

MILL CREEK DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM ANNUAL MEETING

MARCH 26, 1997

The annual meeting of the Mill Creek Distribution System was called to order at 2:40 p.m. on March 26, 1997 by Mr. Lee Sim, Assistant State Engineer over Distribution. The first item of business on the agenda was a review of the minutes for the 1996 meeting. The minutes were read by Mr. Mark Page. There were no additions or corrections made. A motion was made by Gary Wilson, and seconded by George Carter 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, 1996 there was \$6710.47 in the Trust Account. During 1996, receipts totalled \$3365.38, of which \$3028.48 was collected from regular assessments, \$70.03 from delinquent penalties, and \$266.87 in interest. Expenditures totalled \$3918.75, which included commissioner services for 1995. The balance in the Trust Account as of December 31, 1996 was \$6157.10. It should be noted that there is one outstanding delinquent account in the amount of \$84.85. Prior to this meeting the commissioner was paid for his services during 1996. Those expenses totalled \$4315.75, which leaves a balance of \$1841.35 at the time of this meeting. Following a discussion of the Financial Statement, a motion was made by Gary Wilson, and seconded by George Carter 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 1996. Commissioner Robert Byrnes stated that 1996 was a good water year. Recommendations of the Commissioner which would improve the system included repairing the headgate on Dry Fork by the Wilson-Mesa Irrigation Company. Their flume on Wilcox Flat also needs to be leveled. The diversions to Moab Irrigation Company continue to be difficult to get an accurate reading. The flumes are usually submerged because the various distribution systems are piped now and are normally operated under pressure. This results in the submergence of the flumes. This situation also exists on the Walker Diversion. Another problem occurred this past year. The meter on Pipeline #3 ran backwards, and this flow was delivered through Pipeline #4. Ditch #5 continues to be a problem as well. All of these problems need to be addressed. Following the Commissioner's Report, a motion was made by Gary Wilson, and seconded by George Carter, to accept the Commissioner's Report. All present voted in the affirmative.

Following the Commissioner's Report, Mr. Sim informed those present that these problems must be resolved so that the water is accurately accounted for by the commissioner. There have been problems on some of the ditches since the distribution system was organized in 1983. It is time that all of these problems were addressed. If the water users do not feel that obtaining an accurate record is important then the Distribution System could be dissolved. At the present time, the most accurate measurements are taken at the mesa diversions.

After this brief discussion, those present felt that the corrections should be made during 1997, and in place by the 1998 irrigation season. Mr. Sim indicated that he would contact the various water users about the Division's concerns and the needed repairs.

The next item of business was the preparation of the budget for 1997. A motion was made by Gary Wilson to continue to pay the commissioner on a contractual basis at a rate of \$3000.00, which reflects a small raise. The assessment is to be set at \$3850.00. The motion was seconded by George Carter. The motion passed. Following a brief discussion, the following budget was prepared:

Contractual Services	\$3000.00
Travel Expenses	\$1500.00
Bonding	\$100.00
Annual Report	\$100.00
Miscellaneous	\$50.00
Total	\$4750.00

Mr. Sim directed the discussion towards the recommendation of a commissioner for 1997. Mr. Wilson 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 1997. A motion was made by Gary Wilson, and seconded by Doug Farnsworth to reappoint the same committee that served in 1996, with the exception that George Carter replace Will Petty. All present voted in the affirmative. The committee is as follows:

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

It was noted that current Snotel information indicates a snow water equivalent of 82% at the LaSal Mountain site. It is expected that 1997 will be a good water year.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Those present at the meeting included the following:

Lee Sim	Division of Water Rights - SLC
Gertrudys Adkins	Division of Water Rights - SLC
John Larsen	Division of Water Rights - SLC
Mark Page	Division of Water Rights - Price
Robert M. Byrnes	Mill Creek Commissioner
Doug Farnsworth	South Mesa
George Carter	Moab Irrigation Company
Gary Wilson	Grand Cy. Water Conservancy District

NOTE: Because of the poor water use record collected in 1996, the Division of Water Rights has made the decision to make the assessments for 1997 based on an average delivery for the past 5 years.