

HUNTINGTON CREEK DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM ANNUAL MEETING

MARCH 4, 1998

The annual meeting of the Huntington Creek Distribution System was called to order by Chairman Hal Guymon at 11:00 a.m. Chairman Guymon asked Mr. Varden Willson to read the minutes of the 1997 meeting. A motion was made by Eugene Johansen, and seconded by Jay Mark Humphrey, to accept the minutes as read. The motion passed.

Chairman Guymon then requested that Mr. Willson review the 1997 Financial Statement. Mr. Willson indicated that as of January 1, 1997, there was \$5898.12 in the Trust Account. Receipts for the year totaled \$15,501.78, which included \$15,000.00 in regular assessments, \$4.87 in delinquent penalties, and \$496.91 in interest. Expenditures totaled \$15,523.52. It should be noted that overruns occurred in the budget in the social security, retirement, and committee expenses. There was a balance of \$5876.38 in the Trust Account on December 31, 1997. Mr. Johansen made a motion to accept the Financial Statement. The motion was seconded by Carly Burton, and the motion passed.

The next item of business to come before the water users was the Commissioner's Report which was given by Mr. Varden Willson. He indicated that 1997 was a very good water year. All of the system reservoirs spilled in June. In October of 1997, a major drain system was installed at Huntington Reservoir. It is felt that the work will satisfy the concerns of the Dam Safety Section of the Division of Water Rights. There is good carryover in all of the reservoirs. The allocation of 0.40 acre-foot/share is the highest ever given to the Huntington-Cleveland Irrigation Company stockholders. Craig Johansen noted that the Commissioner's Report did not show water use in the Jeffs Ditch until mid-June. He indicated that they were diverting water by the third week of April. A motion was made by Eugene Johansen and seconded by Duane Jensen to accept the Commissioner's Report. The vote was unanimous.

It should be noted that as of the date of this meeting, the Mammoth-Cottonwood Snotel site recorded 108% of average. The Red Pine station registered 84%, and Seely Creek 106%. The February 1, 1998 stream flow forecast estimated Huntington Creek at 35,000 acre-feet, which is 85% of average.

Chairman Guymon asked Mr. Lee Sim, Assistant State Engineer over Distribution, to assist the water users in preparing a budget for 1998. Mr. Sim reported to the water users that the 1998 Legislature repealed the bonding requirement for the Commissioner. After a brief discussion, the Chairman proposed the following budget:

Commissioner's Salary	\$9360.00
Social Security	716.00
Retirement	1450.00
Travel Expense	3500.00
Insurance	215.00
Annual Report	150.00
Equipment	570.00
Miscellaneous	70.00
Total	16,031.00

A motion was made by Duane Jensen to accept the budget as prepared, and to set the assessment at \$16,031.00. The motion was seconded by Carly Burton, and all present voted in the affirmative.

Chairman Guymon indicated that the recommendation of a commissioner for 1998 was the next item of business. Mr. Jensen made a motion to request that Mr. Varden Willson be reappointed by the State Engineer to serve the Huntington System in 1998. Mr. Burton seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

The appointment of a committee to serve during 1998 was the next item of business. Mr. Jensen made a motion to retain the same committee that served in 1997. Mr. Dennis Ward seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous. As a result, the following will serve:

Hal Guymon	Chairman
Carly Burton	Vice Chairman
Varden Willson	Secretary
Eugene Johansen	Committee Member
Bill Guymon	Committee Member

Chairman Guymon asked Mr. Willson to make a brief report on the Huntington-Cleveland Irrigation Company's lawsuit with U.S. Fuel Company. He indicated that the trial has been held, the parties have met with the judge, and they are now waiting for his decision.

A request was made that future Commissioner's Reports should provide sufficient information to establish the annual yield of Huntington Creek.

Mr. Humphrey indicated that the District, Bureau of Reclamation, and the water users were approached by the Division of Wildlife Resources and the Utah Bass Association to see if structures could be installed in the Huntington North Reservoir to improve the fish habitat. Their request was denied because of the increased liability that would be created.

Duane Jensen suggested that assessments should be made at different rates for the culinary, municipal, and secondary users, another rate for the industrial users, and a third rate for the irrigators. Future reports should have sufficient information to make this possible. Mr. Jensen also felt that the unified efforts of all of the Emery County water users to deal with the many water related problems is desirable, and thanked everyone for their support.

Mr. Carly Burton announced to the group that he will be retiring this year. However, he would continue to be involved for a time. He thanked everyone for their cooperation over the past many years. All present expressed their appreciation to him as well.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Those present at the meeting included the following:

Jay Mark Humphrey	Emery Water Conservancy District
Varden Willson	River Commissioner
Hal Guymon, Chairman	Huntington Creek Distribution System
Eugene Johansen	Huntington Creek
Carly Burton	PacifiCorp
Dennis Ward	Huntington-Cleveland Irrigation Company
Duane K. Jensen	Huntington-Cleveland Irrigation Company
Richard Rowley	Huntington-Cleveland Irrigation Company
Charles Reynolds	Co-Op Mining Company
Vernell Rowley	Huntington City Mayor
John Larsen	Division of Water Rights - SLC
Lee Sim	Division of Water Rights - SLC
Mark Page	Division of Water Rights - Price