

## 2010 POT CREEK DISTRIBUTION MEETING

The annual meeting of the Pot Creek Distribution System was held Thursday, March 11, 2010, in the South Conference Room of the State and County Building in Vernal, Utah. The meeting convened at 1:10 p.m., conducted by Lee Sim of the Utah Division of Water Rights.

Lee Sim called the meeting to order. Robert Leake read the minutes from the 2009 Annual Distribution Meeting. Max Searle made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Burke Buckalew seconded his motion. The motion passed.

The 2009 Commissioner's report was read by Andrew Dutson on behalf of Michael McCarrell who was not present at the meeting. A discussion was held regarding the storage levels of the Diamond Mountain Reservoirs and water releases. A motion to accept the report was made by Ed Johnson and seconded by Max Searle. The motion passed.

A discussion was held regarding the selection and appointment of a new river commissioner. A few permanent and interim candidates were discussed. Discussions were held regarding the compensation and work requirements of the new commissioner. It was decided to discuss the budget after a new river commissioner had been selected. A tentative interview date was set and the possibility of a second distribution meeting was discussed.

A discussion was held regarding the measurement of water on Pot Creek. The proposed weir above Calder Reservoir was discussed. A tentative date for the construction of the weir was set for August 10<sup>th</sup>. Details of the project were discussed.

Gail Rasmussen came to the meeting and was asked whether he would be interested in the vacant job as river commissioner. Gail stated that he would be interested in the job. A motion was made by Max Searle to approve the selection of Gail Rasmussen as the new Pot Creek River Commissioner. Burke Buckalew seconded the motion. The motion passed.

A discussion was held regarding Offield Reservoir's first and second water rights.

A discussion was held regarding a letter from the Colorado State Engineer's Office to the Utah State Engineer's Office. The letter discussed the Pot Creek Memorandum of Understanding between the two States and a telemetry system above Matt Warner Reservoir. A decision was made to pursue the use of a State of Colorado telemetry system. A tentative installation date of August 11<sup>th</sup> was set for the telemetry system.

Lee presented the 2009 Financial Report and budget expenditures. The beginning balance for 2009 was \$7,263.36; total receipts for the year were \$3,633.55 and expenditures were \$1,814.70. The balance to start 2010 is \$9,082.21.

In reviewing the budget for 2009, the \$900.00 travel expense and \$1,300.00 miscellaneous expense line items were not used. Only \$1,814.70 of the budgeted amount of \$4,022.00 was

expended in 2009 leaving a balance of \$2,207.30. There were no delinquent accounts. A brief discussion regarding the budget was held. Ed Johnson made a motion to accept the Financial Report as read and Gail Rasmussen seconded. The motion passed.

Items for the 2010 budget were discussed. It was decided to keep the salary and travel expenses the same. The miscellaneous expense line item was increased from \$1,300.00 to \$5,000.00 to cover the cost of the telemetry system above Matt Warner and the weir installation above Calder Reservoir. The State Engineer Assessment was increased from \$130.00 to \$150.00. The 2010 budget was set at total of \$7,739.00. A motion to accept the budget was made by Ed Johnson and seconded by Max Searle. The motion passed.

A discussion regarding the system assessment was held. It was decided to keep the system assessment at \$3,600.00. A motion to accept the assessment was made by Ed Johnson and seconded by Gail Rasmussen. The motion passed.

Lee Sim advised that directors for last year were Gale Rasmussen (for Utah), Ed Johnson (for Wildlife Resources) and Burke Buckalew (for Colorado). Gail Rasmussen could no longer be on the committee as he is now the river commissioner. Max Rasmussen volunteered himself for the Utah director position. A motion was made to keep Ed Johnson as a director for Wildlife Resources and Burke Buckalew as a director for the Colorado water users and to nominate Max Rasmussen for the Utah water users. The motion was seconded and passed.

The meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

The following people attended the meeting:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Representing</u>
Erin Light	Colorado DWR
Kathy Bower	Colorado DWR
Jean Ray	Colorado DWR
Roberta Hume	Colorado DWR
Lee Sim	Utah Division of Water Rights - SLC
Ben Anderson	Utah Division of Water Rights - SLC
Robert Leake	Utah Division of Water Rights - Vernal
Andrew Dutson	Utah Division of Water Rights - Vernal
Ed Johnson	Wildlife Resources - Vernal
Max Searle	Utah Water User
Burke Buckalew	Colorado Water User / Hoy Mountain Ranch
David Barton	Colorado Water User / Offield Reservoir
Gale Rasmussen	Utah Water User / Pot Creek Commissioner
Max Rasmussen	Utah Water User