

MINUTES OF THE SAN PITCH RIVER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM
ANNUAL WATER USERS MEETING

January 20, 1994
Moroni City Hall

ATTENDING

Perry Jensen
Don H. Prestwich
Randy Brunger
Urwin Morley
T. Rex Dye
Larry Rawlings
Glade Mower
Reed Rawlings
David W. Olsen
Jay I. Olsen
John S. Larsen
Lee Sim
Kirk Forbush
Gertrudys Adkins

REPRESENTING

River Commissioner
M & M Irrigation Co.
Milburn
Rock Dam Irrigation Co.
Bagnall Ditch
Water User
Fairview City Ditch
Moroni Irrigation Co.
Ephraim - Bagnall Ditch
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The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m by Lee Sim, who was conducting the meeting. The minutes of the previous year's meeting were read by Kirk Forbush. There were no corrections to the minutes. A motion was made by Glade Mower to accept the minutes as read, seconded by Perry Jensen. Motion carried.

Lee Sim then reviewed the financial statement for 1993. The amount expended for each line item of the budget was reviewed. The delinquent accounts were discussed. Urwin Morley made a motion to accept the financial statement as read. Don Prestwich seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Perry Jensen then gave his commissioner's report. He said the system is in good condition, and that 39,485 acre feet was delivered this last year thru the system with no real problems. As the water began to decline last summer, rain showers helped to supplement the water in the river for irrigation by the water users. The latest snow pack figures show snowpack as of January 1st at 69% for upper San Pitch River. The river forecast for the San Pitch River is currently for 70% of normal runoff.

Perry also mentioned that there are some repairs needed on the system. The Frandsen, McCarthur flume is out of level. The flume on West Millburn has water approaching at high velocity and is washing around it. Perry Jensen stated this is his last year as commissioner, he is retiring.

A motion was then made by Don Prestwich to accept the commissioner's report, seconded by Rex Dye. All approved.

A motion was then made by Perry Jensen to nominate Larry Rawlings as the new commissioner on the San Pitch River. A second was then made by Urwin Morley. The voting was unanimous, motion carried.

Lee Sim then discussed the budget and assessment for the upcoming year. The budget for the year was set at \$13,514.00 and the assessment at \$12,000.00. A motion to approve was made by Urwin Morley, seconded by Reed Rawlings. The voting was unanimous.

Mr. Sim then discussed funding of the USGS gaging stations. The operation and maintenance costs for each station is \$6600.00, one-half funded by the Division of Water Rights, one-half funded by the USGS. Costs for operating these stations have been rising at approximately 8% per year. Because the funding the Division of Water Rights receives from the legislature is a fixed amount, unnecessary stations have been shut down throughout the State to help reduce costs. Further elimination of additional stations may begin to hamper the distribution systems ability to measure and regulate the water supply from the river. Mr. Sim suggested that the distribution system begin to consider taking over the operation and maintenance of those stations which directly affect them. This probably can be done at considerable cost savings.

Lee Sim then discussed the trust funds for the distribution system. The State Auditor's Office in a recent audit of the trust funds, has indicated that by statute, any funds administered by a state agency must have these funds deposited with the State Treasurer's Office. The trust funds are currently held in Zion's Bank. The State Engineer's Office had some initial concern about how quickly the State Treasurer's Office could make payments to the distribution systems as needed. The State Engineer's Office has been assured that with the implementation of a new computerized accounting system, payments can be processed within an additional day or so of the current setup. It has been requested the funds not be transferred until January, 1995 to conform with the distribution system fiscal period of January through December.

The last item of business was the discussion of this system directors. Reed Rawlings is replacing Glen Rasmussen as the director representing Moroni Irrigation Co. The remaining directors are to stay the same. A motion to accept the directors as proposed was made by Perry Jensen, seconded by Larry Rawlings. All approved.

The meeting then adjourned at 10:53 a.m.