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WATER RIGHTS
SALT LAKE**PRICE RIVER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM ANNUAL MEETING****MARCH 3, 1999**

The annual meeting of the Price River Distribution System was called to order at 1:40 p.m. by Chairman Lyle Bryner. He asked Mark Page to read the minutes from the 1998 annual meeting. Following the reading of the minutes, there were no corrections or additions to be made. A motion was made by Walter Borla, and seconded by Gary Sonntag, to accept the minutes as read. The motion passed.

The 1998 Financial Statement was read by Lee Sim, Assistant State Engineer over Distribution. As of January 1, 1998, there was \$12,094.17 in the Trust Account. Receipts during 1998 included \$17,706.15 in regular assessments, \$33.17 in delinquent penalties, and \$782.30 in interest, for a total of \$18,521.62. Expenditures for the year totaled \$17,110.32, which included over expenditures in the social security, and retirement accounts in the amount of \$5.42. Funds remaining in the Trust Account as of December 31, 1998 were \$13,505.47. A motion was made by Tom Bruno, and seconded by Vern Jones, to accept the Financial Statement. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Bryner asked Commissioner Bob Davis to give a report on his activities during 1998. He indicated that a total of 81,067.40 acre-feet of water was diverted during 1998. Direct flow accounted for 58,597.80 acre-feet, and 22,445.50 acre-feet was diverted from the reservoir. Irrigation users diverted 48,844.20 acre-feet of direct flow, and 19,968.80 acre-feet of reservoir water. Municipal and industrial users diverted 9777.70 acre-feet and 2476.70 acre-feet of direct flow and reservoir water, respectively. Twenty-four acre-feet of water was pumped from Colton Well #1.

Mr. Davis indicated that the peak storage in Scofield Reservoir occurred June 17, 1998 at 70,719.00 acre-feet, and the reservoir spilled until July 15. The low volume occurred on October 30, 1998 at 40,738.00 acre-feet. At the present time there is 44,461.00 acre-feet of water in Scofield Reservoir, compared to 45,723.00 acre-feet on this same date in 1998.

The February 1, 1999 NRCS forecasted inflow to Scofield Reservoir is 30,000.00 acre-feet of water, which is 68% of average. This is assuming average precipitation through July 1, 1999. Mr. Davis asked that the individual ditch riders contact him 24 hours prior to making any adjustments to their headgates. This allows him to keep the river regulated. He thanked the water users for their support.

Snotel data indicates that current snowpack is 69% of average at the Mammoth-Cottonwood site, 65% on White River #1, and 79% on the Indian Canyon course.

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

Chairman Bryner indicated that the next item of business was the preparation of the budget for 1999. A majority of the water users felt that the Commissioner should be given a 2.5% raise. After a brief discussion, the following budget for 1999 was proposed:

1) Commissioner's Salary	\$10,028.00
2) Social Security	767.00
3) Retirement	1565.00
4) Travel Expense	2250.00
5) Insurance	2485.00
6) Office Expense	120.00
7) Telephone Expense	50.00
8) Annual Report	300.00
9) Equipment Expense	300.00
10) Miscellaneous Expense	200.00
Total	\$18,065.00

Pace Hansen made a motion to accept the budget as proposed, and assess the total budget. Walter Borla seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

The next item of business was the appointment of a Commissioner for 1999. Jack Chiaretta made a motion to recommend to the State Engineer that Robert Davis be retained for another year of service. The motion was seconded by Tom Bruno, and passed by unanimous vote.

Chairman Bryner indicated that a committee should be appointed to serve during 1999. Some discussion followed which resulted in Corky Strong replacing Tim Gwyther, who retired from UP&L, as the industrial representative. A motion was made by Tom Bruno to reappoint the same committee that served in 1998, with the change noted above. The motion was seconded by Frank Saccomanno. All present voted in the affirmative. The committee members are as follows:

Lyle Bryner	Chairman
Jack Chiaretta	Vice Chairman
Corky Strong	Industrial Representative
Gary Sonntag	Municipal Representative

Chairman Bryner made a brief statement to the water users about the Gooseberry Project dispute. He indicated that the matter has a second setting in Federal Court for May 10, 1999. If it is not heard on this date, it will be rescheduled for the same date in 2000.

Mr. Sim told the water users that the Division plans to approach the legislature next year to have the Commissioner's term extended from one year to four years. His performance would be reviewed each year at the annual meeting. Those present gave their support.

Mr. John Larsen, from the Division of Water Rights, indicated to the water users that grant money may be available for systems if they file an application with the Bureau of Reclamation, along with a conservation plan. He will send applications to the Commissioner and the Chairman. If anyone is interested, they can get an application from one of them.

The meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Those present included the following:

Vernon Jones	Price Canal
Gary Sonntag	Price City
Karl Anderson	Carbon Country Club
Ellis Pierce	Carbon Country Club
Harold Cunningham	PacifiCorp
Adolph Bruno	Bryner-Ploutz Ditch
Frank Romano	Bryner-Ploutz Ditch
Phillip Palmer	Price River Water Improvement District
Richard Lee	Carbon Water Conservancy District
Corky Strong	PacifiCorp
Ray Prettyman	Gordon Creek
Pace Hansen	Carbon Cy. Recreation & Transportation Dist.
Walter Borla	Bryner-Hansen Ditch
Gary Taylor	Canyon Fuel Company LLC
Gary Gray	Genwal
Johnny Pappas	Cyprus Plateau Mining
Frank Saccomanno	Spring Glen Canal Company
Ivan Fidell	Stowell Ditch
Tom Bruno	Stowell Ditch
Wayne Brown	Spring Glen Canal
Dale J. Wilson	Stowell Ditch
Lee Sim	Division of Water Rights - SLC
John Larsen	Division of Water Rights - SLC
Mark Page	Division of Water Rights - Price