

MILL CREEK DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

ANNUAL WATER USER'S MEETING

MARCH 27, 1991

The annual meeting of the Mill Creek Distribution System was called to order at 2:05 p.m. by Mr. Lee Sim, Director of Distribution for the Division of Water Rights.

Mr. Sim asked Mark Page to read the minutes from the 1990 meeting. There were no corrections or additions to be made. Venice Denny made a motion to accept the minutes as read. A second to the motion was given by Steven Olschewski. The vote was unanimous.

The next item of business was a review of the financial statement. Mr. Sim noted that as of January 1, 1990, there was \$4557.29 in the trust account. Total receipts were \$5828.27 which included \$308.98 interest, plus some delinquent assessments. Total expenditures for the year were \$8926.10 which included two years salary and travel reimbursement for the commissioner. As of February 4, 1991, there was a balance of \$1459.46 in the trust account. There remains a delinquent account in the amount of \$507.20. It was noted that this particular diversion has been locked and will remain so until the account is brought up to date. Gary Wilson made a motion to accept the financial statement and read. The motion was seconded by Steven Olschewski. All present voted in the affirmative.

Mr. Sim asked Commissioner Robert Byrnes to give a brief review of the 1990 water year. Mr. Byrnes indicated that it was a dry year. The only water diverted was under the first priority right on the Creek. He also indicated that make-up water was pumped to the Moab Irrigation Company by the Conservancy District from four area wells. Mr. Doug Farnsworth questioned Mr. Byrnes' note concerning the water stored in the small reservoirs on South Mesa. He indicated that the water was from storm events, and not from diverted water. A second question was raised by Mr. Olschewski concerning the time of measurement with respect to the Moab Irrigation Company deliveries. It was noted that the difference appears to occur when the City water tank overflows into Mill Creek. This is not a constant supply for which the Company receives credit for diverting. Possible ~~situations~~ <sup>situations</sup> included a morning and an evening reading, and use an average of the two, or taking one reading after the overflow has stopped. It was agreed that this matter would be addressed as soon as possible. Following these discussions, a motion was made by D.L. Taylor, and seconded by Gary Wilson to accept the Commissioner's Report.

The preparation of a budget for 1991 was the next item of business. After a brief discussion and allowing for some changes required by the Department of Finance, the following budget was prepared:

Salary (May 1-Oct. 31)	\$2502.00
Social Security	\$191.00
Workmens Comp/Disability Ins.	\$30.00
Travel Expense	\$1400.00
Bonding	\$100.00
Annual Report	\$100.00
Miscellaneous	\$50.00
Total	\$4373.00

A motion was made by D.L. Taylor to accept the budget as prepared, and set the assessment at \$4400.00 for 1991. A second was given by Dale Pierson. All present voted in the affirmative.

The appointment of a commissioner was the next item of business discussed by the group. Doug Farnsworth made a motion that the position be advertised, and the applicants interviewed. The motion was seconded by Steven Olschewski. Two voted in favor of the motion, three voted against, and one abstained. Mr. Sim indicated that the preferred method to accomplish this matter was to have nominations made at this meeting, and the group respond to the nominees. Gary Wilson nominated Robert Byrnes to fill the position. After some discussion, Steven Olschewski seconded the nomination. All present voted in the affirmative, with the exception of Doug Farnsworth. Mr. Byrnes will be recommended to the State Engineer for reappointment.

The appointment of a committee was the next item of business to be discussed. After a brief discussion, the following were proposed:

Steven Olschewski	Moab Irrigation Company
Dale Pierson	Grand County Water Conservancy District
Doug Farnsworth	Mesa Users

A motion was made by D.L. Taylor to accept these men as the committee for 1991. A second was made by Steven Olschewski. All present voted in the affirmative.

A brief discussion followed concerning the present snowpack. As of March 25, 1991, the Upper LaSal Mountain Snotel station was recording 82% of average. The March 1 stream forecast also indicated an 82% stream flow in Mill Creek for the April 1-July 1 period. It is anticipated that a better supply will be available, however, it is expected that the available supply will not meet the needs of the water users.

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With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Those present included:

Dale Pierson	Grand County Water Conservancy District
Venice Denny	Moab Irrigation Company
Doug Farnsworth	Mesa User
Steven Olschewski	Moab Irrigation Company
Bob Byrnes	Mill Creek Commissioner
Mark Page	Division of Water Rights - Price
Lee Sim	Division of Water Rights - SLC
John Larsen	Division of Water Rights - SLC
Gary Wilson	Grand County Water Conservancy District
D.L. Taylor	Grand County Water Conservancy District