

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL WATER USERS MEETING OF THE
LOWER SAN PITCH DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

The Lower San Pitch River Meeting was held on January 30, 1980 at 2:00 PM in the Sanpete County Courthouse. Those in attendance were:

Donald C. Norseth	Directing Engineer - Distribution
M. Stanley Adams	Sevier River Area Engineer
Arthur V. May	Hydrologic Engineer
Kirk Forbush	Sevier River Assistant Area Engineer
Leo A. Sorensen	Gunnison Fayette Canal Company
F. Dwight Malmgren	Self
James G. Olsen	Price Dam
Vearl Christiansen	Mayfield Irrigation Company
Floyd K. Olsen	Ephraim Olsen Ditch
Wayne K. Olsen	Ephraim Olsen Ditch
Ned Madsen	Manti-Irrigation and Reservoir Co.
Bruce Bown	North Six-Mile Irrigation Company
Stanley Price	Price Dam
Halbert K. Jensen	Ephraim Area (West Canal)

Chairman Ben Kjar opened the meeting and asked Don Norseth to read the minutes of the 1979 meeting. Don introduced those present from the Division of Water Rights. A motion was made by James G. Olsen and seconded by Ned Madsen to accept the minutes as read. The motion carried.

Chairman Ben Kjar discussed the budget and explained that Commissioner Donny Christensen would not be present at the meeting because of his wife's illness.

Don Norseth read the financial statement and a discussion was made on present owners of delinquent accounts. A motion was made by James G. Olsen and seconded by Ned Madsen to accept the financial statement as corrected. The motion carried.

Chairman Ben Kjar asked Don Norseth to go through the commissioner's report since the commissioner was not present. Ben Kjar mentioned that there were no readings at the Gunnison Irrigation Company Reservoir and requested that the State Engineer send measurements from the USGS on Gunnison Reservoir to Commissioner Donny Christensen to be included in future reports. A motion was made by James G. Olsen and seconded by Vearl Christiansen to accept the commissioner's report. The motion carried.

Chairman Ben Kjar commented that he felt Donny Christensen had done an excellent job as river commissioner the past year and stated that Donny might appreciate a raise in salary. Ben also said that Donny would like more money to cover gas expenses for his vehicle. A discussion followed concerning what the mileage should be set at. A motion was made by Ben Kjar and seconded by Dwight Malmgren to set the commissioner's mileage at 30 cents per mile for the 1980 season. The motion carried.

The Chairman then opened discussion for the 1980 budget. It was moved to set the 1980 budget at \$7,200 and the 1980 assessment at \$7,200. The budget was accepted unanimously.

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Chairman Ben Kjar inquired about an insurance program for Commissioner Donny Christensen. Don Norseth said he would check into this and stated that other commissioners throughout the state were interested in signing up for the state insurance program.

Chairman Ben Kjar then discussed the importance of record keeping that the commissioner makes and supplies to the water users.

A small discussion was made concerning the Intermountain Power Project and the possible impact it could have on water rights of the San Pitch River Drainage.

A motion was made to keep Donny Christensen as commissioner. However, since he was not present, Ben Kjar stated that he would find out if he would accept the job. The rules were suspended and it was moved to keep the same chairman for the next year on the water user's committee. The following retained their membership on the committee:

Neil Nielson	Vice Chairman
Gail Hansen	Second Chairman
Ned Madsen	Third Chairman
Clyde Olsen	Fourth Chairman

The meeting adjourned at 3:14 PM.

M. Stanley Adams
Area Engineer