

**FREMONT RIVER DISTRIBUTION MEETING MINUTES
ANNUAL WATER USERS MEETING**

Minutes of the Fremont River Distribution System held at Loa, Utah, February 19, 1998
The meeting convened at 2:00 p.m. with Lee Sim conducting. Those attending:

Lee Sim	Div. of Water Rights
John S. Larsen	Div. of Water Rights
Kirk Forbush	Div. of Water Rights
Wesley Jensen	Water User
Ed White	Water User
A. C. Ekker	Hanksville Canal Co.
Leon Chappell	Hickman Valley Co.
Dee Hatch	Caineville Canal Co.
Forrest Sims	Water User
Phil Pace	Torrey Irrigation Co.
Donald Woolsey	Torrey Irrigation Co.
Golden Durfey	Notom
Keith Durfey	Notom
Terry Albrecht	Hanksville Canal Co.
John Jackson	Caineville Canal Co.

Lee Sim brought the meeting to order. Minutes of the previous year's meeting were read by John Larsen of the Division of Water Rights. A correction to the minutes was made to reflect the voting method for selecting the water commissioner to read "the voting was decided upon by the water users to use one cfs of water right per vote." A motion was then made to accept the minutes as corrected by Forrest Sims, seconded by John Jackson, all approved.

Kirk Forbush then discussed the nominees for commissioner position held with the water users at the February 11, 1998 meeting. He mentioned that about 90 percent of the flow rights on the river were represented and that three candidates had been selected. These were Jan Ellett, Justin Davis and Forrest Sims. Forrest Sims moved that Jan Ellett be nominated for commissioner, seconded by Phil Pace. All approved.

Discussion then turned to the responsibilities of the new commissioner. The water users expressed the desire for the commissioner to be more thorough in his reporting of water diverted at the various diversions along the river. Guidelines were discussed and will be implemented by the commissioner this season. The State Engineer's Office will instruct the commissioner concerning the water rights and schedule of diversions on the river, where the measuring devices are located, and how measurements are to be taken. The commissioner is to make record of the measurements taken and prepare an annual report to the State Engineer at the end of the year.

Lee Sim then discussed the new budget. A motion was made by Keith Durfey and

seconded by A. C. Ekker to set salary at \$1200.00, Social Security at \$92.00, Travel Expense at \$1750.00, Contractual Expense at \$1300.00, Bonding Expense at \$50.00, Insurance Premiums at \$46.00, Telephone Expense at \$15.00, Annual Report at \$180.00 and Miscellaneous Expense at \$67.00 for a total budget at \$4700.00. The assessment was set at 4500.00. All approved.

Mr. Sim then inquired about a chairman for this distribution system. A motion was made by John Jackson, seconded by A.C. Ekker to have Phil Pace as new chairman, all approved.

A request was made by the water users to have the State Engineer's Office provide a copy of the commissioner's duties to Mr. Ellett. The Garkane Canal was discussed. It needs a measuring device and many of the headgates along the canal are located too high above the water line in the canal to effectively receive water supply. Letters to these users are to be sent instructing them to have their gates lowered with a measuring device installed at each gate. It will be the responsibility of the commissioner to report to the State Engineer those users who have complied with the letter.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 3:50 pm.