

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF LOWER FREMONT RIVER,
OAK CREEK AND PLEASANT CREEK DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

The meeting was held April 1, 1968, at 2:00 P.M. at the Wayne County Court-
house in Loa, Utah, to plan the distribution of the waters of Lower Fremont River,
Oak Creek, and Pleasant Creek for the 1968 irrigation season.

The complete list of those in attendance at the meeting is as follows:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>
Lurton J. Knee	Sleeping Rainbow Guest Ranch
Glen P. Johnson, Pres.	Hanksville Irrigation Company
Grant Chappell	Commissioner
Katherine Black	For Boyd Black
John V. Christensen	Christensen Ranches
Clyde Behumin	Torrey Irrigation Company
Talmage Jensen	Self
J. Monroe Pace	Torrey Irrigation Company
Keith Durfey	Notom Ranches
C. Bird	Capitol Reef Lodge
Les D. Jackson	Caineville Canal Company
Owen L. Jeffs	Caineville Canal Company
Emmett Clark	Self
Robert C. Hayder	Capitol Reef Monument
Dolan Brian	Caineville Canal Company
Brooks H. Foulson	Farmers Home Administration
Charles Blackburn	Self
Glenn Whitby	Hanksville Canal Company
T. Vinton Smith	State Engineer's Office
John Bene	Deputy State Engineer
Hubert C. Lambert	State Engineer
Earl Staker	Area Engineer (Price)
Judge Erickson	District Court

The meeting was conducted by Judge Ferdinand Erickson with assistance from
representatives of the State Engineer's Office.

Judge Erickson opened the meeting by apologizing for the fact that the no-
tices of the meeting were late because neither he nor his clerk remembered that
the meeting date was adopted to be set on the first Monday in April at 2:00 P.M.

The first order of business was a reading of the financial statement of the
system by Vinton Smith of the State Engineer's Office. There being no questions
on the financial statement it was accepted by the group as read.

The next order of business was a question put to the group by the Judge of
whether or not they preferred to have the water commissioner appointed for one
year or for more than one year. It was the consensus of the opinion that they
should appoint the commissioner on a yearly basis.

The Judge indicated that he had received two applications for the job of
water commissioner and that he would leave it up to the water users to decide
which person they wanted by voting at the end of the meeting.

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Judge Erickson spoke for a few minutes concerning a problem with Caineville Irrigation Company and one of its stockholders, Mr. Thomas Hopkins. The problem is that Mr. Hopkins feels he isn't receiving his full shares of water.

The Judge indicated that he would like to have the Commissioner and Earl M. Staker from the State Engineer's Office in Price to meet with the individuals to see if the problem could be solved before the matter was forced into court.

Mr. Lambert said that Earl M. Staker was supposed to assist the Commissioner in this matter within the next 60 days and make a report back to the Court and the State Engineer.

The Glenn Whitby water right was discussed, noting that no decision has been handed down from the Judge on this matter.

Mr. Lambert pointed out that he had suggested at last year's meeting that the Judge allow the transfer.

The minutes of last year's meeting were read by Mr. Earl Staker and with no additions or corrections to be noted they were accepted as presented.

The ever present problem concerning the fluxuation of water by Gar-Kane Power Company was again discussed by the group. Monroe Pace explained that the committee that was set up a year ago to meet with the power company did so and that they were unable to accomplish anything.

Mr. Lambert indicated that the power company has the last priority of the stream and if the people so desire we can have the court shut them off if they interfere with the irrigation water.

The next order of business was the Commissioner's report by Grant Chappell. He indicated that the water outlook for the coming year was very good in most streams. He gave a short report on the amount of water used during the 1967 irrigation season and a report concerning needed measuring devices and diversion structures. These are outlined more definitely in his written report.

The next item for discussion was the budget and assessment for the 1968 irrigation season. A motion was made by John Christensen that the budget and assessment be the same as 1967. That being \$2400 budget and a \$2200 assessment. The motion passed and was adopted.

A discussion followed as to the length of the appointment of the Commissioner. It was the pleasure of the group that a Commissioner be appointed from April 1 to October 31.

The last order of business was the selection of the water Commissioner for the coming year. The Judge indicated that he had received two applications for the job. One being Mr. Grant Chappell, last year's Commissioner and the other being Mr. Grant Leavitt who is presently residing in Provo, Utah.

A motion was made that they accept Grant Chappell as Commissioner for the 1968 irrigation season. The motion passed and the Judge indicated that he would appoint

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Mr. Grant Chappell as water commissioner.

There being no further business the Judge expressed his appreciation for everyone's attendance and the meeting adjourned.

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