

MINUTES OF THE HENRY'S FORK TRIBUTARIES DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

January 28, 1998

McKinnon Schoolhouse, McKinnon, Wyoming

The meeting convened at 5:10 p.m. and was conducted by Lee Sim, of the Utah State Engineer's Office. Mr. Sim introduced representatives of the State Engineer's offices of Utah and Wyoming.

The minutes from the 1997 annual meeting were read by John Larsen, no corrections were needed to the minutes. Ken Hanks made a motion to accept the minutes as read and Earl Hanks seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous.

Mr. Sim reported the \$2367.70 assessment from Utah had been sent to the Wyoming State Engineer's Office. Jade Henderson then reviewed Wyoming's portion of the financial report for the year. Total expenditures for the year were \$7410.57. Utah's portion is \$2367.70 and Wyoming's portion is \$5042.87. A motion was made by Gino Foianini and seconded by Earl Hanks of the Utah users to approve the financial statement. All Utah users approved.

Farren Johnson then presented his commissioner's report. He reported the snowpack came off gradually so no flooding occurred. There was ample supply of water for all users throughout the season. He also indicated Gino Foianini installed a locking headgate on the Middle Fork of Beaver Creek. He indicates he needs help on the lower end of Beaver Creek because of the fluctuation in flows from Beaver Meadows. The Bluebell Canal needs a good measuring device and there is no headgate nor flume for measuring flows along the canal. Hoop Lake delivery was not measured this last season because the flume below the dam was being reconstructed. The upper and lower flumes on the Gregory Basin Canal will be tested this year to see if they are operating properly.

A motion was then made to approve the commissioner's report by Earl Hanks, seconded by Jack Hickey, all approved.

John Yarborough presented the snotel figures for this drainage. Hewinta was at 134%, Hole in the Rock at 150%, Hickerson Park at 158%, Blacks Fork at 94% and Henry's Fork at 162% of normal. Basin wide the snow pack at the high elevation as of Jan 1, 1998 was 112% of normal. The expected stream flow were predicted to below normal at 85%.

Lee Sim then indicated that the costs for salary, budget and travel should be the same for 1998 as was for 1997 at \$2100.00 for the Utah users. Glen Wadsworth made a motion to accept the Utah budget as proposed, seconded by Jack Hickey, all Utah users approved.

Ken Hanks inquired about getting more recording devices on measuring sites on this system and made a request to Jade Henderson to see about getting recorders. Jade indicated he would look into it.

The Wyoming State Engineer's Office said they would hire Farren Johnson for another year. A motion was made by Jack Hickey and seconded by Glen Wadsworth to retain Farren Johnson for 1998. All Utah users approved.

Jade Henderson then gave a slide presentation on the joint mapping project between Utah and Wyoming State Engineer's Offices and discussed the progress being made between the two state agencies. Further investigation needs to be done to complete the project.

A request was then made by Ken Hanks to have Bob Leake research flows and capacity of Island Lake. Lee suggested a letter to the companies who operate the lake be drawn up by Foreign and mailed to them requesting this information.

Ken Hanks expressed concern about who might fill in for Farren when he is out of town during the irrigation season. John Yaroborough said he would be willing to fill in when Farren is gone.

With no further business the meeting was then adjourned at 6:40 pm.

Those attending the meeting are as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Representing</u>
Ralph Johnson	Utah Division of Water Rights
John S. Larsen	Utah Division of Water Rights
Lee Sim	Utah Division of Water Rights
Bob Leake	Utah Division of Water Rights
Farren Johnson	River Commissioner
John A. Yaroborough	Wyoming State Engineer's Office
Jade Henderson	Wyoming State Engineer's Office
Jon C. Wilde	Wilde Ranch
Gino Foianini	Self
Earl Hanks	Self
Jack Hickey	Self
Glen Wadsworth	Self
Dale Taylor	Self
Ken Hanks	Self
Shane Kelsch	Wilde Ranch