

1990 POT CREEK DISTRIBUTION MEETING

The meeting was convened at 1:10 p.m. on February 14, 1990 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>
Jack Leonard	Colo. Water Commissioner
Ed Blank	Colo. Water Resources
Sally Lewis	Colo. Water Res. Dam Safety
Chad W. Crosby	Water Commissioner
Dave Karren	Karren Bros. (Landowner)
Joe Hacking	Joe Calder (Landowner)
Wm. Karren	Landowner
Ralph O. Walker	Landowner
Milton H. Searle	Landowner
Paul W. McCoy	C.W. McCoy Sheep Co.
Max Rasmussen	Landowner
Lee Sim	Division of Water Rights
Bob Leake	Division of Water Rights
Bill Martin	Landowner
John Larsen	Division of Water Rights
John Wood	Division of Water Rights
Udell Gardiner	Jan Gardiner (Landowner)
Alvin Kay	Landowner

Minutes from the 1989 Pot Creek Distribution meeting were read by Bob Leake. Dave Karren made a motion to accept the minutes as read and a second was given by Ralph Walker. The motion carried.

The financial report was read by Lee Sim. Joe Hacking made a motion to accept the financial report as read. A second was made by Dave Karren and the motion carried.

Chad Crosby presented the Commissioner's report for 1989. The issue of stockmen taking water from the lakes by truck to supply their cattle with water was discussed. Milt Searle stated that people should have a right to use Division of Wildlife (DWR) water to supply water to their cattle because deer and elk drink water from the their stock ponds. Joe Hacking asked if there are any automatic gauging stations on Pot Creek. Chad Crosby stated that there are three; one above Matt Warner Reservoir, one at the splitter, and another at the State Line. Joe then asked Chad how he determines how much water has gone into the reservoirs. Chad said that he uses USGS information. Joe then asked if DWR releases 1,000 ac-ft of water, does it come off the total that

DWR is entitled to. Chad stated that it depends on which reservoir the water is released from. Ed Blank thanked Chad for turning out water from the reservoirs for Colorado, but wanted to know why water was not delivered to Miles Ditch. Chad stated that Miles Ditch has a direct flow right from May 1 to the end of flow and that all the flow was gone by April 1. The first 5 cfs goes to Browns Park and there was never more than 5 cfs. Ed Blank also asked why 20 ac-ft was not delivered to Dry Lake. Chad stated that he was not aware that the water should have gone to Dry Lake and that we need clarification on what water goes to the two Colorado lakes. Bill Martin then asked about water not released downstream in the winter to fill Offield Reservoir, but kept to fill DWR water rights. Chad stated that it would be released when it was called for by the Colorado user's. Udell Gardiner made a motion to accept the Water Commissioner's report and Bill Martin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Lee Sim presented the financial report and budget for 1990. It was pointed out that all of Chad's 1989 expenses had not been submitted and that he needs to turn in a voucher for these expenses. Ed Blank wanted to know how much Chad's voucher would be. A request was made that the State Engineer's office send a revised report after Chad Crosby has sent in a voucher for his final expenses.

Max Rasmussen stated that before a budget could be set that a river commissioner needed to be recommended. Dave Karren nominated Joe Hacking for the position of river commissioner. Joe declined stating that he needed to know more about the system before he could accept the position. It was then noted that the committee appointed to investigate the advantages and disadvantages of having an independent commissioner never met. Udell Gardiner stated that it will cost two to three times what it does now to have an independent commissioner. Max Rasmussen nominated Chad Crosby for the position of River Commissioner. Chad said that he would accept the position. Udell Gardiner seconded the motion and the motion carried.

A question was raised concerning why the payment of a diver to fix Crouse Reservoir was paid by the Pot Creek system. Chad said that he did not know. Max Rasmussen stated that the cost should be repaid by DWR. Milt Searle made a motion to accept the financial report, keep the budget at \$1500, and keep the assessments the same. Max Rasmussen seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The discussion turned the problem of stockwatering on the mountain. Ralph Walker stated that Chad should not hold to the rules because stock need water just like fish and elk. Paul McCoy stated that it is hard on Chad because whose water does he give away? Bob Leake stated that Chad does not own any of the water and that the water would have to be taken from someone with water. Joe Hacking stated that DWR should be neighborly and share some water. Joe Hacking made a motion to have Chad talk to DWR about making 2 ac-ft of water available for stockwatering. The motion was seconded by Paul McCoy and the motion carried.

Bill Martin made a motion to retain Max Rasmussen, George Miller, and Gary Sutton as directors for the Pot Creek Distribution System. Dave Karren seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Paul McCoy asked Chad what the status of Crouse Reservoir is. Chad stated that DWR is not planning on replacing the dam at this time.