

MILL CREEK DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM ANNUAL MEETING

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The annual meeting of the Mill Creek Distribution System was called to order at 10:10 a.m. on March 14, 2000 by Chairman Dale Pierson. Chairman Pierson indicated that when voting on matters of business in this meeting, each water user, or entity, would have one vote.

The first item of business on the agenda was a review of the minutes for the 1999 meeting. The minutes were read by Mark Page. There were two corrections made. On page 2, paragraphs 3 and 5, the word descending should be corrected to read dissenting. A motion was made by Dan Holyoak, and seconded by Janie Walker, to accept the minutes as read. The motion passed.

A discussion of the 1999 Financial Statement was led by Mr. Lee Sim. He indicated that as of January 1, 1999 there was \$5789.63 in the Trust Account. During 1999, receipts totaled \$5208.42, of which \$5016.52 was collected from regular assessments, \$15.40 in delinquent penalties, and \$176.50 in interest. Expenditures totaled \$7694.11. There is currently one delinquent account in the amount of \$202.96, which was paid in full at the meeting. The balance in the Trust Account as of December 31, 1999 was \$3303.94. It should be noted that the expenditures included the Commissioner services for 1998. Following a brief discussion of the Financial Statement, a motion was made by Dan Holyoak, and seconded by Janie Walker, to accept the Financial Statement as read. The vote was unanimous.

The next item of business to be considered by the water users was the Commissioner's Report for 1999. Commissioner Robert Byrnes stated that 1999 was a below average water year. Recommendations made by the Commissioner included repairs to the Wilson Mesa Ditch at Schuman Gulch, and the Horse Creek Ditch. A great deal of water is lost through these areas. The parshall flume on Wilcox Flat needs to be leveled.

Because of a possible leak in Ken's Lake, the Sheley Diversion was closed in late August to allow the Lake to be drawn down for inspection and repair, if necessary. At that time, the Mesa users were informed that they could begin to divert water or increase their diversions.

Meters have been installed on Moab Irrigation Company Ditches 2 and 5. A meter still needs to be installed on Janie Walker's pipeline at the splitter box.

There is some genuine interest to automate some, if not all, of the system in the future. The Bureau of Reclamation has been contacted about this project. A development plan needs to be put together before funding can be requested. Jimmy Farnsworth will coordinate this effort. It was also suggested that any excess money in the distribution system account be used to finance a portion of the improvement project.

Following the Commissioner's Report, a motion was made by Dan Holyoak, and seconded by Janie Walker, to accept the Commissioner's Report. The motion passed.

The next item of business was the preparation of the budget for 2000. It was suggested that the Commissioner be given 40¢ per mile this season because of the high price of fuel. Next year the rate will automatically revert back to 35¢ per mile. After a brief discussion, Jimmy Farnsworth made a motion to set the budget at the same amount as in 1999, except for the rate for mileage, and assess the total budget. The motion was seconded by Dan Holyoak. The motion passed unanimously. It should be noted that the assessments will be based on an average of the past five years of record because of the incomplete information that is currently available. The budget for 2000 is as follows:

Commissioner's Salary	\$3090.00
Social Security	237.00
Travel Expenses	1500.00
Insurance	70.00
Annual Report	100.00
Miscellaneous	50.00
Total	\$5047.00

Chairman Pierson directed the discussion towards the recommendation of a Commissioner for 2000. Mr. Holyoak made the motion that Robert Byrnes be retained for another year of service, and requested that the State Engineer approve his appointment. The motion was seconded by Janie Walker. The vote was unanimous.

The final item of business was the appointment of a Water User's Committee to transact any necessary business during 2000. A motion was made by Dan Holyoak, and seconded by Jimmy Farnsworth, to reappoint the same committee that served in 1999. All present voted in the affirmative. The committee is as follows:

Dale Pierson	Chairman
George Carter	Moab Irrigation Company
Janie Walker	Self
Jimmy Farnsworth	Mesa Users

It was noted that the current Snotel information indicates a snow water equivalent of 99% of average at the LaSal Mountain site, compared to 51% in 1999. The March 1 forecast flow on Mill Creek was 5400 acre-feet of water, which is 90% of average. It is expected that 2000 will be a good water year.

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It was noted that the road around Warner Lake and into the area of the Wilson Mesa Diversion has been closed by the Forest Service. It was decided that a letter will be signed by each of the water users or organizations, and sent to the Forest Service, asking that access be allowed for the operation and maintenance of this diversion and ditch.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Those present at the meeting included the following:

Dale Pierson	Grand County Water Conservancy District
Dan Holyoak	Moab Irrigation Company
Bob Byrnes	Mill Creek Commissioner
James Farnsworth	South Mesa
Janie Walker	Self
Greg McKennis	Wilson Mesa Irrigation Company
Gertrudys Adkins	Division of Water Rights - SLC
Lee Sim	Division of Water Rights - SLC
John Larsen	Division of Water Rights - SLC
Rick Wilde	Division of Water Rights - Price
Mark Page	Division of Water Rights - Price