

HUNTINGTON CREEK DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM ANNUAL MEETING

FEBRUARY 24, 2009

The annual meeting of the Huntington Creek Distribution System was called to order by Sherrel Ward at 11:06 a.m. Marc Stilson read the minutes from the 2008 meeting. A motion was made by Craig Johansen and seconded by Darce Guyman, to accept the minutes. The motion passed.

The next item of business to come before the water users was the Commissioner's Report, which was given by Mr. Brett Leamaster. He indicated that water distribution for 2008 was at full allocation. Upper run off and reservoir releases carried the system until the first of July, when they had to start using storage water. Starting in early summer Phase 1 of the pressurized system began service and at the end of the water season around 52 users were provided with meters and hook-ups. Brett also commented that precipitation this year is a little below average. Sno-Tel reports around 97% of normal for the Price-San Rafael Basin with the upper reservoirs holding just over 50% of capacity. Commissioner Leamaster read a summary of total water diverted. Darrel Leamaster noted that the figures on page 12 of the commissioner's report in the millions of gallons column were incorrect. A motion was made by Mark Reynolds and seconded by Ted Curtis, to accept the Commissioner's Report. The vote was unanimous. Mark Reynolds mentioned that Bear Canyon Mine used their UPES permits in 2008 and released 500 gallons per minute for a couple of months but had not sent that report to Commissioner Leamaster.

A report from the Division of Water Rights was next on the agenda. Mr. Lee Sim discussed changes within the division. Lee introduced Sue Odekirk who will be helping the River Commissioner construct an operator's manual for the distribution system and Michele Gabb who is a new member to the Price Regional Office. Mr. Lee Sim also notified everyone that Jerry Olds had retired and that Kent Jones had been confirmed as the new State Engineer.

Mr. Ward requested that Lee Sim review the 2008 Financial Statement. Mr. Sim indicated that on January 1, 2008, there was \$1,081.16 in the Trust Account. Receipts for the year totaled \$35,221.98, which included \$23,999.99 in regular assessments, \$6.42 in previous assessments and penalties, \$11,100.00 in transfers and adjustments and \$115.57 in interest. Expenditures for the year totaled \$21,771.10. As of December 31, 2008, there was \$14,532.04 in the Trust Account. Mr. Sim clarified that for three years the State of Utah had difficulties getting the River Commissioner Brett Leamaster on the retirement system and are anticipating getting him on this year and making it retroactive which would require \$5,349.00 being contributed to the retirement fund, bring the ending balance in the trust account to \$9,183.04. There were no delinquent accounts. Chairman Ward inquired if the overpayment to the previous river commissioner was ever recovered. Lee Sim indicated that correspondence had been sent out but money had not been recovered. Craig Johansen made a motion to accept the Financial Statement. Darce Guyman seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

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Mr. Johansen indicated that the next item of business was the preparation of a budget for 2008. After some discussion, the following budget was prepared:

Commissioner's Salary	\$ 15,000.00
Social Security	\$ 1,148.00
Retirement	\$ 2,360.00
Travel Expense	\$ 3,500.00
State Engineer's Assessment	\$ 1,490.00
Insurance	\$ 202.00
Annual Report	\$ 200.00
Miscellaneous	<u>\$ 500.00</u>
Total	\$ 24,400.00

Craig Johansen made a motion to accept the budget as proposed. Darrel Leamaster seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Darce Guyman made a motion to set the assessment at \$24,400. Craig Johansen seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Chairman Ward indicated the next item on the agenda was organizing the distribution committee. After some discussion, the following committee was proposed:

Sherrel Ward	Chairman, HCIC
Darce Guyman	Vice Chairman/Industrial Representative
Craig Johansen	Committee Member/Lower Users
Mark Reynolds	Committee Member/Upper Users
Darrel Leamaster	Municipal Representative

Craig Johansen made the motion to accept the proposed committee. Ted Curtis seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Before the meeting adjourned Earl Fillmore asked Lee Sim if there was any bills in the legislature that could potentially affect them. Lee indicated that filing fees for water rights were going to double and that there would now be fees in filing Stream Alterations but that the details were still being worked out. Marc Stilson explained that water uses could now consolidate their water rights into one water right number if they carry the same priority date. There was also a lengthy discussion about the changes to livestock certificates.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:24 a.m.

Those present at the meeting included the following:

Diane Bott	Emery Water Conservancy District
Earl Fillmore	Self

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Mark Reynolds
Bryce Brasher
Jerry Livingston
Lee McElprang
Gary Kofford
Craig Johansen
Darrel Leamaster
Dale Fillmore
Ted Curtis
Aaron Hunt
Sue Odekirk
Cody Allred
Darce Guymon
Brett Leamaster
Marc Stilson
Sherrel Ward
Lee Sim
Michele Gabb
David Horsley

Trail Canyon Resident
Self
Huntington City
HCIC
Emery County Commissioner
Lower Huntington Creek Users
Castle Valley Special Service District
Self
HCIC
Division of Water Rights
Division of Water Rights
PacifiCorp
PacifiCorp
Huntington River Commissioner
Division of Water Rights
Huntington Cleveland Irrigations Comp.
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