

1997 POT CREEK DISTRIBUTION MEETING

The meeting convened at 11:10 a.m. on January 29, 1997, 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
Gertrudys B. Adkins	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
Sally Lewis	Colorado 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
Jana Walker (for Don Walker)	Utah Water User
Milt Searle	Utah Water User
Paul McCoy	Utah Water User

Lee Sim called the meeting to order and asked Bob Leake to read the minutes from the 1996 Annual Distribution Meeting. Walt Donaldson made a motion that the minutes, as corrected, be accepted and Dave Karren seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Lee Sim presented the 1996 Financial Report. The balance to start 1997 is \$4,186.14. Lee noted that, although Mike McCarrell's travel expense exceeded the amount budgeted by \$73.00, the bonding expense had not been used. Sally Lewis queried why the bonding expense wasn't used and Lee explained that Mike has never been bonded and there was actually no need for it, but that it was still included in the budget every year. Milt Searle moved that the Financial Report, as presented, be approved and Max Rasmussen seconded the motion. Motion passed. Mike McCarrell read the Commissioner's Report. Milt Searle moved that the report be accepted as read and Max Rasmussen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the Colorado and Utah water rights and why the Division of Water Rights measured Offield Reservoir. Bob Leake explained that they needed to determine if there was still a portion to be filled and to make sure that the 64 acre feet was delivered. Mike explained that he has been delivering the storage water to Colorado while the streambed was still wet from winter. This way it doesn't waste water. This usually begins around April 25 or as soon as Matt Warner is accessible. Then, when available, he delivers the 6-1/2 cfs direct flow water to Colorado. He explained that, rather than gradually cutting the flows back till they don't reach Colorado, he sends a full stream of 6-1/2 cfs until the flows into Matt Warner recede to about 9 cfs. At that time, he cuts off the flow to Colorado. This is based on the assumption that the excess flows delivered while the stream is dropping to 9 cfs roughly equals the amount of water that would be delivered as the flows recede from 9 cfs till they would fail to reach Colorado. There was also considerable discussion regarding Wildlife Resources flow right and 600 acre ft. storage right in Crouse. Lee suggested that the individuals wishing to discuss it further, could get together after the meeting.

Dave Karren 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 Milt Searle. The motion passed unanimously by the Utah Water Users and the Colorado Water Users.

In reviewing the budget for 1997, Mike advised that the Parshall Flume at Matt Warner that had washed out from high flows, had not been fixed. Mike stated that measuring device is leaking and needs to be raised. He said that he had fixed it temporarily using a shovel. It was noted that \$500 was budgeted (under equipment expense) in 1996 for this purpose and could be carried forward. Lee Sim advised the group that a training seminar on water flows and measurements, etc. would be held February 10 and 11, 1997, in Salt Lake City and suggested that that Mike McCarrell attend. The miscellaneous expense can be used to pay his lodging and transportation to attend the seminar. It was noted that the miscellaneous expense was to cover items such as staff gauges, and costs involved in typing and copying the Commissioner's Report each year. Mike commented that the report was done in the Water Rights office and Lee stated that Water Rights office should be reimbursed for copy expenses. and that a statement of the number of copies made should be submitted to the distribution system for payment. Lee Sim also suggested that the travel expense be increased to \$900.00 because the 1996 travel expense exceeded the amount budgeted for 1996 by \$73.00. Walt Donaldson made a motion that the budget of \$3,350 be approved. Paul McCoy seconded the motion and motion carried.

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. Milt Searle made a motion which was seconded by Paul McCoy, that these same directors be retained for another year. Motion passed.

Milt Searle made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Paul McCoy seconded the motion and meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.