

ANNUAL WATER USER'S MEETING  
FEBRUARY 5, 1997

The Annual water user's meeting was called to order by chairman Keith James on February 5, 1997 at 10:00 a.m. at the Senior Citizen's building. There were five people from Division of Water Rights, 20 water user's, 10 people representing Circle Four Farms, one from USU Extension and one from Twin M Conservation District, and Water Commissioner Lavar Davis. Chairman James read the outline of the meeting.

Minutes were read by Secretary Kristen Mayer. Ted Rimpau made a motion to accept the minutes and it was 2nd by James Mayer and motion carried.

Keith turned the time over to Lee to give the financial report. James Mayer made a motion to accept the financial report, Ron Wunderlich 2nd the motion and the motion carried.

Election of Water Commissioner: The water committee recommended LaVar Davis. Ted Rimpau made a motion to reelect LaVar and Dean Carter 2nd the motion and the motion carried.

James Mayer asked what will be the Commissioner's duties? Lee explained that he will be reading Circle Four Farms meters once a month, and reading Rocky Ford meter's. Help the State with the ariel report and the final report, measuring and reporting surface water but Lee said there will be no benefit if he does measure it. Jim asked if he could check out the water user on the surface water he uses. Lee had no problem with it. Robert Christiansen asked if all Rocky Ford user's need a meter? Lee said that there is 6 or 7 Rocky Ford users that don't have full water ground rights and these need to be metered. Robert then had a concern about item number 6: Installation of Meters and Maintenance. He then made a motion that water user's pay for their own meters and maintain their own and not put it in the budget for this year. There was no 2nd. Jim motioned that the water user's budget pays for the maintenance of the meter's. It is already in the law's like that so there needs to be no second.

Russell Albrecht asked when will the Water User's have to pay for the ariel photo? Lee said that the State will pay for it one more year. Then it will be taken out of the Water User's budget.

James Mayer asked if the probe has been purchased? Lee said not yet and the commissioner will have to help with that also.

Jim also asked if Kerry could send a temporarily change of application to the Commissioner and to the Board? Kerry said he could send it to them and they can review it for a couple of days and act on it if they need to.

Commissioner's Salary was then discussed. Keith asked LaVar if he will do it for the same as last year and LaVar accepted.

Arlan Mayer made a motion the 6 or 7 Rocky Ford User's that need to purchase a meter to purchase the same meter and not use the electric measurement. Jim 2nd and the motion carried. Lee said they will send a letter out to those who have to install meters.

Mike Yardley asked if we could use the same ariel photo as the F.C.S.? John stated that their flight varies threw out the year, and we need to have it flown earlier.

Joe Leko then asked if every Water User could be sent a map? Lee said they don't have the time or man power to do that. Kerry suggested that if the Water User wants to see the ariel photo to come to his office and look at it, 2 or 3 weeks after the flight has been taken.

The Budget was then discussed, Arlan Mayer made a motion to accept the budget for 1997, Russel Mayer 2nd the motion and the motion carried. Commissioner's Salary, \$2,720.00, Social Security, \$208.00, travel expense, \$500.00, Bonding Expense, \$50.00, Health and Life Insurance Premiums, \$50.00, Office Expense, \$300.00, Secretarial Expense, \$100.00, Telephone Expense, \$50.00, Committee Expense, \$200.00, Equipment expense, \$2000.00, Miscellaneous expense, \$300.00. 1997 Budgetary Totals: \$6,478.00, 1997 System Assessment: \$4,000.00. Lee gave the Commissioner's report. He commented it was not a perfect report but he feels good about it. A correction paper was passed around to the Water User's present on the Water User's that they missed in the earlier report.

Jim asked Lee to explain what abandoned meant? Kerry said that it was a mistake to use the word abandonment, it means that the water right has not been used for quite a period of time. Arlan asked if it could be put back to use? Kerry said yes and it should be used for 15 years on the same land before the water right can be used as a temporarily change of application.

Jim asked about the 20 acres of land that is being over farmed by the Water User? Lee said that the User will be sent a letter telling him that he is over, if they can see that its being farmed. It was stated that you cannot change farm land after the ariel photo has been taken.

Commissioners report was approved by Ron Wunderlich and 2nd by Mike Yardley and motion carried.

Jim asked who was required to have meters. Hayward Marshall, Vance Marshall, Tim Marshall, Jim Crow, Jane Williams, Jeff Wiseman and William Dalton. It was suggested that Hayward Marshall doesn't have any Rocky Ford Water rights and a letter should not be sent to him.