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1998 POT CREEK DISTRIBUTION MEETING

The meeting convened at 11:10 a.m. on January 28, 1998, and was conducted by Lee Sim of the State of Utah Division of Water Rights.

The following people were in attendance at the meeting:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Representing</u>
Lee Sim	Utah Division of Water Rights - SLC
John Larsen	Utah Division of Water Rights - SLC
Robert W. Leake	Utah Division of Water Rights
Billie White	Utah Division of Water Rights
Ralph Johnson	Utah Division of Water Rights
Lorin Sperry	Utah Division of Wildlife Resources
Walt Donaldson	Utah Division of Wildlife Resources
Chad W. Crosby	Utah Division of Wildlife Resources
Ed Johnson	Utah Division of Wildlife Resources
Edward Blank	Colorado Division of Water Resources
Jack Leonard	Colorado Water Commissioner
Gary and Pat Sutton	Colorado Water User
Dave Karren	Karren Bros. - Colorado Water User
Michael L. McCarrell	Pot Creek Water Commissioner
Max Rasmussen	Utah Water User
Don Walker	Utah Water User
Milt Searle	Utah Water User
Paul McCoy	Utah Water User
Lane Clabough	Bennion Land & Livestock
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Lee Sim called the meeting to order and asked Bob Leake to read the minutes from the 1997 Annual Distribution Meeting. Max Rasmussen made a motion that the minutes be approved as read and Milt Searle seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Lee Sim presented the 1997 Financial Report. The balance to start 1997 is \$4,471.49 and there are no delinquent accounts. Dave Karren moved that the Financial Report be approved as presented and Milt Searle seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Mike McCarrell read his Commissioner's Report. Don Walker moved that the report be accepted as read and Gale Rasmussen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

In reviewing the budget for 1998, Lee noted that Mike McCarrell had not submitted travel expense for 1997. The 1996 travel was late being submitted and was, therefore, shown on the 1997 Financial Report. Mike stated that he had not intended to submit one for 1997.

Lee stated that the system had quite a reserve and that possibly the assessments could be reduced for 1998. It was also suggested that the \$500.00 equipment expense be carried forward in case there was a need for it. The bonding expense will remain at \$100.00 for another year and \$54.00 will be transferred to the Division of Water Rights for copy expenses from the miscellaneous expense account. Walt Donaldson made a motion that the 1998 Budget remain at \$3,350.00, but that the assessments be reduced to \$2,100.00 to be assessed in the same proportion as previous years. Max Rasmussen seconded the motion and motion passed.

Paul McCoy made a motion that Mike McCarrell be retained as water commissioner for another year if he will accept. Mike said he would accept. Motion was seconded by Max Rasmussen. The motion passed unanimously by the Utah Water Users and the Colorado Water Users.

John Larsen asked Mike McCarrell if he planned to attend the training seminar in Salt Lake City in February. Mike stated that it was a busy time of year for him, but that he would attend if possible.

Lee advised the group that they should vote on directors for 1997. He said that the present directors are Walt Donaldson representing DWR, Dave Karren representing the Colorado Users and Max Rasmussen representing Utah Water Users. Paul McCoy made a motion which was seconded by Milt Searle, that these same directors be retained for another year. Motion passed.

Mike stated that he would appreciate knowing when his duties were actually supposed to start as he has actually been starting the end of April to deliver storage water to Offield before May 1.

Lee stated that there is now a new policy, in that the Commissioner's will be paid on a year-round basis as they must be covered by Workmen's Compensation. The question arose as to whose responsibility it will be if Division of Wildlife Resources wants to transfer water to other reservoirs during the "off" season. Max made a motion that, in case DWR did move the water, to let Mike know, and also, that Mike should have the discretion to start when necessary as dictated by the water year. Milt Searle seconded the motion and motion carried.

Lee also advised the group that the Commissioner's appointment now begins the date of the Distribution Meeting, whereas, in the past it has been April 1.

Chad Crosby stated that he felt that each headgate on Matt Warner, Calder and Crouse should be secured, otherwise anyone could open or close them at will. Bob Leake stated that Mike McCarrell had put his own locks on the headgates and all of them had disappeared. It was suggested that possibly two locks could be put on them; one for DWR and one for Mike. Paul McCoy made the motion that the problem be solved by the Board of Directors. Milt Searle seconded the motion and motion passed.

Max Rasmussen made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Milt Searle seconded the motion and meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.