

PRICE RIVER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM ANNUAL MEETING

MARCH 5, 2002

The annual meeting of the Price River Distribution System was called to order at 1:38 p.m. by Chairman Lyle Bryner. Mr. Bryner asked Casey Ford to read the minutes from the 2001 annual meeting. Following the reading of the minutes, there were no corrections or additions to be made. A motion was made by Gary Sontag, and seconded by Walter Borla, to accept the minutes as read. The motion passed.

The 2001 Financial Statement was read by Mr. Lee Sim. As of January 1, 2001, there was \$16,503.20 in the Trust Account. Receipts during 2001 included \$17,918.87 in regular assessments, \$583.31 in interest, and \$2.00 in delinquent penalties, for a total of \$18,504.18. Expenditures for the year totaled \$19,363.20, which included an over expenditure for travel in the amount of \$30.40. Funds remaining in the Trust Account as of December 31, 2001 were \$15,644.18. There were two delinquent accounts totaling \$117.95. Mr. Sim also presented the new procedure regarding delinquent assessment payments. The Division of Water Rights will send a letter out requesting payment of the account after two years of delinquency. If after two weeks the account is not paid a Cease and Desist letter will be sent to the delinquent water user, the river commissioner will be instructed to lock the head gate to the delinquent account, and a memo will be placed on the water right file. A motion was made by Walter Borla, and seconded by Verdis Barker, to accept the Financial Statement. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Bryner asked Commissioner Bob Davis to give a report on his activities during 2001. He indicated that a total of 60,779.44 acre-feet of water was diverted during 2001. Direct flow accounted for 36,994.12 acre-feet, and 23,656.82 acre-feet was diverted from the reservoir. Irrigation users diverted 30,692.00 acre-feet of direct flow, and 21,634.00 acre-feet of reservoir water. Municipal and industrial users diverted 6,302.12 acre-feet and 2,022.82 acre-feet of direct flow and reservoir water, respectively. A total of 128.50 acre-feet of water was pumped from Colton Well #1.

Mr. Davis indicated that the peak storage in Scofield Reservoir occurred May 21, 2001 at 47,763.00 acre-feet. The low volume occurred on October 28, 2001 at 21,929.00 acre-feet. At the present time there is 28,020.00 acre-feet of water in Scofield Reservoir, compared to 29,587.00 acre-feet on this same time in 2001.

The March 1, 2002 NRCS forecasted inflow to Scofield Reservoir which was available prior to the preparation of these minutes, indicates an inflow of 24,000.00 acre-feet of water, which is 52% of average. This is assuming average precipitation through July 1, 2002. Snotel data indicates that current snowpack is 55% of average at the Mammoth-Cottonwood site, 52% on White River #1, and 44% on the Indian Canyon course. Mr. Davis thanked the water users for their support.

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Following the report, Tom Bruno made a motion to accept the Commissioner's Report. The motion was seconded by Phillip Palmer. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Bryner indicated that the next item of business was the preparation of the budget for 2002. Mr. Lee Sim announced that the Division of Water Rights would add an item to future budgets to help defray its expenses in accounting for and administering the funds to pay the Commissioner's salary and the Distribution System expenses. This additional item is in response to the current state budget shortfall, and the budget cuts imposed on the Division. The calculated expense of this item to the Division is equal to 7.5% of the total budgets for all the distribution systems in the state. The implementation of the State Engineer's assessment will begin in 2002 and will take place over a period of three years. The assessment for the first year will be 2.5%, the assessment for the second year will be 5.0%, and the assessment for the third and succeeding years will be 7.5%. Mr. Sim stated that this item will be evaluated at the end of the fiscal year, in June, and will only be applied if the budget of the Division is in the red.

There was some discussion about raising the salary for the commissioner. A motion was made by Ray Prettyman, and seconded by Scott Mathis to keep the salary the same. Walter Borla made a motion to raise the travel expense to \$4,000.00. Rex Sacco seconded and the motion passed. A motion to increase the insurance expense to \$3,400.00 was made by Walter Borla, and seconded by Boyd Marsing. The vote passed. After this brief discussion, the following budget for 2001 was proposed:

Commissioner's Salary	\$10,328.00
Social Security	790.00
Retirement	1,594.00
Travel Expense	4,000.00
Insurance	3,400.00
Office Expense	120.00
Telephone Expense	50.00
Annual Report	300.00
Equipment Expense	300.00
Miscellaneous Expense	200.00
Assessment Costs	498.00
Total	\$21,580.00

Verdis Barker made a motion to accept the budget as proposed, and set the assessment at \$18,000.00. Boyd Marsing seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

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Chairman Bryner directed the discussion towards a review of the Commissioner's job performance for 2001. A request was made for the Commissioner's cell phone number, and the number was given out. Other comments indicated that Robert Davis was doing a fine job.

Chairman Bryner indicated that a committee should be appointed to serve during 2002, and that with Jack Chiaretta's resignation, the fourth position on the board would need to be filled. Boyd Marsing nominated Tom Bruno, and Richard Lee seconded. A vote confirmed Mr. Bruno's appointment. A motion was then made by Darce Guymon to reappoint the remaining committee members that served in 2001. The motion was seconded by Boyd Marsing. All present voted in the affirmative. The committee members are as follows:

Lyle Bryner	Chairman
Harold Cunningham	Vice Chairman/Industrial Representative
Gary Sonntag	Municipal Representative
Tom Bruno	Water Users

In other business, Casey Ford reported that water released in the fall from Scofield Reservoir (Change and Exchange Application water based on PRWUA shares) will be delivered to the canals based on their portion of the Morse #1 Decreed flows.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:42 p.m.

Those present included the following:

Phillip P. Palmer	PRWID
Richard Lee	Carbon Water Conservancy District
Boyd Marsing	Price River Water Users
Robert Davis	Price River Commissioner
Dale J. Wilson	Stowell Ditch
Lyle Bryner	Price River Water User's Association
Ray Prettyman	Gordon Creek
Rex Sacco	StowellDitch/Gay Ditch
Wayne Brown	Spring Glen Canal Company
Gary Sonntag	Price City
Walter Borla	Bryner-Hansen Ditch Company
Gertrudys Adkins	Division of Water Rights - SLC
Lee Sim	Division of Water Rights - SLC

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Casey Ford
Harold Cunningham
Darce Guymon
Verdis Barker
George Cook
Keith Grogan
Dale Mathis
Sam White
Tom Bruno
Kevin Cotner
Nick Sampinos
Richard C. Borrell
Jerald Pollock
Scott Mathis

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Wellington Canal Company
Price River Water Users
Pioneer Ditch #1
Pioneer Ditch #2
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