

## MINUTES OF 2005 ANNUAL MEETING

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Sevier River Water Users Association held at the Sevier County Courthouse, Richfield, Utah, Thursday, February 3, 2005 at 1:00 p.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:

Ivan Cowley, President-Sevier County  
Kurt Sorenson, Vice-President-Sanpete County  
Afton Blood, Director-Piute County  
Clyde Bunker, Director-Millard County  
Russell Christensen, Director-Sevier County  
Blaine Ipson-Millard County  
Delin Roundy representing Sheldon Proctor-Garfield County  
Dean S. Anderson, Secretary

#### ABSENT:

None

#### ALSO PRESENT:

Ray J. Owens, Upper Sevier River Commissioner  
Jim Walker, Lower Sevier River Commissioner  
Lee Sim, Division of Water Rights  
John Larsen, Division of Water Rights  
Kirk Forbush, Division of Water Rights

The meeting was called to order by Kurt Sorenson who presided at the meeting. An opening prayer was given by Brent Cowley.

The Secretary then read the minutes of the annual meeting of the Sevier River Water Users Association held on February 5, 2004. Upon a motion by Ivan Cowley and second by Delin Roundy, the minutes were approved as read.

President Cowley turned the floor over to Lee Sim from the Division of Water Rights who gave a report of the 2004 expenditures and receipts. Each person present was furnished with a copy.

Beginning Cash on Hand	32,301.11
Assessment	221,650.09
Delinquent Penalties	1,546.49
Previous Assess. & Penalty	5,032.98
Interest	1,030.15
Total Receipts	229,259.71
Budgeted Expenses	181,707.99
Special Expenses	3,306.37
Total Expenses	185,014.36
Ending Cash on Hand	73,546.46

There were 7,325.18 in delinquent assessments. The proposed budget for 2005 was set at \$210,754 with the

proposed assessment set at \$185,000. A motion was made by Wayne Ballard to approve the Income and Expense report along with the proposed budget and assessment. The motion was seconded by Brent Cowley and passed unanimously.

Jarvis Sorenson asked about how to find out who is being assessed as part of the Sevier River distribution fund? The board noted that the information was available on the State Engineer's web site.

Time was given to Commissioner Jim Walker who discussed the water supply for the lower river. There was only 8,050 a.f. of hold over in Sevier Bridge Reservoir last fall. As of February 3, there is 44,413 a.f. of new storage water and 7,800 a.f. of new exchange water. Jim thought that we would make the first storage priority by April 1<sup>st</sup>. Jim estimated the primary to be better this year due to the higher snow pack. Any additional storage make this year will come from the upper zone. Jim noted that the information displayed on the water users' web sight ([www.sevierriver.org](http://www.sevierriver.org)) was provisional data and that the computer model contained the corrected data.

Time was given to Commissioner Ray Owens to report on the water supply for the upper river. Ray presented a summary sheet of the reservoirs. Panguitch is 29% full, Otter Creek is 27% full, Piute is 37% full and Sevier Bridge Reservoir is 20% full. There has been a flow about 414 cfs into Piute Reservoir since January 1. The current snow pack is nearly 200% of normal with the South end of the basin being higher than the North end.

Kurt Sorenson reported that an inspection of the final repairs to Piute Reservoir is scheduled for February 8 at 11:00 .m. This is for phase II & III which is an emergency spillway and downstream drainage system.

Clyde Bunker noted that Sevier Bridge Reservoir still needs an upgrade to the spillway capacity, but that it isn't currently scheduled. Current plans call for installing a downstream stability berm on DMAD Reservoir this upcoming fall.

Concern was raised over the infiltration of the Salt Cedar (tamaracks) in the Sevier Basin. Clyde Bunker noted that there is an experimental beetle from China that is being tested on the Sevier below Deseret.

There was a general discussion about the problem of sprinklers and water spreading on the Sevier Basin.

President Sorenson held elections to fill the expired terms of Delin Roundy, Ivan Cowley and Clyde Bunker whose terms had expired. Jarvis Sorenson moved that all rules and regulations to the contrary be suspended and that Mr. Roundy, Mr. Cowley and Mr. Bunker be appointed as directors by acclamation. The motion was seconded by Jerry Skeem and passed unanimously.

Wayne Ballard thanked the board for their work and efforts.

There being no further business, Wayne Ballard moved that the meeting adjourn. The motion was seconded by Brent Cowley and passed unanimously.

**ATTEST:**

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**Secretary**

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**President**