previous year's meeting were read by John S. Larsen of the Salt Lake Water Rights Office. There were no corrections to be made to the minutes. A motion was then made by Charman Justice to approve the minutes as read, seconded by Martin Huber. Motion passed.

Lee Sim then read the financial report, budget expenditures, and delinquent water assessments for 1998. Account 14, in the name of Martin Huber was the only account shown delinquent and Martin stated that he had sent a check to pay for his assessment. Lee indicated he would research the records to find out if a check had been received by the office. A motion was made by Martin Huber and seconded by Aaron Simmons to accept the financial report. Motion carried.

River Commissioner Charman Justice then gave her report on the activities on the river for 1998. She mentioned that the Mosby water was late coming off the mountain due to the cold weather and deep snow. This past year was unusually wet with plenty of runoff for the Deep Creek users and Mosby Irrigation Company. On the 25th July a flood occurred on the system that did damage to fields, ditches and bridges and diversion facilities. She had concerns about the integrity of the canal above Julius Park, so several trips were made to inspect the canal for leaks. She found the canal to be functioning properly. Charmine also indicated that she did not submit requests for mileage reimbursement for the months of September and October. She was not needed on the mountain because there was ample supply of water

A motion was then made by Robert Justice to accept the report as given, seconded by Martin Huber, all approved.

Lee Sim then discussed the budget for the upcoming year. He mentioned the law requiring bonding of the commissioners was rescinded last year during the legislative session, therefore an amount need not be budgeted for the \$100.00 bonding expense from here foreward. After some discussion, the budget was set at \$8,281.00 and the assessment set at \$5,900.00. A motion was made by Martin Huber to accept the budget and assessment for 1999, seconded by Aaron Simmons, all approved.

Raymond Murray then entertained a motion by both the Mosby and Deep Creek users to select a commissioner for the 1999 irrigation season. Aaron Simmons motioned to keep Charman Justice for another year, seconded by Martin Huber, all approved.

Directors were then discussed for this system. Martin Huber motioned to suspend the rules and have the existing directors remain in their positions by acclamation. Robert Justice made a second motion to do the same, all users approved.

Lee Sim then discussed a proposal being made by the Division of Water Rights to have commissioners appointed for a period of four years instead of every year with the thought being that this will bring better stability to the commissioner's position. It takes several years for a commissioner to learn his or her responsibilities and knowledge of how the river is to be operated. Activities of the commissioner would still be reviewed each year and if the commissioner is not doing what should be done, then cause could be shown to have that person removed from office if necessary. If the majority of the water users agree with this proposal then a bill would be submitted to next years legislature for approval.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.