

MINUTES OF MEETING

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Sevier River Water Users, Inc. held at the Sevier County Courthouse, Richfield, Utah, ~~Tuesday, February 23, 2003~~ at 11:00 a.m.

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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
Clyde L. Bunker, Director-Millard County
Kurt Sorenson, Director-Sevier County
Afton Blood, Director-Piute County
Russell Christensen, Director-Sevier County
Delin Roundy for Sheldon Proctor-Garfield County
Blaine Ipson-Millard County
Dean S. Anderson, Secretary

ABSENT:

Sheldon Proctor, Director-Garfield County

ALSO PRESENT:

Ray Owens, Sevier River Commissioner
Jim Walker, Sevier River Commissioner
Lee Sim, Division of Water Rights
Kirk Forbush, Division of Water Rights
Terry Monroe, Division of Water Rights
Gertrudys Adkins, Division of Water Rights
Eric Edgley, Division of Water Resources
Roger Hansen, Bureau of Reclamation

The meeting was called to order by President Ivan Cowley who presided at the meeting. Russell Christensen gave the opening prayer.

It was noted that Delin Roundy had come in place of Sheldon Proctor who is having health problems. Clyde Bunker moved that Mr. Roundy be temporarily assigned to represent Garfield County. The motion was seconded by Afton Blood and passed unanimously.

Minutes of the meeting held on January 22, 2002 were read and discussed. Blaine Ipson moved to approve the minutes as read. The motion was seconded by Kurt Sorenson and passed unanimously.

The board reviewed the 2002 financial statements regarding the "TOP" grant fund. It was noted that an extension of time had been filed to extend the length of the project until September 2003. Clyde

Bunker moved to approve the financial statements and expenditures regarding the fund. The motion was seconded by Russell Christensen and passed unanimously.

Roger Hansen gave a report of the work done by Dr. Mac McKee on modeling the releases out of Piute Reservoir through Sevier Valley. He noted that didn't get a grant that would have allowed him to do a salinity study on the Sevier River. There is a possibility of getting additional grants to continue work on the real-time and modeling programs, depending on the situations.

Lee Sim gave a report of the Sevier River Trust Fund. The fund increased from \$35,993 to \$44,555. Delinquent accounts are at \$3,097. There was a general discussion regarding the delinquent accounts and how to collect them. At the end of the discussion, Delin Roundy moved to approve the 2002 Sevier River Trust Fund report. The motion was seconded by Blaine Ipson and passed unanimously.

Time was given to Commissioner Walker to report on the current water rights status on the lower Sevier River. The snow pack is down on most stations. There should be about 56,000 a.f. of new storage made by March 1 in the lower zone. Right now we are short from last year by about 8,600 a.f. The average primary flow last year was 49.23% which is quite low.

Commissioner Owens reported that Piute Reservoir has 24,100 a.f. and Otter Creek Reservoir has 15,810 a.f. of new water. The snow pack is at 61% of normal.

Lee Sim noted that as of February 1, the State will no longer pay for the eight gauging stations on the Sevier River. The cost of the stations to the USGS is \$64,000. A lengthy discussion followed regarding the stations along with the 2003 budget and assessment. At the end of the discussion, Clyde Bunker moved to table the issue of the 2003 budget, assessment and potential costs of the USGS gauging stations until further information could be obtained, asking for input from Lee Sim, Roger Hansen and Commissioners Walker and Owens for next meeting. The motion was seconded by Afton Blood and passed unanimously.

There being no further business, Clyde Bunker moved that the meeting adjourn. The motion was seconded by Afton Blood and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

Secretary

President