

MILL CREEK DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM ANNUAL MEETING

MARCH 5, 1998

The annual meeting of the Mill Creek Distribution System was called to order at 10:45 a.m. on March 5, 1998 by Chairman Dale Pierson. The first item of business on the agenda was a review of the minutes for the 1997 meeting. The minutes were read by Mr. Mark Page. There were no additions or corrections made. A motion was made by George Carter, and seconded by Gary Wilson to accept the minutes as read. The motion passed.

A discussion of the Financial Statement was led by Mr. Lee Sim. He indicated that as of January 1, 1997 there was \$6157.10 in the Trust Account. During 1997, receipts totaled \$3941.41, of which \$3703.58 was collected from regular assessments, and \$237.83 in interest. Expenditures totaled \$4415.75, which included the Commissioner services for 1996. The balance in the Trust Account as of December 31, 1997 was \$5682.76. It should be noted that there was one delinquent account in the amount of \$254.40, however it was paid prior to the start of the meeting. Also, prior to this meeting, the commissioner was paid for his services in 1997. Those expenses totaled \$4287.30, which leaves a balance of \$1649.86 in the account at the time of this meeting. Following a discussion of the Financial Statement, a motion was made by James Walker, 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 1997. Commissioner Robert Byrnes stated that 1997 was a very good water year. Recommendations made by the Commissioner which would improve the system included repairing the ditch near the headgate for the South Mesa diversion. The Wilson-Mesa ditch at Schuman Gulch also needs to be repaired. The diversions to Moab Irrigation Company and Walkers continue to be difficult to get an accurate reading. The flumes are usually submerged because the various systems are piped now and are normally operated under pressure. This results in the submergence of the flumes. The meter on Pipeline #3 continues to run backwards at times. This flow is redelivered through Pipeline #4. All of these problems need to be addressed. Following the Commissioner's Report, a motion was made by Gary Wilson, and seconded by Janie Walker, to accept the Commissioner's Report. All present voted in the affirmative.

The next item of business was the preparation of the budget for 1997. Mr. Sim indicated that it has become necessary to put the Commissioner on an annual salary, which means that he will get paid every two weeks. This will also require that contributions be made to social security. A recent bill in the legislature has repealed the Commissioner's bonding requirement. A motion was made by Gary Wilson to set the Commissioner's salary at the same rate as in 1997. The assessment is to be set at \$4050.00. The motion was seconded by James Walker. The motion passed. 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. Following a brief discussion, the following budget was prepared:

Commissioner's Salary	\$3000.00
Social Security	230.00
Travel Expenses	1500.00
Insurance	70.00
Annual Report	100.00
Miscellaneous	50.00
Total	\$4950.00

Chairman Pierson directed the discussion towards the recommendation of a Commissioner for 1998. Mr. Walker 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 George Carter, and the vote passed.

The final item of business was the appointment of a Water User's Committee to transact any necessary business during 1998. A motion was made by James Walker, and seconded by Chairman Pierson, to reappoint the same committee that served in 1997, with the exception that Jimmy Farnsworth replace his father, Mr. Doug Farnsworth. 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 96% at the LaSal Mountain site, compared to 82% in 1997. It is expected that 1998 will be a good water year.

The matter of placing flow meters on the valley diversions was discussed at the 1997 annual meeting, and at a special meeting held on May 8, 1997. Following these meetings, it was the opinion of a majority of the water users that meters must be in place by May 1, 1998, or water would not be diverted. Meter types have been selected, however the necessary easements have yet to be obtained. The water users were encouraged to diligently proceed with the completion of this project. If it becomes necessary, the installation date may need to be modified. The water users should keep in touch with the Division in regards to this matter.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Those present at the meeting included the following:

Dale Pierson	Mill Creek Distribution System - Chairman
Jon Acthoff	Self
Janie Walker	Self
Ray Holman	Self
George Roberts	Moab Irrigation Company Watermaster
James L. Walker	Moab Irrigation Company
George Carter	Moab Irrigation Company
Gary Wilson	Grand County Water Conservancy District
Robert Byrnes	Mill Creek Commissioner
John Larsen	Division of Water Rights - SLC
Lee Sim	Division of Water Rights - SLC
Mark Page	Division of Water Rights - Price