

Those present: Jim Mayer, Gary Sullivan, Shaun Pearson, Keith James, Gertrudy Adkins, Lee Sim, John Larsen, Carry Carpenter and Larry Maycock

Carry Carpenter stated that all Circle Fours water rights have to be transferred to industrial whereas every gallon they use is considered lost to the system.

Lee Sim informed the commission that on September 1st 1995 there was \$5,000.00 worth of delinquent accounts. As of December 1st they've collected \$2,200.00. Those still delinquent are receiving letters ordering that they have to cease using water until paid. Larry Maycock will have a list of names of those delinquent and if he sees any of those listed turn water on he is to notify the State. It was discussed how to enforce the order. Keith James made the motion to have 1 1/2 % interest incur January 1, 1996 if their debt is not taken care of. Jim Mayer seconded the motion. With none opposing, the motion passed. It was moved that because of the lateness in the year that the interest won't begin until February 1st 1996. The cost of the Pitot tubes was \$4,800.00. Of that all but \$600.00 has been collected.

It was discussed that Circle Four Farms fees for meter reading should be more than farms because it is necessary to read their meters more often. Circle Four needs to be billed accordingly.

Lee Sim said the main purpose of this meeting is to discuss the 2 ways to measure water. He stated that meter reading is not working. Proposed alternatives are manhole meters or monitor with aerial photography on an annual basis to check acreage watered. Meters will only be successful if the existing delinquencies are collected successfully this spring so the people know the commission is serious about collecting.

Gertrudys Adkins presented the first alternative (see attached paper Alternative #1) Larry Maycock agreed with Keith James that the McCrometer meter is better for our area as there is less maintenance.

John Larsen presented the 2nd Alternative. (see attached paper Alternative #2). He also displayed some aerial maps already shot of part of the Milford basin. It was agreed that only the state would know the date that the photograph would be taken

if this method is chosen. For the first 2 years the state will pay for the cost of the aerial shots. After 2 years it will need to be paid for locally.

Concern was expressed for those that have underground water rights as well as Rocky Ford water rights and the abuse of those rights. The state will determine this if and when the aerial maps are complete.

Larry Maycock stated that the \$200.00 a month to police delinquents by the acreage is not enough therefore he is not interested.

The concern was voiced on how the state was going to enforce or shut down the over users. Lee Sim responded that they really don't know. They really don't know how the abuser will be penalized. Jim Mayer explained how it was done years ago, that being it was taken from the farmer the following year.

February 7th 1996 at 3:00 will be the annual Water Users meeting. It was proposed the board meet at 1:00 prior to the general meeting. All agreed. Jim Mayer will arrange the Senior Citizen building and make sure there is a wall to use a overhead projector on.

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.