

**MILL CREEK DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM ANNUAL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 25, 2009**

The annual meeting of the Mill Creek Distribution System was called to order at 10:07 a.m. by Chairman Jim Farnsworth. Marc Stilson read the minutes of the 2008 meeting. There were no corrections or additions to be made. A motion was made by Dave Engleman and seconded by Janie Walker to accept the minutes as read. All present voted in the affirmative.

The next item of business to be considered by the water users was the Commissioner's Report for 2008. Deputy Commissioner Rob Magleby stated that the 2008 season was an average water year. Mr. Magleby voiced concerns regarding some of the meters that were unreliable on the system. Commissioner Magleby explained that for the days that the meters were unable to take readings he estimated the amounts based on the data when the meters were taking accurate readings. Following the Commissioner's Report there was discussions about replacing meters that were most problematic. A motion was made by Dave Engleman, and seconded by Janie Walker to accept the Commissioner's Report. The motion passed.

Chairman Farnsworth turned the meeting over to Lee Sim who informed the water users that due to age limits set by the state Bob Byrnes will no longer be able to serve as River Commissioner for the Mill Creek System and that the position of River Commissioner needed to be filled. Chairman Farnsworth recommended Rob Magleby as River Commissioner since he was hired last year to be Deputy River Commissioner with the intention of Bob Byrnes training him. Janie Walker motioned to instate Rob Magleby as to a 4-year term as River Commissioner. Dave Engleman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Farnsworth turned the time over to Mr. Lee Sim. Lee expressed his appreciation for all the work that Bob Byrnes has done over the years as river commissioner and presented him with a letter of appreciation from the State of Utah for all of his service. David Horsley from the Price Regional Office expressed the price offices appreciation for his dedicated service and presented Mr. Byrnes with a photograph of Bob hiking to the Wilson Mesa diversion. Mr. Lee Sim then discussed the changes within the division. Lee introduced Sue Odekirk who will be helping the River Commissioner construct an operator's manual for the distribution system and Michele Gabb who is a new member to the Price Regional Office. Mr. Lee Sim also notified everyone that Jerry Olds had retired and that Kent Jones had been confirmed as the new State Engineer.

Mr. Lee Sim indicated how the division would like to introduce automation to the distribution system which would help accurately record the flows. He introduced Aaron Hunt from the Division of Water Rights to explain in detail their proposal for automated meters. Aaron explained the division had set aside money to install 6 meters for the Mill Creek system and that once the meters were operational the water users would be responsible for the maintenance. After a extensive discussion, it was decided to allow 3 of the sites to be installed and evaluate the situation in 2010.

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A review of the 2008 Financial Statement was next on the agenda. Mr. Lee Sim indicated that as of January 1, 2008 there was \$2,311.21 in the Trust Account. During 2008, receipts totaled \$10,833.19, of which \$10,764.00 was collected from regular assessments, and \$69.19 was collected in interest. Expenditures totaled \$10,313.92. The balance in the Trust Account as of December 31, 2008 was \$2,830.48. There were no delinquent accounts. A motion was made by Dave Engleman and seconded by Greg McKennis to accept the Financial Statement as read. The motion passed.

The next item of business was the preparation of the budget for 2009. Mr. Lee Sim reminded the water users that this year's budget could be less than the 2008 budget because of an additional commissioner salary, insurance and social security was paid in 2008 to cover the training of Rob Magleby. The new river commissioner Rob Magleby requested a raise to cover some of his added duties. After a brief discussion Greg McKennis recommended raising the commissioner's salary by \$500.00, Janie Walker motioned to set the 2009 budget as follows:

Commissioner's Salary's	\$4,250.00
Social Security	325.00
Travel Expenses @50.5¢/mile	1,900.00
State Engineer's Assessment	642.00
Insurance	38.00
Annual Report	100.00
Miscellaneous	<u>50.00</u>
Total	\$7,305.00

Greg McKennis seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Greg McKennis made a motion to set the assessment for 2009 at \$7,305.00. The motion was seconded by Janie Walker. The motion passed.

The final item of business was the appointment of a Water User's Committee to transact any necessary business during 2009. Mark Sovine indicated he needed to replace Terry Sykes as GWSSA representative on the committee. Greg McKennis motioned to reappoint the same committee for 2009 with the exception of Mark Sovine for Terry Sykes as GWSSA representative. Dave Engleman seconded the motion. The motion passed. The committee is as follows:

Jim Farnsworth	Chairman, Mesa Users
George Carter	Moab Irrigation Company
Janie Walker	Self
Mark Sovine	GWSSA

Before the meeting adjourned Greg McKennis asked the status of the Snotel report. Marc Stilson informed the water users that the current snowpack is 104% of average at the La Sal site, 108% at Camp Jackson, and 115% on Willow Creek.

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With no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Those present at the meeting included the following:

Robert M. Byrnes	Mill Creek Commissioner
Jim Farnsworth	Chairman / South Mesa
Lee Sim	Division of Water Rights
Marc Stilson	Division of Water Rights
Rob Magleby	New Deputy Commissioner
Greg McKennis	Wilson Mesa
Ben Byrd	Moab Irrigation Company
Fred Powell	Moab Irrigation Company
David Engleman	Moab Irrigation Company
Sue Odekirk	Division of Water Rights
Aaron Hunt	Division of Water Rights
Mark Sovine	GWSSA
Janie Walker	Self
Brian Ballard	Self
Michele Gabb	Division of Water Rights
David Horsley	Division of Water Rights