

WATER USERS OF THE ESCALANTE VALLEY
MILFORD AREA

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING
8 FEBRUARY 1960

After a few introductory remarks by Mr. Wayne Criddle, Utah State Engineer, an election was held in which Mr. H. L. Tolley of Milford, Utah was elected chairman. Mr. Tolley appointed Mr. Theodore B. Rimpau, of Milford, Utah, secretary.

The minutes of the last annual meeting of the Water Users of the Escalante Valley-Milford Area were read by Mr. Don C. Norseth of the State Engineers Office and approved as read.

Mr. Criddle discussed the matter of perfecting an organization of water users in the Milford Area. This group to be organized through the drafting of a set of "Articles of Organization" which would spell out the membership, officers, board of directors, duties, etc. It is suggested that our chairman Mr. Tolley call a meeting for the purpose of drafting our "Articles of Organization" and electing representatives to the board of directors.

Mr. Reese, of the State Engineer's Office, gave our financial report for the two years; 1958 and 1959. This report covered the entire Escalante Valley (report attached to minutes) moved by Mr. Sheral Carter and seconded by Mr. Leon Paice, that the financial report be approved: motion carried.

There is the sum of \$534.17 remaining, over and above the expenses of operation, from the Beryl-Enterprise and Milford Areas, As the two areas will each be separate districts, this sum should be divided between the two districts. The Milford Area pays 36% of the total water assessment in the Escalante Valley. It was moved by Mr. Russel Mayer and seconded by Mr. George Mayer, that we accept 36% of \$534.17 for our treasury plus the sums in three delinquent accounts of this area; Motion carried. The delinquent accounts and the amount owed are:

1. Teral Bown \$17.26
2. Klaus Marshall \$54.00
3. George Mayer \$39.01

Mr. Clifton Johnson, of the State Engineer's Office, gave his report on the water used in the Milford Area together with a discussion on current water problems. The report for 1959 is not as yet completed. Mr. Johnson recommended that the farmers devote more attention to the lubrication of the water meters. Mr. Johnson suggested that the water users purchase a grease gun and the proper lubricant and have the water commissioner grease the meters. A debate ensued as to the number of times a water meter should be greased. The suggestion was tabled pending further investigation as to the manufacturers recommendations for lubrication of their respective water meters.

Mr. Tolley opened a discussion of our current budget

for 1960. Mr. Criddle presented a suggested budget which was subsequently modified. Mr. Lee Strong, who served the area as water commissioner in 1959, was asked to state a salary that would be acceptable to him for rendering his services again in 1960. Mr. Strong suggested the sum of \$1200.00 for a work period of six months to allow time to prepare for distribution and the making of the annual report the time of service was extended to an 8 month period. The period of service to extend to one month prior to one month after the irrigation season.

The following budget was adopted on a motion of Mr. Leon Paice seconded by Mr. George Goodwin; Motion carried.

1960 BUDGET

WATER USERS OF THE ESCALANTE VALLEY

MILFORD AREA

Commissioners salary	\$1200.00
Social Security	36.00
Travel expense	250.00
Bonda and insurance	214.00
Annual report	50.00
Miscellaneous	50.00
Committee expense	100.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	<u>1710.00</u>

This budget will mean an approximate assessment of four cents per acre foot.

On a motion by Eugene Mayer, seconded by Mr. Russel Mayer and carried: the following method will be used to

compute the water assessment that each water users will have to pay. The assessment of \$1710.00 is to be based on an average of the 1958 and 1959 record. Each successive year is to be added to this average until we have accumulated a five year average at which time the five year average will be used. This five year average is to be a revolving five year average.

Mr. Criddle explained that the water assessment is due for payment on the first day of May by Law. There exists a problem in accomplishing the collections by this date. Mr. Criddle suggested that a penalty of 10% of the assessment, not a minimum of \$1.00, be added to the assessments. This notice of penalty to be shown on the water assessment notice mailed to water users. Moved by Mr. Doyle Sly and seconded by Rev. J. H. Valiene, that we adopt the afore mentioned policy; Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Theodore Rimpau, seconded by Mr. Eugene Mayer that we recommend the appointment of Mr. Lee Strong as our water commissioner to the State Engineer. Motion carried.

Mr. Kenneth Williams, Unit Conservationist for the Beaver Work Unit, of the Soil Conservation Service, talked of the studies being made on water use in our area and expressed the hope that we will be able to improve our irrigation efficiency during 1960. More research will be undertaken here during the year by the Agricultural Research Service.

No further business appearing, it was moved by Mr. Max Price, seconded by Mr. Eugene Mayer that the meeting adjourn; motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Theodore B. Rimpau
Secretary

Persons present at the meeting of the Water Users of the Escalante Valley-----Milford Area: 8 February 1960

NAME	ADDRESS	REPRESENTING
Erwin F. Jeppson	7520 S 900 E. Midvale	Self
Russel Mayer	Milford	South Milford Pumpers
H. L. Tolley	Milford	Self
Theodore B. Rimpau	Milford	Self
Duane Yardley	Milford	Self
Sheral Carter	Minersville	Self
Rev. J. H. Valine	Milford	Self
Leon E. Paice	Beaver	Self
George Mayer	Milford	Self
Wm. C. VanTassel	Milford	Self
Wayne C. Wiseman	Milford	Self
Doyle P. Sly	Milford	Self
Mac K. Price	Milford	Self
Lloyd Mayer	Milford	Self
Lorraine Gillins	Milford	Self
Clair Gillins	Milford	Self

NAME	ADDRESS	REPRESENTING
Geo. E. Goodwin	Milford	Self
Don R. Sly	Milford	Self
Eugene H. Mayer	Milford	Self
Duard Evans	Milford	Self
James A. Mayer	Milford	Self
Clifton Johnson	Cedar City	Utah State Engineer
T. Vinton Smith	Salt Lake City	Utah State Engineer
Earl Staker	Cedar City	Utah State Engineer
Don Norseth		"
F. Reese		"
C. Erickson		"
Wayne Criddle		"
Kenneth Williams	Beaver	Soil Conservation Service

Signed _____

Theodore Rimpau
Secretary, Escalante Valley Water Users