

MINUTES OF THE HENRY'S FORK TRIBUTARIES DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

January 31, 2001

McKinnon Schoolhouse, McKinnon, Wyoming

The meeting convened at 5:00 p.m. and was conducted by Jade Henderson of the Wyoming State Engineer's Office. Mr. Henderson introduced representatives of the State Engineer's Offices of both Utah and Wyoming.

The minutes of the 2000 annual meeting were read by John Larsen of the Utah Division of Water Rights. No corrections were needed to the minutes, Howard Brinton made a motion to accept them, seconded by Carol Buckley. All Approved.

Mr. Henderson discussed the financial report for the 2000 season. He reviewed the finances received from both states. Total expenditures for the year were \$8,988.35. Utah's contribution was \$2,196.91 and Wyoming's contribution was \$6,791.44. Lee Sim mentioned there was one account delinquent in the name of Gene Gamble for the amount of \$124.87. A motion was then made by Jack Hickey, seconded by Earl Hanks to accept the financial report as read. All approved.

Jade Henderson requested a report of the year's activities from Commissioner Farren Johnson. Farren said the snowpack was less than normal this past winter but due to cool springtime temperatures, the snow pack came off steadily with no high water. Requests were received from the water users for regulation of the river early in the season. It was a very dry water year with losses to the system due to percolation and evaporation as high as 35%. Work was completed last September on the stem assembly on the outlet device on Hoop Lake so it will be ready for this year's water delivery. Farren also mentioned due to requests by the water users, an instructional class on water measurement is being held February 24th at the Mt. View School Board room, Saturday from 10:00 am until noon. Farren will be teaching the class. A motion was then made by Earl Hanks to accept Farren's report, seconded by Jack Hickey, all approved.

The Utah water users then discussed the Utah assessment for 2001. Lee mentioned Utah's portion of the assessment has been at \$2,100.00 for some time and suggested the water users consider discussing the amount. The cost split between the states of Utah and Wyoming is 30-70% split with Utah's portion 30%, Wyoming's split 70%. A motion was made by Carol Buckley to raise Utah's portion to \$2,700.00, seconded by Gino Foianini. All Utah users approved.

Jade Henderson then asked John Yarbrough to give a report on the snow pack so far this year. Snow pack as of this date is as follows:

Hole in the Rock	132%
Hewinta	85%
Hickerson Park	124%
Steel Creek Park	77%
Basin Wide snow pack	87% of normal.

Mr. Henderson called for a motion to be made from the group for commissioner for the year 2001 through 2004. A motion was made by Jack Hickey to retain Farren Johnson as water commissioner, seconded by Gino Foianini, all approved.

Mr. Henderson requested any discussion about concerns on the system. Gino asked about water measurement gages on the stream diversions. John Yarborough said there are gages on most of the

diversions and water measurement flows are being obtained with the exception of the diversion on West Fork Beaver Creek. Water is going around this measuring device. The system also needs a measuring device on Burnt Fork. Jade mentioned that funding has been approved for additional devices and he hopes that by this spring the needed additional devices can be in place. Mr. Foianini inquired if Hoop Lake would fill this year. Farren Johnson said he didn't expect it to fill but the spillway and gate structure have been improved which will help facilitate releases.

The annual meeting time was then discussed by the water users and Division staff. It was suggested the meeting continue to be held in McKinnon schoolhouse and the time recommended for next year's meeting is 4:00 pm. This was agreeable with the water users.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm.

Those attending the meeting were:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Representing</u>
Gertrudys Adkins	Utah Division of Water Rights
Lee Sim	Utah Division of Water Rights
John S. Larsen	Utah Division of Water Rights
Bob Leake	Utah Division of Water Rights
Dave Barfuss	Utah Division of Water Rights
Jade Henderson	Wyoming State Engineer's Office
John Yarbrough	Wyoming State Engineer's Office
Farren Johnson	Water Commissioner
Earl Hanks	Hanks Ranch
Clyde Hanks	Hanks Ranch
Charles Bergmeier	Water User
Milton Beck	Water User
Clyde Hanks	Water User
Jon C. Wilde	Water User
Wade Stephens	Water User
Fay Wadsworth	Water User
Donald Behunin	Lyman Grazing
Howard Brinton	Water User
Jack Hickey	Water User
Gino Foianini	Water User
Carol Buckley	Jack H. Buckley (dec'd)