

**Minutes: of the Lower San Pitch River Distribution System**  
January 19, 2005

Called to order at 11:05 a.m. by David Cox

No minutes of the 2004 were available.

Those present: John Larsen, David Beck, Garth Sorensen, Roland Beck, Tim Christensen, Lyman Holyoak, Mardell Jensen, Gene Yardley, Sherwin Sorensen, Garn Nelson, Allen Dyreng, David Cox, Lee Sim, Kirk Forbush

Commissioner report:           By Roland Beck

Total water delivered in 2004 was less than 2003 however live streams ran better in 2004 than in 2003. The reservoir storage was about half in 2004 of that in 2003. (5,600 A/F compared to 11,000 A/F). The river commissioner installed 7 new measuring staffs and using a flow meter, also purchased in 2004, developed a chart for each measuring station. The river commissioner made 6 recommendations:

1. That all live streams flowing into the San Pitch drainage be measured above the first diversion.
2. That amounts diverted by users be, measured and compared to the live stream flows.
3. That a document be prepared that will summarize the amount and dates that water may be used by each company or user as granted by the Cox Decree. A copy is sent to all companies or users of San Pitch water.
4. That a document be prepared that will summarize the duties and responsibilities of the Commissioners regarding measurements to be taken and gates that are to be controlled.
5. That the measuring device up Manti canyon, controlled by the USFS be moved to a better location suggested by David Cox.
6. That three measuring stations be moved: (a) The one southwest of Manti moved up the San Pitch to the last diversion used by the Drainage District. (b) The one along the Ephraim farm road moved North to a point where the water is not backed up by the Drainage District, but below the last diversion of the Upper San Pitch. (c) The one measuring water down the San Pitch below the Gunnison Old Field Canal diversion to a point just below the bridge crossing the San Pitch south-west of the G Hill below Gunnison.

Lee Sim commented that an application for change of river flow would need to be filed to make the change in 6. (c).

Commissioner Beck also recommended a measuring staff be installed in the flood channel east of Manti.

A motion to accept the Commissioner report made by: Mardell Jensen

Seconded by: Tim Christensen

Vote: all present in favor

Lee Sim made note that the River Commissioner appointed in 2003 was a four-year appointment.

The Financial report made by: John Larsen

Beginning Balance as of January 1, 2004:	\$15,916.77
Receipts:	\$13,796.58
Expenditures:	\$14,858.40
Ending Balance as of December 31, 2004	\$14,854.95

Motion to accept the financial report made by: Lyman Holyoak

Seconded by: Mardell Jensen

Vote: all present in favor

The proposed budget for 2005 presented by John Larsen

Beck, Roland	Salary	3,000
	SS	230
	Travel	3,000
Beck, David	Salary	4,600
	SS	355
Sorensen, Garth	Salary	2,400
	SS	185
Insurance Premiums		150
State Engineer's Asmt.		1,044
Secretarial Expense		20
Telephone Expense		600
Annual Report		100
Equipment Expense		500
Miscellaneous Expense		<u>2,125</u>
Totals		18,309

Motion to accept the Proposed Budget for 2005 made by: Lyman Holyoak

Seconded by: Gene Yardley

Vote: all present in favor

Motion was made to leave the assessment for 2005 the same as 2004 by: Gene Yardley

Seconded by: Tim Christensen

Vote: all present in favor

John Larsen provided an account roster for 2004 to the River Commissioner.

David Cox opened nominations for committee members of the Lower San Pitch River distribution system.

Motion made to remove Juel Rasmusson and install Clair Otten in his place, leaving all other committee members as presently constituted;

Chairman	David Cox
Vice chairman	Allen Dyreng
First chairman	Clair Otten
Second chairman	Doug Wilden
Third chairman	Rex Nielsen
Fourth chairman	Richard Nielsen
Fifth chairman	Sherwin Sorensen
Sixth chairman	Jay Olsen

Motion made by Gene Yardley  
Seconded by Mardell Jensen

Vote: all present in favor

David Cox presented the upgrading of all measuring sites to automation with electronic transfer to the website: Sevierriver.org

Motion made for David Cox to pursue Forest Service funding for the project automation and electronic transfer and report back to the committee by: Allen Dyreng  
Seconded by: Lyman Holyoak

Vote: all present in favor

A motion was made to combine the annual meetings of the Upper and Lower San Pitch river distribution systems in 2005 by: Allen Dyreng  
Seconded by: Lyman Holyoak

Vote: all present in favor

A discussion followed about the need to hold a joint meeting with the committees of the Upper and Lower San Pitch in February to upgrade the river distribution system.

No action was taken.

Gene Yardley recommended that Mardell Jensen and David Cox should inquire regarding funding for 2 new Snotel sites for the San Pitch watershed.

No action was taken.

Lee Sim gave a report on current legislation for House Bill 38; Water Law – Criminal Penalties, and House Bill (unnumbered) Water Enforcement Procedures and Penalties.

Motion to adjourn by Allen Dyreng, second by Lyman Holyoak

Vote: all present in favor

Adjourn at 12:30 p.m.