

On February 28th at 1:00 p.m. water committee Keith James and Chairman James Mayer met with Division of Water Rights representatives, also Larry Maycock, Water Commissioner, other board members were unable to make the meeting.

Lee Sim stated that sixty ballots were sent out and only thirty-five got sent back. Twenty water users voted for meters and fifteen for acreage. Twenty-five voted for paying for their own meters.

Keith stated that he feels like the problem is not getting solved and don't think records are accurate. John Larsen stated that he is still trying to get records current.

A letter should be sent out when they are 75% into their water right. Jim asked how much of an acre foot are you going to let them go over? He also asked if they could go back the way it used to be; if they over pump this year it should be deducted from the following years allotment. Lee stated that 50,000 feet of water is being pumped and if there is more they might have to go back to the newest water user and shut him off. Lee also stated they do have enough power now to take them to court.

Commissioner's salary was then discussed. It will be a big job for the first year. The board will decide on what kind of meters will be used and they will hire a person to install the meters so the Commissioner won't have to. Lee suggested that the board meet with a few sale representatives and have them explain their meters and the cost. It was decided that the Commissioner's salary will be \$14,000 plus benefits. The Commissioner will decide on what well's will be metered first, but won't make one water user do all of his well's in one year because of the cost.

The budget for the following year was then discussed. Commissioners salary, \$14,000; Social Security, \$1071.00; Travel expense, \$1,000; Bonding expense, \$100; Health and Life Insurance Premiums, \$6000.00; Office expense, \$150; Secretarial expense, \$250; Telephone expense, \$250; Committee expense, \$100; Equipment expense, \$2,000; Miscellaneous expense, \$300; 1996 Budgetary totals, \$25,200.

All assessments have been paid for but one.

A new member will be elected to the board James will be going off. The rotation goes as follows, Russel, Gary, Keith and Shaun.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.