

MINUTES OF WATER USERS' MEETING
LOWER SAN PITCH DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

Monday, January 26, 1976, 2:00 p.m.
Courtroom, Courthouse, Manti, Utah

The Lower San Pitch River meeting was held January 26, 1976, in the Sanpete County Courthouse, Manti, Utah. Those in attendance were:

J. Neil Nielson, Wayne Olsen, Floyd Olsen, Richard Christensen, Stanley Price, Afton Larsen, Alonzo Hansen, Lindon Anderson, Vearl Christiansen, James G. Olsen, L. Glen Anderson, Raymond Jensen, F. Dwight Malmgren, Waldo Bede, Wayne Nay, and Donald Norseth and Robert Morgan (Division of Water Rights), and Ray Cox

Chairman Ben Kjar opened the meeting with a general discussion on the purpose of the meeting, saying that it was to discuss last year's distribution and any problems that may have come up.

Robert Morgan read the minutes of the 1975 meeting. Motion was made by Raymond Jensen and seconded by James Olsen to accept the minutes as read. It carried unanimously.

Robert Morgan then made a few comments concerning the water picture and snow forecast for 1976 which put the San Pitch between 50 and 80 per cent of normal. He noted that the middle snow was considerably heavier than the higher snow. There was considerable discussion concerning the reservoir hold-over capacity in that Gunnison Bend Reservoir was almost full and that most of the other reservoirs in the state were well above average in their hold-over amounts.

Robert Morgan then read the financial statement which showed a bank balance of \$131.79 on January 1, 1975. Receipts during the year totaled \$4,365.83 against which expenditures totaled \$4,449.71, leaving a reduction of funds on hand as of December 31, 1975 to \$47.91. Mr. Alonzo Hansen then commented that he was shown as delinquent and that he had paid his \$5.00 each year. He said that he had been promised that we would go over the ground with him and that he would like to have the situation checked. James G. Olsen made the motion that the financial statement be approved as read. It was seconded by Lindon Anderson and carried unanimously.

The next item of business was the discussion of the budget for next year. The following budget and assessment were adopted for 1976:

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Commissioner's Salary	\$3,000.00
Matching Social Security	175.00
Matching State Retirement	162.50
Bonds and Insurance Premiums	45.00
Commissioner's Annual Report	75.00
Auto Expense	1,100.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	<u>142.00</u>
Total Budget	\$4,700.00
Total Assessment	\$4,700.00

James G. Olsen made the motion that the budget and assessment of \$4,700.00 be approved. The motion was seconded by Raymond Jensen and carried.

John McIntosh then gave his commissioner's report. However, it was noted that there were considerable mistakes in the report, and the water users had considerable questions. Stanley Price brought up the problem of the measurement at the Price Dam and wanted to know if all water measured was being charged against the Price. It was pointed out that this was the water passing the dam and not the water being diverted. It was agreed that the State Engineer's personnel would go over the report and make the corrections and mail copies to those water users present at the meeting.

Motion was made that the assessment would be on the same basis as set out in the memorandum dated January 29, 1975, subject to the corrected commissioner's report, twenty days after the mailing date of the corrected report. Motion was made by Neil Nielson and seconded by Dwight Malmgren. The motion carried. Then Manti's assessment was discussed as to whether they were delinquent; if there was any problem on the assessment, Manti Irrigation Company was to be contacted. The assessment method was again discussed--particularly the point that it originally was to have been on a two-year trial basis. It was decided to continue on the same basis. Motion was made by Ray Cox to continue with the assessment method. Motion seconded by Ray Jensen, and carried.

An election was held concerning the vice-chairman, second chairman, and fourth chairman. Motion was made that the rules be suspended and that the present office-holders be retained for another term of office. Motion made by James Olsen and seconded by Afton Larsen. Motion carried, and Neil Nielson as Vice-chairman, Gayle Hansen as second chairman, and Clyde R. Olsen as fourth chairman were retained by acclamation.

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Neil Nielson made the motion that John McIntosh be recommended for the commissioner's position for 1976. The motion was seconded by Ray Cox and carried.

After some discussion concerning a proposed field trip in the area to check Alonzo Hansen's diversion and the Price Dam, the meeting adjourned.

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