

PRICE RIVER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM ANNUAL MEETING

FEBRUARY 26, 1997

The annual meeting of the Price River Distribution System was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chairman Lyle Bryner. He asked Mark Page of the Division of Water Rights, to read the minutes from the 1996 annual meeting. Following the reading of the minutes, there were no correction or additions to be made. A motion was made by Frank Saccomanno, and seconded by Dale Wilson to accept the minutes as read. The motion passed.

The 1996 Financial Statement was read by Lee Sim, Assistant State Engineer for Distribution. As of January 1, 1996 there was \$11,448.22 in the trust account. Receipts for 1996 included \$19,004.06 in regular assessments, \$79.16 in delinquent penalties, and \$678.24 in interest, which totalled \$19,761.46. Expenditures for the year totalled \$19,522.35 which included overexpenditures in the salary, retirement, and Health and Life Insurance premiums for the Commissioner. Funds remaining as of December 31, 1996 were \$11,687.33. Mr. Sim indicated that he would determine the reason for the overexpenditure in the Commissioner's salary. A motion was made by Gary Sonntag and seconded by Phil Palmer to accept the Financial Statement. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Bryner asked Commissioner Bob Davis to give a report on his activities during 1996. Mr. Davis stated that the accounts for the Sunnyside, and East Carbon area have been removed from the Price River System. The Grassy Trail Creek Distribution System was established in 1996.

Mr. Davis stated that a total of 75,347.98 acre-feet of water was diverted during 1996. Direct flow accounted for 49,510.70 acre-feet, and 25,047.00 acre-feet was diverted from the reservoir. Irrigation users diverted 44,385.50 acre-feet of direct flow and 22,956.30 acre-feet of reservoir water. Municipal and industrial users diverted 5,125.20 acre-feet and 2801.00 acre-feet of direct flow and reservoir water, respectively. Eighty acre-feet of water was pumped from Colton Well #1 for a total of 8006.18 acre-feet.

Mr. Davis indicated that the peak storage in Scofield Reservoir occurred June 17, 1996 at 43,960 acre-feet, and the low volume occurred on October 22, 1996 at 16,149 acre-feet. At the present time there is 31,554 acre-feet of water in Scofield Reservoir, compared to 23,369 acre-feet on this same date in 1996. A flow of 75 cfs is presently being released from the reservoir in an attempt to make additional space available to store the anticipated peak flows. The February 1, 1997 forecasted inflow to Scofield is 75,000 acre-feet of water, which is 171% of average. This is assuming average precipitation through July 1, 1997.

Snotel data indicates that current snowpack is 178% at the Mammoth-Cottonwood site, 187% on White River #1, and 180% on the Indian Canyon course.

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

Chairman Bryner indicated that the next item of business was the preparation of the budget for 1997. He indicated that the water users would only pay the insurance premiums for the Commissioner, and not his dependents. A motion was made by Phillip Palmer to give the Commissioner a 4% raise. The motion was seconded by Rudy Bruno. The motion passed. The chairman also stated that the Commissioner should pay his own retirement. After a brief discussion, the following budget for 1997 was proposed:

1)	Salary	\$10,028.00
2)	Social Security	767.00
3)	Retirement	1,553.00
4)	Travel Expense	2,000.00
5)	Bonding Expense	50.00
6)	Health & Life Insurance	2,350.00
7)	Office Expense	120.00
8)	Telephone Expense	50.00
9)	Annual Report	300.00
10)	Equipment Expense	300.00
11)	Miscellaneous Expense	200.00
	Total	\$17,718.00

Ben Grimes made a motion to accept the budget as proposed, and assess the total budget. The motion was seconded by Ray Prettyman. The vote passed.

The next item of business was the appointment of a Commissioner for 1997. Ben Grimes made a motion to recommend to the State Engineer that Robert Davis be retained for another year of service. The motion was seconded by Mr. Butcher, and passed by unanimous vote.

Chairman Bryner stated that a committee should be appointed to serve during 1997. Phil Palmer made a motion that the 1996 committee be reappointed to serve another year. The motion was seconded by Ray Prettyman. All present voted in the affirmative. The committee members are as follows:

Lyle Bryner	Chairman
Jack Chiaretta	Vice Chairman
Tim Gwyther	Industrial Representative
Gary Sonntag	Municipal Representative

Chairman Bryner made a brief statement to the water users about the Gooseberry Project dispute, and the recent assessments made to the various water users. He indicated that the attorneys will be meeting in the near future to decide how the case will proceed.

With no further business before the group, the meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Those present included the following:

John S. Larsen	Division of Water Rights - SLC
Lee Sim	Division of Water Rights - SLC
Gertrudys Adkins	Division of Water Rights - SLC
Mark Page	Division of Water Rights - Price
Robert Davis	Price River Commissioner
Lyle Bryner	Price River Water User's Association
Muggs Clark	Wellington Canal/Farnham Ditch
Frank Romano	Bryner-Ploutz Ditch
Adolph Bruno	Bryner-Ploutz Ditch
Frank Saccomanno	Spring Glen Canal Company
Ivan Fidell	Stowell Ditch
Ann O'Brien	Secretary - PRWUA & Carbon Canal
Ben Grimes	Cyprus Plateau
R.A. Bruno	Stowell Mutual Canal Company
Dale J. Wilson	Stowell Mutual Canal Company
C.D. Butcher	Carbon Canal
Richard C. Borrell	Carbon Canal
Ray Prettyman	Gordon Creek
Phillip P. Palmer	Price River Water Improvement District
Gary Sonntag	Price Municipal Corporation
Marty Prettyman	Lower Gordon Creek