

MINUTES

SEVIER RIVER WATER USERS ANNUAL MEETING

JANUARY 26, 1983

The meeting convened at 10:05 a.m. and those present were as follows:

Kirk Forbush	Div. of Water Rights, Richfield
Jerry L. Bronicel	Div. of Water Rights, SLC
Stan Adams	Div. of Water Rights, Richfield
Don Norseth	Div. of Water Rights, SLC
Lee A. Gould	Director of Sevier River
Roger Walker	Commissioner
Leo A. Sorenson	Gunnison Fayette Canal Co.
Wayne B. Petersen	Deseret Irrigation Co.
Ray J. Owens	Commissioner
Scott B. Smith	Sevier River Water User
Clark J. Wall	Sevier River Water User
F. Dwight Malmgren	Sevier River Water User

Don Norseth gave the snotel report for areas around the State. The report showed that as of January 21, 1983 the Beaver-Sevier River area had about 123% of the normal amount of precipitation to date.

Chairman Clark Wall asked Stan Adams to read the minutes for the 1982 meeting. A motion was made by Dwight Malmgren and seconded by Lee Gould to accept the minutes as read. The motion carried.

Don Norseth read the financial report for 1982. Some of the items that were over expended compared to the amount budgeted were discussed along with money that had not been paid by the Central Utah Water Conservancy District. It was stated that Central Utah Water had only paid for 19 recording stations but were currently operating 22 stations. It was assumed that the water users should be reimbursed for \$1,500 per station. Don Norseth read the contract that had been signed by Central Utah and stated that they had agreed to pay \$28,500 for the operation of 22 stations which would be less than the \$1,500 per station. Don Norseth asked Commissioner Roger Walker to contact Sheldon Talbot of Central Utah to straighten out this confusion over the stations which are to be monitored as compared to the ones that are in existance. Apparently the Central Utah list of stations is different than the ones actually being monitored.

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The dilinquent assessments for 1982 were discussed and updated as far as current owners and addresses. A motion was made by Scott Smith and seconded by Lee Gould to accept the financial statement. The motion carried.

Commissioner Ray Owens gave his report for the Upper Sevier River. Ray stated that he had made a trip over the entire Upper Sevier River System on January 26, 1983, to get information as to the status of snow depths and reservoir storage. As of January 26, 1983, Piute Reservoir is storing at the 71.6' mark on the gauge height which would be 61,430 acre feet, which would leave ony about 10,000 acre feet of remaining storage space. Ray said he would like to draw Piute Reservoir down so that he had about 15-20,000 acre feet of storage space in anticipation of the high spring run off. Ray is now releasing 250 cfs. from Piute Reservoir and intends to increase this to about 400 cfs. in the next few days in order to pull the reservoir down. He reported that Otter Creek Reservoir was spilling about 45 cfs. over the spillway and that the reservoir height was at 34.7 ~~acre~~ feet on the gauge. This would be a storage of about 49,400 acre feet in Otter Creek. Ray reported that the snow depth at Long Valley Junction was about 3-3.5 feet deep with Strawberry Creek at about 4 feet of snow. John's Valley has about 2.5 feet of snow at the upper end and about 6 inches at the lower end. This compares to no snow for the same time last year for this area. Ray stated that Koosharem Reservoir is within 2 feet of spilling. He said there appeared to be plenty of snow around the watershed which would result in a high runoff this spring.

Roger Walker gave his report for the Lower Sevier River System. He stated that he has about 15,000 acre feet of storage space in the Sevier Bridge Reservoir, but the reservoir is presently rising in storage. He stated that Fool Creek Reservoir should be full by the 1st of March. Roger stated that he will have put about 36,000 acre feet of water into Sevier Lake by the 1st of February.

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The 1983 Budget was set as follows:

1. Commissioner's Salary (Upper)	\$16,500.00
2. Commissioner's Salary (Lower)	17,000.00
3. Gatemen's Salaries	4,000.00
4. Comm. & Dep. Comm. Soc Security	2,400.00
5. Comm. & Dep. Comm. State Retirement	6,712.50
6. Bonds & Insurance & Health Ins. Prem.	3,000.00
7. Commissioner's Annual Reports	700.00
8. Office Expense	125.00
9. Telephone Expense	450.00
10. Travel Expense at \$.38 a mile	15,000.00
11. Miscellaneous Expenses	112.50
12. Equipment & Supplies	2,500.00
13. Seasonal Help	500.00
14. Sevier River Water Users	<u>2,500.00</u>
<u>TOTAL 1983 BUDGET</u>	<u>\$71,500.00</u>
<u>TOTAL 1983 ASSESSMENTS</u>	<u>\$76,000.00</u>
WATER USERS ASSESSMENT	\$43,000.00
CENTRAL UTAH WTR CONS.	33,000.00

The budget was set for 1983 at \$71,500.00. A motion was made by Lee Gould and seconded by Dwight Malmgren to accept the budget as prepared and set the Central Utah Water Conservancy District assessment at \$33,000.00 and assess the water users at \$43,000.00 which would be a total assessment of \$76,000.00. The motion stated that Class 1 Water Users would be assessed \$40,000. and Class 2 Water Users would be assessed \$3,000. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Dwight Malmgren and seconded by Scott Smith to recommend Ray Owens and Roger Walker as Commissioners for 1983. The motion carried. Don Norseth stated that he would appoint them commissioners.

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

M. Stanley Adams