

DUCHESNE RIVER WATER USERS' ASSOCIATION

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Duchesne River Water Users' Association was held in the County Commissioner's office, Duchesne, Utah, at 3 P.M., January 22, 1935. The following were present: Paul F. Henderson, Chairman; Emil Munz, Frank Defa, Bliss Lott, members; and B. O. Colton, Jr., water commissioner.

The meeting was opened by the chairman with a short discussion of the possibility of Utah losing a part of its water to the lower Colorado River states and to Mexico. The necessity of complete and accurate records of water diversions was stressed in connection with this matter in order to protect existing water rights.

The chairman then presented to the committee the financial report of the water commissioner for the year 1934, (Copy included with minutes) which showed a balance from the State Engineer's office on bonds and insurance and a balance left in the telephone allotment, and shortages in the items commissioner's salary and salary for deputies. Mr. Munz made a motion that the balance left in the two items be used to pay the shortages in the commissioner's salary and deputy salary. Mr. Defa seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

A question arose as to the number of commissioner reports needed. Mr. Lott recommended that twenty five reports be made up. This motion was seconded by Mr. Defa and carried unanimously.

The committee then had a general discussion relative to installing clocks on all of the main headgates together with suitable rating devices.

The next discussion was relative to the service of water commissioner for the year 1935. Mr. Defa made a motion to notify the president and directors of all the companies coming under the Duchesne River to be present at a meeting to be held during the first part of March to discuss the continuation of water commissioner service on the Duchesne River and to hear the report of the Commissioner for 1934. Also at this meeting a committee was to be formed similar to the one for 1934 to handle the problems on the Duchesne River for the coming year; an urgent request to be sent to State Engineer to be present at this meeting. This motion was seconded by Mr. Lott and passed unanimously. Mr. Defa requested that this meeting be called at one o'clock so that the men in the upper country might get back in the afternoon.

Mr. Lott made a motion that a vote of thanks be handed to Mr. Colton for the way he handled the water distribution during 1934. This motion was seconded by Munz and passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 5 P.M.