

ANNUAL DISTRIBUTION MEETING OF THE DUCHESNE-  
STRAWBERRY WATER USERS ASSOCIATION, INC.  
WITH THE STATE ENGINEER HELD IN THE DUCHESNE  
COUNTY COURTROOM, DUCHESNE, UTAH, MARCH 1, 1976  
at 11:00 a.m.

The meeting was called to order by Don Norseth, Distribution Engineer, introducing John Bine, Deputy State Engineer; Robert F. Guy, Area Engineer Division of Water Rights; Stan Adams, Assistant Area Engineer Division of Water Rights.

Mr. Norseth reported that the water forecast as of January 1976 showed a below average of 50 percent expected flow in the south to over above average in the north in the Wasatch Mountains. In fact in and around the Provo area they were to a near flood stage. As to the expected flow of the Duchesne river he would make no predictions, recognizing that February had been a fair month for precipitation, and a forecast had not been delivered as such yet.

With this introduction Mr. Norseth invited Ray Thomas, president of the Duchesne-Strawberry Water Users to conduct the remainder of the meeting.

The 1975 minutes were called for and read. There was a motion by Leo Brady, and seconded by Loryn Ross to accept the minutes as read.

Don Norseth gave the 1975 Financial Statement.

DUCHESNE-STRAWBERRY RIVERS DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM  
1975  
FINANCIAL STATEMENT

A. Balance of Distribution Trust Funds January 1, 1975:	\$8,171.33
B. Receipts and Expenditures:	
1. Receipts	
(a) Regular Assessments	\$ 8,820.67
(B) Delinquent Collections	127.25
(C) Total Receipts	\$ 8,947.92
2. Expenditures (See below)	\$ 10,229.56
C. Balance of Distribution Trust Funds December 31, 1975:	\$ 6,889.69.

STATE OF UTAH  
OFFICE OF STATE ENGINEER  
DUCHESNE-STRAWBERRY RIVERS  
DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

1975  
Budget  
Item No.

<u>Description of Budget Item:</u>	<u>Amount Approved</u> 1975	<u>Total 1975</u> <u>Expenditures</u>
1. Commissioner's Salary	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00
1-C Matching Social Security Tax	450.00	409.50 <sup>1/</sup>
1-F Matching State Retirement	350.00	378.00
2-A Commissioner's Travel Expense \$ .15/mile	2,400.00	1,262.70
2-B Commissioner's Phone Expense	100.00	23.12
3. Bonds & Insurance Premiums	60.00	45.40
4. Distribution Supplies & Equipment	1,300.00	813.45 <sup>2/</sup>
5. Miscellaneous Expenses	400.00	111.00
6. Annual Report (1975)	240.00	132.89
7. Board of Directors Expense	500.00	53.50
8. Dep. Commissioner if Needed	500.00	--0-
TOTAL 1975 BUDGET	\$ 13,300.00	\$ 10,229.56
TOTAL 1975 ASSESSMENT	\$ 8,000.00	

<sup>1/</sup> As of July 1, 1975, Matching State Retirement Rate increased to 6.05%

<sup>2/</sup> 1974 Secretary expense for Leland Wright

DUCHESNE-STRAWBERRY RIVERS DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

1975 DELINQUENT WATER ASSESSMENTS (as of Feb. 23, 76)

<u>S/E Acc't No.</u>	<u>Name and Address:</u>	<u>Total Amount Due:</u>
2.	Rainbow Properties Corp. 1476 South Main Street Salt Lake City, Utah 84115	\$ 9.09
11.	Melvin Broadhead C/O Ralph Fitzgerald Star Rt., Box 26 A Duchesne, Utah 84021	9.32
14.	Weldon Brown Duchesne, Utah 84021	188.28 (1965-1975)
34.	William Hayes Duchesne, Utah 84021	1.00 (1975 Delinquent Costs)
40.	Raleigh Ivie Duchesne, Utah 84021	26.61 (1974-1975)
44.	Little Farm Creek Irr. Co. C/O Nick Defa, Sec. Tabiona, Utah 84072	26.50
46.	Jay Abbott	1.07 (1975 Delinquent Cost)
56.	Alden Muir Fruitland, Utah 84027	8.90
85.	Tabby Irrigation Co. C/O Earl H. Van Tassell, Sec. Tabiona, Utah 84072	596.06 (1974-1975)
99.	William R- Williams Duchesne, Utah 84027	35.74
103.	Paul Young Fruitland, Utah 84027	168.69 (1964-1975)
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE:		\$ 1,071.26

A motion was made by Loryn Ross, seconded by Maurice Harvey that the Financial Statement given by Mr. Norseth be accepted. Motion passed.

