

1992 POT CREEK DISTRIBUTION MEETING

The meeting was convened at 11:05 a.m. on February 6, 1992, 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
Bob Leake	Utah Division of Water Rights
Ralph Johnson	Utah Division of Water Rights
Billie White	Utah Division of Water Rights
Blaine Thomsen	Utah Division of Water Rights - SLC
Lorin N. Sperry	Utah Division of Wildlife Res.- SLC
Walt Donaldson	Utah Division of Wildlife Resources
Eric Larsen	Utah Division of Wildlife Resources
Ed Johnson	Utah Division of Wildlife Resources
Chad W. Crosby	Wildlife Resources - Utah Water User
F. Neil Folks	Wildlife Resources - Utah Water User
Ed Blank	Colorado Div. of Water Resources
Sally Lewis	Colorado Div. of Water Resources
Jack Leonard	Colorado Water Commissioner
Gary Sutton	Colorado Water User
Corinne Pease	Colorado Water User
Duane Karren	Karren Brothers
Dave Karren	Karren Bros. - Colorado Water User
Michael L. McCarrell	Pot Creek Water Commissioner
Alvin Kay	Utah Water User
Udell Gardiner	Utah Water User
Don Walker	Utah Water User
Max Rasmussen	Utah Water User

Lee Sim introduced himself, Bob Leake and Ed Blank and asked Bob Leake to read the minutes from the 1991 meeting. Alvin Kay made a motion that the minutes be accepted as read and Max Rasmussen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The subject of voting rights during the meeting was brought up. Lee Sim stated that according to the policy that there would be one vote for one water user and that Utah Wildlife Resources would have two votes. Walt Donaldson and Gary Sutton asked whose decision this was. Lee stated that the decision had been made by Bob Leake and himself. Gary Sutton said that Wildlife Resources should have only one vote. Lee Sim explained the reason for the decision was because Wildlife Resources has two separate uses - one for Fisheries and one for the Brown's Park Waterfowl Management Area. Although there was some disagreement with the decision, Lee Sim stated that we would go ahead with it this year.

It was determined that the following people in attendance would have voting rights:

UTAH

Udell Gardiner (Water User)  
Don Walker (Water User)  
Mike McCarrell (Water User)  
Max Rasmussen (Water User)  
Alvin Kay (Water User)  
Chad Crosby (Wildlife-Fisheries)  
Neil Folks (Wildlife-Waterfowl)

COLORADO

Corinne Pease  
Gary Sutton  
Dave Karren

(Mike McCarrell abstained from voting)

Lee Sim presented the 1991 Financial Report which revealed that the \$272.92 paid out by the Distribution System in 1989 for a diver to repair Crouse Reservoir was refunded to the System by Wildlife Resources. Udell Gardiner made a motion to accept the Financial Statement as presented and Chad Crosby seconded the motion. Motion passed. Walt Donaldson of Wildlife Resources advised that a Parshall Flume had been installed below Calder Reservoir in 1991 at a cost of \$1,219.00 (24" Flume \$919.00 and \$300.00 labor) and contracted engineering services on Crouse Reservoir Dam including cost of Change Applications, etc., totaled \$49,028.26. He requested that this information be made a part of the minutes as a matter of record.

Mike McCarrell read the Commissioner's Report. He also stated that he would appreciate it if water users calling for their water would put it in writing the date they want it turned to them and how long they want it. Mike also mentioned that hunters had built a makeshift culvert across Crouse Creek in Marshall Draw and that when water comes down this spring, it will likely wash it out or plug up the creek. He said he intends to do further investigation on it and Bob Leake advised Mike that the people should have a Stream Channel Alteration Permit before installing a culvert. Alvin Kay moved that the report be accepted as read and Udell Gardiner seconded the motion. Motion carried. Mike was commended for the good job he did for being his first year as commissioner.

Chad Crosby asked Mike McCarrell if he knew how much water is in Offield Reservoir. Mike said that to his knowledge, the water was never up to the spillway in 1991. Dave Karren stated that it is low at the present time. Ed Blank was asked if he knew the capacity of Offield Reservoir. Ed stated that he did not know but would look into it and see to it that a measuring device is installed.

Lee Sim advised the group that a Budget needed to be set for 1992. He said that the "Bonding" of the Commissioner was never set up and that there has been a request that this be eliminated from requirements. Last year's budget was set up by the Utah and Colorado State Engineers because of the change in Commissioners and the budgeting system. Udell Gardiner made a motion that the budget be set the same as 1991 and leave the assessments same. Max Rasmussen seconded the motion and motion passed.

Mike McCarrell suggested that the Brown's Park splitter needed cleaned out and some work done on it. Neil Folks said that he could take care of it with his backhoe. Mike also mentioned that there should be some security devices on the valves at Matt Warner and Calder Reservoirs because the way they are now, anyone can turn them off or on. Lee Sim suggested that possibly Wildlife Resources and the Commissioner can work something out in this regard.

Lee Sim said that the group needed to vote on a Commissioner for 1992. He advised that Utah Water Users could make a recommendation and that Colorado has the right to accept or reject the recommendation. Udell Gardiner nominated Mike McCarrell for the position and stated that he had done a good job and that it takes more than one year to really get to know the responsibilities. Chad Crosby recommended Brent Sheffer for the position because he works part time for Wildlife Resources and his responsibility is to spend his time working at the Diamond Mountain lakes. Chad felt that if Brent was going to be there anyway, it would benefit everyone concerned. A vote was then taken and Utah voted 3 to 2 in favor of Mike McCarrell and Gary Sutton made the motion that Colorado Water Users accept Mike McCarrell. Dave Karren seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Lee Sim stated that the current Directors are Max Rasmussen, George Miller and Gary Sutton and that these people needed to be reinstated or new ones needed to be appointed. Gary Sutton said that they should be abandoned because they didn't meet at any time during 1991. Bob Leake explained that this is possible but that if the System needed to dip into the reserve or other emergency situations occurred, the Directors are needed to make the decisions. Walt Donaldson said that someone from Wildlife Resources should always be one of the Directors. Udell Gardiner moved that Walt Donaldson, Max Rasmussen and Dave Karren be the three Directors and that would account for one from Wildlife Resources, a Utah Water User and a Colorado Water User. Corinne Pease seconded the motion and motion passed.

Chad Crosby was concerned that there could be a potential summer kill of fish in one of the lakes. Bob Leake advised him that he could let the water out from Matt Warner to Calder and then let the Commissioner know as soon as possible so he could check the water below and make sure it doesn't go out on someone's property or fields.

Meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.