

## MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Sevier River Water Users, Inc. held at Day's Inn, Richfield, Utah, Monday, February 12, 2007 at 10:00 a.m.

Due, legal and timely notice having been given as required by law and the Order of the Board.

### **There were present the following Officers and Directors:**

#### **PRESENT:**

Blaine Ipson, President-Millard County ✓  
Delin Roundy, Vice President-Garfield County ✓  
Richard Torgerson, Director-Piute County ✓  
Kurt Sorenson, Director-Sevier County ✓  
Ivan Cowley, Director-Sevier County ✓  
Russell Christensen, Director-Sevier County ✓  
Jacob D. Anderson, Secretary

#### **ABSENT:**

Clyde L. Bunker, Director-Millard County  
Dean S. Anderson, Secretary

#### **ALSO PRESENT:**

Ray Owens, Sevier River Commissioner  
Jim Walker, Sevier River Commissioner  
Sydne Jacques, Rural Water Technology Alliance  
Roger Hansen, Bureau of Reclamation  
Lee Sims – Division of Water Rights  
John S. Larson – Division of Water Rights  
Kirk Forbush – Division of Water Rights  
Mike Silva – Division of Water Rights  
Terry Monroe – Division of Water Rights  
Lee Baxter – Bureau of Reclamation  
Jarvis Sorensen – West View Dover Piute

The meeting was called to order by Blaine Ipson who presided at the meeting. The Invocation was given by Ivan Cowley. Minutes of the meetings held on October 24, 2006 were read and discussed. Ivan Cowley moved to approve the minutes as read. The motion was seconded by Kurt Sorensen and passed unanimously.

President Ipson briefly discussed checks #621 - #692 that needed to be approved. After deciding that the BYU checks needed to have an explanation with them Ivan Cowley moved to approve the checks. This was seconded by Delin Roundy and the motion passed unanimously.

Sydne talked about the RWTA getting started with the \$240,000 grant with \$50,000 direct to each of the three member organizations. The rest of the money is being spent within the RWTA to do interviews and other things. Sydne asked that the companies spend the money within a couple months as there was a deadline. There is a 25% cost share. Jim Walker said he'd like to get some more water measuring devices. They're about \$17,000 each. Also said some of the money was going toward a couple of laptops, some back-up generators, and communication upgrades. Money from the 2025 grant was going toward upgrades and collection sites and some real time setups at

Piute Reservoir. DWR owes \$20,000 that they'll maybe have this year. He'd like to see more real time monitoring devices set up in the future.

Roger said he was working on several real time stations up river. He said that the State was putting up \$20,000 cash toward real time stations and they're installation. Real time monitoring equipment cost \$5,000 each. We are working on a high speed link to Piute Reservoir. Blaine said he would talk to Roger about getting that \$20,000. The board then asked Ray and Jim to make a wish list of things that they needed. They said they needed a water cat, an Argonaut, and a flow tracker to assist the Commissioner in water measurement. Blaine made a motion to approve the commissioner's report. This was seconded by Jarvis and the Motion passed unanimously.

Sydne asked that the person that was going to be responsible for the stations to be present at the time of installation and learn what to do if there was trouble. Roger asked for help with a programmer to help get the real time stuff and graphics totally moved to the internet. The board said that USU was going to have 3 programmers and that maybe one of them could help with the programming. Blaine then thanked Roger for all he does. Lee then mentioned that they were working on review the model in the near future.

Lee then discussed the budget for the previous year. He told the river commissioners that they would have to have all their miles turned in by December 10. The board then discussed unpaid assessment and John said he'd follow up on those. Vince Cropper hasn't paid assessment since 2001 and would be sent a notice from the state that if he didn't pay then he wasn't allowed to use water. If he doesn't comply they are going to padlock his gate shut. Kurt moved to increase Ray, Jim, Robert Lay, and Vern Robinson salary by 3½ percent for the next year. This was seconded by Russ and passed unanimously. Lee said that the river commissioners could receive vehicles out of the state motor pool. This would cost \$100 a month plus 37 cents a mile. With ray driving about 34,000 miles a year this would cost 15,130. With Jim driving about 26,000 miles it would cost 10,320. The board decided to try this for a year and assess how it went next year. The board then set the budget for \$229,906.00 and Assessment for \$225,000.00 for 2007. Russ moved to approve the budge. This was seconded by Delin and pass unanimously.

Blaine discussed the agenda for the Annual meeting at 1pm and Lee said he would need some time to discuss the Administrative Rule: Distribution System and Water Commissioners. He briefly explained what it is.

There being no further business, Blaine Ipson move to adjourn the meeting, upon a second from Russ Christensen, the meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon.

**ATTEST:**

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**Secretary**

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**President**