

**MINUTES OF THE MILFORD VALLEY DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM  
ANNUAL MEETING  
Milford, Utah  
February 17, 2000**

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 Lee Sim, of the Division of Water Rights to read last year's minutes. There was one correction to be made, Keith James asked the commissioner to report on last year's duties, not Lee Sim. Once this was made, 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 1999 balance of the distribution funds was \$6,777.62, receipts at \$3,034.05, expenditures at \$3,656.18 for an ending balance of \$6,155.49. There were seven accounts delinquent at the end of the year for a total of \$647.31. Lee indicated the Division of Water Rights would do a follow up on account 144 in the name of Ronald Paice with the Attorney General's office if not paid this year. A motion was made by Michael Yardley to accept the financial report as given, seconded by Arlan Mayer, 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. Keith James inquired about the wells using Rocky Ford water that are supplemented with ground water pumping. LaVar indicates he monitors all the wells and only two were pumped last year, Jeff Wiseman's well and Tim Marshall's well. LaVar did tag one well last year that belonged to Howard Marshall and he did stop pumping. Lee Sim indicated letters were sent to each of the Rocky Ford users who had wells that they must install and maintain water meters on their wells so amounts pumped can be monitored.

There were portions of the written report that need to be modified. A request was made by Circle Four to have the wells they own near Black Rock removed from the report because they are not located in Milford Flat. Arlan Mayer made a motion to accept the report with the changes to be made, seconded by Keith James, the voting was unanimous.

Robert Christiansen inquired about when the valley was flown last year. Mr. Sim indicates the Division tried to implement satellite photography last summer, but due to cloud cover, satellite photography could not be obtained, so an extensive field review was done of the valley by John Larsen of the Division of Water Rights along with Commissioner Davis last September. The maps presented at this year's meeting are a result of that investigation. Mr. Sim indicates the area will be flown in the summer of 2000 by traditional air craft to obtain aerial photography of the valley's irrigation use.

Mr. Mayer then discussed the budget for the upcoming year. A motion was made by Max Mayer to increase the commissioner travel rate to 32.5 cents per mile but to leave all budget line items and the assessment the same as for 1999. The budget is set at \$5,978.00 and the assessment at \$3,050.00. The motion was seconded by Robert Christensen, the voting was unanimous.

Robert Christiansen made a motion to nominate LaVar Davis as commissioner for the year 2000, seconded by Warren Peterson, all approved.

Max Mayer inquired about the well levels in the valley. Lee mentioned the well levels had

come up this past year an average of about three feet. Some wells have come up only one foot, others as much as seven feet due to high precipitation and ground water recharge. For those interested in looking at the ground water data, reports can be obtained from the USGS office in Cedar City. The snow pack as of this date in 47% of normal on the upper Bear River drainage. Water is being stored in the Minersville Reservoir. It is currently at 76% of capacity and depending on the runoff, there should be adequate storage for the upcoming irrigation season.

LaVar inquired about the posting of temporary change applications at the post office in Minersville. Joe Leko made a motion to retain the 20 day posting of the applications at the Minersville Post Office, Max Mayer seconded the motion, the voting was 5 for, 1 against, 14 abstains. The motion carried.

Mr. Mayer then discussed the board of directors. Shaun Pearson's term is up, a motion was made by Robert Christiansen to have Dean Eyre replace Shaun Pearson and to have the remainder of the board stay in place by acclamation, seconded by Max Mayer, the voting was unanimous.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Those attending the meeting:

Name	Representing
Lee Sim	Division of Water Rights - SLC
John S. Larsen	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
Shaun Pearson	Pearson Ranch
Dean Eyre	T & D Ranch
Chad Dalton	Dalton Farms
Tim Marshall	Self
Scott Wiseman	L & W Ranch
Warren Peterson	Circle Four Farms
Ron Wunderlich	Circle Four Farms
Mike Yardley	Self
Max Mayer	Self
Richard Mayer	Self
Nick Leko	Green Diamond Ranch
Joe Leko	Green Diamond Ranch
Allan Mayer	Self
Robert Christiansen	Christiansen Farms
David Christiansen	Christiansen Farms
Keith B. James	James Farms Inc.
Arlan Mayer	Self
Hariuchi Naruse	Self