

DUCHESSIE RIVER WATER USERS ASSOCIATION

A meeting of the Duchesne River Water Users Association was held at 2 P.M., March 16, in the Town Hall, Duchesne, Utah, for the purpose of hearing the Water Commissioner's report for 1935, and to discuss business for the coming year. Present at the meeting were Paul F. Henderson, Project Engineer, and John T. Burke, Assistant Engineer, of the U. S. Utah Irrigation Project, representing the Government, and E. O. Colton, Jr., Water Commissioner, together with the following number of representatives of the acreages listed as follows. The acreages were taken from the Commissioner's report for last year.

Company	No. Representatives	Acreage
Duchesne		
Standing Canal	1	726
Little Farm Creek Ditch	2	300
Jasper Pike, Gov't	2	831
Gray Mountain, Gov't		2,326
Pahocane, Gov't		723
Nyten Townsite, Gov't		1,969
Curry School, Gov't		1,827
Leland, Gov't		379
Hicks Ditch	1	241
Broadhead Ditch	3	288
Murray-White Canal	4	621
Rocky Ditch	6	2,110
Madison-Joyceman	1	26
Duchesne City	1	4
Huilton Ditch	3	115
Duchesne Irrigation	3	1,377
Stett Ditch	1	77
Gray Mountain (Honestand)	1	588
Gray Mountain, Taylor	2	2,817
Pahocane Honestand	2	714
Riverdell	1	487
Strawberry		
Marble Ditch	1	357
Sage Ranch	1	120
McClung-Ferron Ranch	1	81
McClung & Ferron	1	48
Boon, Holt & Hanson	1	120
Hildes & Conroy Ditch	1	54
Hammann Ditch	1	76
Ivie Ditch	1	164
E. E. Felley	1	58
Moan Lake Water Users Association	2	4,000
	31	35,371

After the roll call, Water Commissioner Colton presented his report for 1935.

After Mr. Colton presented his report, there was a great deal of discussion for and against the use of a Water Commissioner on the river. The objections were those of the expenses. During the discussion, it was pointed out that the water users of the northern rivers had again appointed Mr. Colton, and that they offered the Duchesne water users the same arrangements as last year, but that they would have to take their proportionate share of his entire time the same as in previous years. It was also pointed out that Mr. Colton would draw the same salary whether he acted on the Duchesne River or not. The attention of the meeting was also called to the fact that new lands were going in under the Duchesne through the drainage of lands by the Government, the exchange canal, which developments are now under way, and the increase of cropped lands in Pleasant Valley as well as the Blue Bench development. After many speakers, a vote was called to see if the body was in favor of continuing the water commissioner on the river. The motion passed unanimously with no opposing votes.

Mr. Madson presented a motion that the body would act separate from the State Engineer's office after learning that the body was recognized by that Office. The motion was seconded by Mr. Allred and passed unanimously.

Mr. Severn made the motion that the same Executive Committee continue to act this year as acted last year. This was seconded by Mr. Williams, and passed unanimously after a question was asked as to the location of the various committeemen, and a showing of complete distribution.

Mr. Madson made the motion that no water commissioner be appointed until such a time as his services were necessary to distribute water according to the water rights, and then the appointment would be made by the Executive Committee. Motion seconded. This caused quite a little discussion in favor of the arrangements last year, and the water commissioner, Mr. Colton. It was again pointed out at this time that the water users under the northern rivers would not permit the use of Mr. Colton under the arrangements of this motion. Mr. Madson withdrew his motion with the approval of the second.

A motion was then made to continue last year's arrangement as far as water commissioner services were concerned (the group already deciding to act separate from the State Engineer). Seconded by Mr. Dufa and carried unanimously.

Mr. Burr made the motion that the Executive Committeemen receive the same pay as last year -- \$3.00 a day and 5¢ per mile. Motion seconded and passed unanimously.

Mr. Madson moved that the Executive Committee be instructed to make the necessary assessments. Motion seconded and passed unanimously.

The chairman of the executive committee called the committee to meet at the close of the regular meeting to prevent the necessity of calling a special meeting as all committeemen were present.

Meeting adjourned upon motion which was seconded and passed.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The meeting opened with a discussion of the budget for the coming year after talking the matter over with Mr. Colton.

Mr. Allred moved that the following budget be adopted:

Commissioner's Salary	\$ 31.00
Commissioner's Expense	100.00
Rent and Insurance	50.00
Deputies' Salaries and Expenses	500.00
Telephone Expense	25.00
Executive Committee	40.00
Report	70.00
Miscellaneous Expense	100.00
	\$1,296.00

Also that Mr. Colton be directed to send notices of assessments out in the amount of $\frac{3}{4}$ per acre, payable May 1, and additional assessments sent later if necessary. Motion seconded and passed unanimously.

Mr. Lott made the motion that Mr. Colton be directed to contact State Engineer Humphreys, asking that the cash on hand in his office be turned over to Mr. Colton for crediting to the company or individual to whom the credit was due. Mr. Defta seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Mr. Lott made the motion that Mr. Colton have authority to employ deputies as needed. Seconded by Mr. Defta and passed unanimously.

The following are the members of the Executive Committee:

Paul F. Henderson, Chairman
Miss Lott
Frank Defta
Eddie Moss
Neville Allred
Ed Williams

Paul F. Henderson
Chairman

