

Fremont River Distribution Meeting - Minutes

Minutes of the Lower Fremont River Distribution system meeting held on January 26, 1989 in Loa, Utah. The meeting convened at 2:30 p.m. with Lee Sim conducting. Those in attendance were:

Bobby Edwards - Fremont River Commissioner  
Keith Durfey  
Arilla M. Williamson  
Lee Sim - Utah Division of Water Rights  
John Larson - Utah Division of Water Rights  
Kirk Forbush - Utah Division of Water Rights  
Stan Adams - Utah Division of Water Rights

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Lee Sim brought the meeting to order. Stan Adams read the minutes of the 1988 water user meeting. Lee Sim stated that since we do not have water users at this meeting to vote, letters will be sent to the water users saying that Bobby Edwards was reappointed as Fremont River Commissioner. Also, that the assessment remain the same as 1988.

Lee Sim read the financial statement of 1988. Lee mentioned that an error had been made in the commissioners salary amounting to an overpayment of \$150.40. The budget and assessment was set at \$4500.00.

Bobby Edwards gave his commissioner report.

Mrs. Arilla M. Williamsen stated that she diverts water out of the Torrey Canal and that she has had a problem being able to divert water out of her second diversion point. Mrs. Williamsen stated that the problem occurred after Torrey Irrigation Company dredged the canal. She stated that an engineering firm analyzed the situation and recommended the following three solutions: 1) Place a low-head (portable) diesel-driven pump on the canal bank when flows are low and pump over the main canal bank into my diversion canal. This is a temporary solution envisioned only in the case of an emergency. 2) Place rip rap in the canal bottom and the banks in order to raise the water surface in the vicinity of the turn out. 3) Place an improved water level control structure across the canal (raising the water surface) to allow my entitled diversion.

Bobby Edwards stated that Torrey Canal Company cleaned the canal because the water runs very slow below her second diversion and mosses up. Torrey Canal Company made an effort to divert water out of this second diversion by backing up water to the second diversion. The water was delivered through the summer.

Mrs. Williams commented that she did not get the water until the end of May. Ted Taylor is running the farm and Phillip Pace is the Torrey Irrigation Company President.

Bobby Edwards explained that he had contracted Lee Sim to find

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out his responsibilities as far as water delivery. Bobby found out that the water user is responsible for their own diversion after the water is taken out of the river.

Mrs. Williamsen stated that she has lowered the diversion gate twice and the irrigation company continues to deepen the canal. She expressed a concern to resolve the problem.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m