

HUNTINGTON CREEK DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

ANNUAL WATER USERS MEETING - 1985

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The annual Water Users Meeting of the Huntington Creek Distribution System was held on Wednesday, February 6, 1985 in Castle Dale, Utah. The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. by Mr. Richard Hall, Directing Distribution Engineer of the State Division of Water Rights. Mr. Hall indicated that he had been appointed to take the place of Mr. Don Norseth, who had recently retired. The first item of business was the reading of the minutes of the meeting held February 29, 1984. At the conclusion of the minutes, a motion was made by Bill Guymon to accept the minutes as read. A second was given by Carly Burton and the motion passed.

The next item of business was the reading of the financial statement. Mr. Hall indicated that as of January 1, 1984, there was \$8108.88 in reserve. The regular assessments accounted for receipts of \$11,513.50 and there were no delinquent assessments as of December 31, 1984. Therefore, total receipts for 1984 amounted to \$11,513.50. Total expenses amounted to \$14,879.46. Therefore, as of December 31, 1984, there was a balance of \$4742.92 in the distribution trust fund.

Mr. Hall then informed those present that he was attempting to devise a plan whereby the balances in each of the 38 distribution systems in the state could draw interest on the balance of the funds during the year. It was his intention, if the group was in favor of this proposal, to institute a sweep account to accomplish this purpose. Interest accrued by each system would be distributed back to the systems on a prorata basis determined by the amount of money in each account at the end of each month. A motion was made by Mr. Eugene Johansen to accept the financial statement as read, and the interest bearing account as proposed by Mr. Hall. The motion was seconded by Carly Burton, and the vote was unanimous.

The next item of business was the Commissioner's Report for 1984. Mr. Mar Grange, Commissioner, stated that this past year reflected probably the highest runoff in the history of Huntington Creek. Carly Burton added that at the Huntington Power Plant, 172,500 acre feet of water was measured. However, the natural flow, without any upstream diversions or storage, would probably have been in excess of 200,000 acre feet. Mr. Grange indicated that the report was complete with the exception of the water user records of the Co-op Mine and the Deer Creek Mine. It is anticipated, however, that the information concerning Deer Creek Mine will be submitted and will be available to those who need it. He indicated that measuring devices are still needed on the Avery Ditch and the two Johansen Ditches on Lower Huntington Creek. A motion to accept the report was made by Carly Burton and seconded by Keith Larsen. The motion passed.

The budget for 1985 was the next item of business. It was decided that the budget should be set up on a contractual basis with a total budget of \$11,200.00. However, assessments would be made only for \$11,000.00. Therefore, the budget for 1985 is as follows:

Commissioner's Salary (Contract):	\$8500.00
Commissioner's Travel Expense:	\$2500.00
Bonds and Ins. Premiums:	\$50.00
Annual Report & Office Expenses:	\$150.00
Total:	\$11,200.00

The motion was made by Carly Burton to accept this budget and the excess as mentioned above. The motion was seconded by Eugene Johansen and the motion carried.

The appointment of a River Commissioner was the next item of business. A motion was made to Keith Larsen and seconded by Carly Burton that Mar Grange be appointed River Commissioner for 1985 on Huntington Creek. A vote on this motion was unanimous, and Mr. Hall indicated that Mar Grange would be retained for the 1985 water year.

Mr. Hall indicated that a Water Users Committee for the Huntington Creek system should be established. Therefore, Carly Burton made a motion that the same committee serve for 1985 as did the previous year, they being Hal Guymon, Chairman and President of the Huntington-Cleveland Irrigation Company, Carly Burton, Vice President representing Utah Power & Light Company, Mar Grange, Secretary-Treasurer of the Huntington-Cleveland Irrigation Company, Eugene Johansen, Emery County Water Conservancy District, and Bill Guymon, representing the lower users. A second to the motion to accept this committee was made by Keith Larsen and the vote was unanimous. committee

The question was raised as to what efforts were being made by those having reservoir storage on the mountain to make wintertime releases in anticipation of the spring runoff. It was noted that as of February 1, 1985, the basin average water content reading was (126%) of average. However, it was noted that this figure has continually dropped since the first of January. Carly Burton stated that 30 second feet was being released from Electric Lake, and at the present time it still holds approximately 27,000 acre feet. However, it is anticipated that larger releases will be made later in the spring, and it is hoped to have the reservoir

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down to between 21,000 and 22,000 acre feet prior to the runoff beginning.

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Those present at the meeting were:

Keith Larsen	H-C Irrigation Company Board
Ray Wm. Guymon	Avery Ditch
Carly Burton	UP&L
Craig Johansen	Self
Eugene Johansen	Lower User and Emery Cy. Water Cons. Dist.
Mar Grange	Water Commissioner
Lamond Gardner	Division of Water Rights
Jerry Bronicel	Division of Water Rights
Mark Page	Division of Water Rights
Richard Hall	Division of Water Rights