PROPOSED 1976 BUDGET

<u>Description of Budget Item</u>	<u>Proposed 1976 Budget</u>
Commissioner's Salary	\$ 7,000.00
Matching Social Security Tax	450.00
Matching State Retirement	423.60
Commissioner's Travel Expense \$ .15/mile	2,400.00
Commissioner's Phone Expense	100.00

## PROPOSED 1976 BUDGET (Continued)

<u>Description of Budget Item</u>	<u>Proposed 1976 Budget</u>
Bonds & Insurance Premiums	\$ 60.00
Distribution Supplies & Equipment	1,300.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	326.40
Annual Report (1975)	240.00
Board of Directors Expense	500.00
Dep. Commissioner if Needed	500.00
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TOTAL	\$ 13,300.00

After discussing the budgeted items there was a motion made by Leo Brady, and seconded by Jack Nielsen that the budget presented in the amount of \$13,300 be approved, that the State Engineer be instructed to assess the water users \$9,000.00, and take the balance of the budget from our existing bank reserve. The motion passed.

WATER COMMISSIONER REPORT

David K. Clayburn, Water Commissioner Duchesne-Strawberry Water Users for the year 1975 made his report stating that his working relations with the water users and the State Engineer had been enjoyable for the past irrigation season. He recommended to the water users that measuring devices and parchel flumes be kept clean of debris and overgrowth, that they be put in good working order so that water does not bypass the measuring device.

After hearing Commissioner Clayburn's report there was a motion made by Loryn Ross, seconded by C. C. Mickelson that the recommendations of the Board of Directors be implemented and David K. Clayburn be employed as Water Commissioner until such time as the Board of Directors were to see fit to make changes. This motion passed. Don Norseth responded to this recommendation stating that working relations with Mr. Clayburn had been good that they approved of such actions and would appoint Mr. Clayburn as recommended by the Board of Directors.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

The question was asked of Mr. Norseth regarding the 1975 motion with respect to water hearings of the rights in Duchesne County being held here in Duchesne County Courthouse. Mr. Norseth stated that these recommendations were handed to the Attorney General, that he had approved of, and this recommendation had been given to the judge.

Operation procedures for the 1976 irrigation season were discussed. Mr. Norseth suggested that the water users should get some input into this procedure, suggesting that a meeting be called especially to discuss these items. Water users present were in agreement. Mr. Norseth suggested perhaps the third or fourth week in March.

Mr. Norseth also reported that a water quality study had been taken in 1975. Their data had been gathered, but they were going to run some more studies in 1976, but a report had not been put together, but would be in a future date.

Chairman Thomas called for additional business that the group may want to discuss. There being none the meeting adjourned at 12 O'Clock.

Those attending this meeting were as follows:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>
Don Norseth	Distribution Engineer State Engineers Office,
John Bene	Deputy State Engineer
Robert F. Guy	Area Engineer, Division of Water Rights
Stan Adams	Assistant Area Engineer, Division Water Rights
Maurice Harvey	Uinta Basin Irrigation Co.
Loryn Ross	Uinta Basin Irrigation Co.
Leo L. Brady	Central Utah Water Conservancy District
Draden Foster	Independant Filing - two second foot
C. C. Mickelson	Strawberry Filing
Jack E. Nielsen	Bureau of Indian Affairs
Theron H. Robb	Shanks Ditch
Earl N. Wright	Broadhead Ditch
Earvin Murphy	Duchesne Irrigation
Frank T. Defa	Little Farm Creek Irrigation
Harvey Gee	Rocky Point Ditch
Jay Abbott	Rocky Point Ditch
George Swasey	Rocky Point Ditch
June Roberts	Farm Creek Irrigation Co.
Elmer R. Moon	Rocky Point Ditch
Stephen B. Smith	U.S. Forest Service
Ray Thomas	Duchesne-Strawberry Water Users
Kenneth Clayburn	Water Commissioner Duchesne-Strawberry Water Us
Leland Wright	Duchesne-Strawberry Water Users

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 Leland Wright, secretary  
 Duchesne-Strawberry Water Users

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 Ray Thomas, president  
 Duchesne-Strawberry Water Users

*Jay Abbott*  
*Ray Thomas*  
*Irv Murphy*