

FREMONT RIVER DISTRIBUTION MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of the Fremont River Distribution System held at Loa, Utah, January 21, 1994. The meeting convened at 2:00 p.m. with Lee Sim conducting. Those in attendance were:

Bobby Edwards	River Commissioner
John D. Jackson	Caineville Canal Co.
Alvin Robison	Hanksville Canal Co.
Forrest Sims	Caineville, Ut.
Phillip Pace	Torrey Irrigation Co.
Cathy Bagley	Torrey Irrigation Co.
Golden Durfey	Water User
C. Prell Williamson	Water User
Kent W. Jackson	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
John Halmark	Sandy Ranch

Lee Sim brought the meeting to order. Kirk Forbush read the minutes of the 1993 water users meeting. No corrections to the minutes were needed. A motion was made by Phillip Pace to accept the minutes as read, seconded by John Jackson. Motion carried.

Lee Sim then read the financial report, budget expenditures, and delinquent water assessments for 1993. A motion was made by Alvin Robison to accept the financial statement of 1993, seconded by Phillip Pace. Motion carried.

The River Commissioner then gave his report on the activities on the river for 1993. Mr. Edwards said the water year was not as good as he thought it might be. There was record snow fall during the winter in the valleys and mountains and as a result there was good runoff during the spring months of the year, and the water held up pretty well until June 20th. This is when he began cutting the class B water rights. Through the months of July, and August hot dry winds evaporated what water there was in the river which resulted in only 45 days of below normal delivery to the Hanksville users. On the 25th of August, the Hanksville users finally began to receive once again their normal water right. Fluctuations in the river can vary by 5 cfs from morning to afternoon due to evaporation losses especially when the wind is blowing. This last summer seemed to be one of the driest summers since he had become commissioner.

Requests were then made by the water users to have copies of the commissioner's report made available to each of them. Mrs. Williamson requested that a report be mailed to her in Salt Lake City. A motion was then made by Cathy Bagley to accept the commissioner's report. Seconded by Alvin Robison, motion carried.

Mr. Sim then discussed the budget for the upcoming year. The water users decided that the budget and assessment should remain as last year, with the budget at \$5100.00 and assessment at \$4500.00. A motion to approve was made by John Jackson, seconded by Prell Williamson, motion carried.

Mr. Sim then called for a recommendation for river commissioner. John Jackson recommended Bobby Edwards be reappointed. Seconded by Alvin Robison. Motion carried.

Mr. Sim then talked about the funding of the USGS gaging stations and the ever increasing costs associated with these stations. Costs are rising about 8 percent per year and because of these increasing costs many of the unnecessary stations are being shut down. The individual river systems could possibly operate the stations themselves at a smaller cost.

Lee Sim then discussed the trust funds for the distribution systems. The State Auditor's Office recently reminded our office that any funds administered by a state agency must have these funds deposited with the State Treasurer's Office by law. The trust funds are currently held in Zion's Bank. Lee expressed concern about how quickly the Treasurer's Office could make payments to the distribution systems as needed but has been assured that with the implementation of a new computer system, transactions would be completed within an additional day or so of the current setup. The State Engineer has requested the funds not be transferred until January of 1995 to conform with the distribution system fiscal period of January thru December.

A motion then was made by John Jackson to retain Alvin Robison as the contact person for the system. Seconded by Phillip Pace, all approved.

John Jackson then commented that the Caineville Wash Reservoir sight is still being explored with test drilling going ahead for the Caineville users. Bobby Edwards requested the legal descriptions for the ditch gates on that system. Kirk Forbush stated that we don't know what those are but the diversion descriptions are available and that he would provide this information to him.

Meeting adjourned 2:55 p.m.