

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

Minutes of the Fremont River Distribution System held at Loa, Utah, January 16, 1997
The meeting convened at 2:10 p.m. with Lee Sim conducting. Those in attendance:

Bobby Edwards	River Commissioner
Cathy Bagley	Torrey Irrigation Co.
Eric Kankainen	Water User
Jeff Pace	Capitol Reef National Park
Lee Sim	Div. of Water Rights
John S. Larsen	Div. of Water Rights
Kirk Forbush	Div. of Water Rights
Gertrudys Adkins	Div. of Water Rights
Matthew Alexander	Alexander Ranches
Steve Knight	Alexander Ranches
Don L. Cook	Torrey Irrigation Co.
Leon Chappell	Water User
Ed White	Water User
Ronald R. Baker	Water User
Randy M. Hoovey	Water User
Steve Dalton	Sandy Ranch
Richard Jensen	Water User
Alvin Robison	Hanksville Canal Co.

Lee Sim brought the meeting to order. Minutes of the previous year's meeting were read by Kirk Forbush of the Richfield Water Rights Office. No corrections were necessary so the minutes were then approved by Richard Jensen, seconded by Cathy Bagley, all approved.

Lee Sim then read the financial report, budget expenditures, and delinquent water assessments for 1996. A motion was made by Don Cook to accept the financial report, seconded by Alvin Robison. Motion carried.

The River Commissioner then gave his report on the activities on the river for 1996. Mr. Edwards indicated that in spite of a very sparse snowpack, due to the cooperation of the water users, everyone was able to get by on the limited water supply.

A motion was then made by Richard Jensen and seconded by Alvin Robison accept the commissioner's report. All approved.

Lee Sim then discussed the budget for the upcoming year. Mr. Edwards requested an increase in salary because of his additional work on the river. It was suggested that his salary be increased to \$2500.00 and Travel adjusted to \$1750.00. A request was made of the commissioner to supply copies of the commissioner report to all users who attend the annual

meeting. Lee suggested that Mr. Edwards prepare at least 15 copies of the report each year. Mr. Edwards was also invited to attend the commissioner's seminar in Salt Lake by Mr. Sim. The budget was finally settled at \$5,100.00 and the Assessment set at \$4,000.00. A motion to accept the budget and assessment was made by Cathy Bagley, seconded by Richard Jensen. The motion was approved by all.

A motion was then made by Cathy Bagley and seconded by Richard Jensen to retain Alvin Robison as chairman for the system. He said that he is willing to continue in the duties as chairman. All approved.

Lee then discussed the manner in which the water was distributed last irrigation season. The futile call method had been used on this system in the past, but this last irrigation season delivery of water down the river channel reached the lower users in Hanksville. The commissioner has been instructed to continue this method of delivery this year so all A rights are satisfied before the B rights are given water. Mr. Sim also discussed concerns of tampering that has occurred with head gates on this system. Tampering with the headgates constitutes a misdemeanor. If the tampering continues, an order will be issued to have lockable measuring devices put on all diversions and the expenses of doing so will be charged to the water users. Water users need to discipline themselves not to change the gates as set by the commissioner.

Kirt mentioned that the headgates on Garkane Canal need repairs and cleaning so water can be measured.

With no other items of business, the meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.