

SEVIER RIVER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

ANNUAL WATER USERS ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES, 1988

ATTENDING:

Lee Sim
Stan Adams
Virge N. Brown
Phil Nielson
Afton G. Blood
Clark J. Wall
F. Dwight Malmgren
Roger Stanworth
Ray Owens
Roger Walker
Lorin Sperry
Kirk Forbush
John Solum
Kent Jones
Paul Summers
Sheldon Talbot
Neil Nielson
James D. Perkins

REPRESENTING:

Division of Water Rights
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Sevier River Water Users
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Sevier River Commissioner
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Division of Wildlife Resources
Division of Water Rights
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J. M. Montgomery Eng./Central Ut of WCD
Central Utah Water Conservancy Dist.
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THE MEETING WAS OPENED BY:

Chairman, Roger Stanworth. Lorin Sperry from the Division of Wildlife and John Solum from the Division of Water Rights were introduced and welcomed. The time was turned over to Lee Sim.

1987 MINUTES READ BY:

Lee Sim, Director of Adjudication/ Distribution, State of Utah Division of Water Rights.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

A copy of the 1987 Financial Statement was given to water users in attendance. The format is different because the Division of Water Rights is changing to a computerized accounting system.

Because of the transition, it is not yet known how much interest was earned on the distribution systems account last year, so it was estimated for on the Financial Statement. A revised statement will be sent out later showing the actual amount of interest earned.

The question was raised whether or not one or two recorders were budgeted. Neal Nielsen had indicated some could be borrowed so none were ordered.

A request was made that water users who made late payments not be shown as delinquent on the financial report.

It was moved and seconded that the financial report be accepted. Motion carried.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:

Ray Owens: The SCS reports and the National Weather Service Report predict inflows for Upper Sevier Basin, including Hatch, Kingston Station, and Piute Reservoir add up to between 121% and 124% respectively. Our general condition is quite good. The Snow-tell Reports show the higher stations are in good shape. Soil moisture content is a little below average. Reservoir storage total is 71,286 acre-feet. Hopefully they will be full by April 1st.

Roger Walker: It looks like we'll be lacking about 60,000 to 65,000 acre-feet of water at the bridge February 1st. It probably will fill very close to April 1st.

Sheldon Talbot discussed the District's efforts in the Sevier River Basin over the past few years. These efforts have largely been limited to a study of Hatch Town Reservoir according to a resolution passed by the directors four years ago. The District is now ready for more direction on the types of projects which need to be studied in the future. He read a resolution for the director's consideration which would authorize the District to pursue further studies to identify methods for better and more efficient use of the Sevier River so there would be an equitable distribution of project benefits. There was further discussion on the resolution but no motion was made concerning it. It was commented that a list of desired projects had already been developed and sent to the District several years ago. A search will be made to locate a copy of the list and send it again to the District.

Paul Summers reported on the studies that J. M. Montgomery is doing for the District which relate to the Sevier River. Some of the issues they are looking at are: water supply studies relation to Sevier River; exchanges to and above Piute to potential Hatchtown Reservoir; show water supply coming from project to water users during dry years; IPP selling water issue Hatchtown Reservoir.

Ultimately a contract is needed with potential purchasers of project water and a signed letter of intent so the District knows they have some firm potential water users.

Discussion ensued as to what entity will be in charge.

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS TO SEND PAYCHECKS BETWEEN DECEMBER AND ANNUAL MEETING:

Lee indicated the need for a resolution authorizing the Division of Water Rights to use Distribution System reserves between January 1 and time the

assessments come in so Commissioners paychecks can be sent. The reserve money would be replaced as the assessments are received. A motion was so made, seconded, and approved.

Meeting was adjourned.