

**MINUTES OF THE MILFORD VALLEY DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM
ANNUAL MEETING
Milford, Utah
February 9, 2001**

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. with Jerry Mayer, chairman, conducting. He welcomed everyone to the meeting and then asked John Larsen, of the Division of Water Rights to read last year's minutes. There were corrections to be made. In the seventh paragraph, Minersville Post Office was corrected to read Milford Post Office and Bear River drainage was corrected to read Beaver River drainage. Once these were corrected, a motion was made by Robert Christiansen to accept the minutes, second by Michael Yardley, all approved.

Mr. Mayer then asked Lee Sim to read last year's financial statement. The beginning 2000 balance of the distribution funds was \$6,250.73, receipts at \$3,628.74, expenditures at \$4,742.49 for an ending balance of \$5,136.98. There were four accounts delinquent at the end of the year for a total of \$231.68. Mr. James Mayer paid his account in full at the meeting. It was noticed that the ending balance as of 1999 did not match the beginning balance as of January 1, 2000 by \$95.24. Lee mentioned he would find out what caused the difference. A motion was made by Michael Yardley to accept the financial report as given, seconded by Dean Carter, all approved.

Mr. Mayer then requested a report from Commissioner Davis for the year. The prepared report was passed out to the water users. LaVar indicates he monitors 15 Circle Four wells and seven of the fifteen now have meters above ground so they can be easily read. Seven other wells that have supplemental Rocky Ford water were pumped this past season because of the draining of Minersville Reservoir. Very little surface water was available this past summer. Jim Crow's well was down most of the season. He got it back up about the 31st of July and it ran through the end of the season. Mr. Davis did a trip across the flat the 1st week of June and then again the first week of August with John Larsen of the Division of Water Rights. Of the seven wells that have supplemental Rocky Ford water, the Dan Goff and Jeff Wiseman wells do not have meters and James William's meter was not working.

A report from John Larsen of the Division of Water Rights indicates in the five years the Division and water commissioner have been monitoring the irrigation of the Milford Valley, the number of over irrigators has decreased beginning in 1996 from 32 users, 845 acres over, to 5 users and 88 acres over. Gertrudys Adkins reported the trend of ground water levels this past year have been upward one to two feet, valley wide, and three to five feet over the past two years. Jerry Mayer mentioned that the snowpack on the upper Beaver River drainage is currently at 88% of normal.

Michael Yardley made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Tim Marshall, the voting was unanimous.

Mr. Mayer then discussed the budget for the upcoming year. Mr. Sim mentioned the Division of Water Rights would not be flying the valley this year but that a field check would be made of the irrigation in the valley the first week of June and the first week in August. Therefore no funds need be budgeted for contractual services. A motion was made by Michael Yardley to leave all budget line items the same except for the zero amount in contractual services and have the assessment the same as for 2000. The budget is set at \$4,728.00 and the assessment at \$3,050.00. The motion was seconded by Tim Marshall, the voting was unanimous.

Ron Wunderlich made a motion to nominate LaVar Davis as commissioner for the years

2001 through 2004, seconded by Robert Christiansen, all approved.

Mr. Mayer then discussed the board of directors. His term as chairman is complete. A motion was made by Arlan Mayer to nominate Jerry Mayer as chairman again and to have the remaining board of directors continue to serve. The motion was seconded by Michael Yardley, the motion passed.

Kerry Carpenter then discussed the 20 day waiting period for temporary change applications posting in the Milford Post Office. He could not recall anyone ever responding to the posting and proposed that the 20 day period be rescinded, but still have the change applications posted by Lavar Davis as he receives them. A motion was made by Robert Christiansen to have the 20 day period removed, seconded by Michael Yardley, the voting was unanimous.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Those attending the meeting:

Name	Representing
Lee Sim	Division of Water Rights - SLC
John S. Larsen	Division of Water Rights - SLC
Gertrudys Adkins	Division of Water Rights - SLC
Kerry Carpenter	Division of Water Rights - Cedar City
Kurt Vest	Division of Water Rights - Cedar City
Jerry Mayer	Chairman
LaVar Davis	Water Commissioner
Tim Marshall	Self
Warren Peterson	Circle Four Farms
Ron Wunderlich	Circle Four Farms
Mike Yardley	Self
Robert Christiansen	Christiansen Farms
Arlan Mayer	Self
Hariuchi Naruse	Self
William L. Dalton	Dalton Farms
Lyle Wiseman	L & W Ranch
Dean Carter	Self

**REGULATION POLICY AND PROCEDURE FOR
MILFORD VALLEY WATER USERS
USING BOTH ROCKY FORD RESERVOIR AND WELL WATER**

1. Water users who own Rocky Ford company shares and who irrigate more acres than the sole supply acreage allowed by their groundwater rights will be required to meter their groundwater use.
2. Irrigated acreage will be checked each year to determine if the water users are over the sole supply acreage limitation.
3. The water meters must be installed according to the guidelines which were given at the 1996 annual meeting. These guidelines are as follows:
The commissioner will be responsible for determining the location of the meter and to operate and maintain it. The distribution committee will be responsible for determining the type of meter installed. The meters will be installed in such a manner that the commissioner can remove and replace them without shutting down the well. If that is not possible, the water user will be responsible for shutting down the system whenever requested by the commissioner for replacement of a defective meter.
4. The commissioner will visit each meter at the beginning of the irrigation season and then at least once every week to record water usage and make sure the meters are in good operating condition.
5. The water user is responsible for all the costs involved in the installation of his meters. Once the meters are installed, the distribution system will pay the costs of regular maintenance.
6. When water users reach the acre-foot limit from their metered wells, they will be notified by the commissioner that they need to shut the well off. The State Engineer will also issue a notice ordering them to cease the use of water. After the order has been issued, water users found violating the irrigation duty in the 1962 Adjudication order will be subject to contempt proceedings in District Court.

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