

MINUTES: SEVIER RIVER WATER USERS ASSOCIATION, INC. BUDGET MEETING; JANUARY 31, 1980
10:00 a.m., Commissioners Room, Sevier County Court House, Richfield, Utah.

PRESENT: Members of the Board of Directors Sevier River Water Users Association, Inc:
Clark J. Wall, Pres., Scott Smith, V.P., James D. Perkins, F. Dwight
Malmgren, Homer U. Peterson, and Secy. Wendell N. Anderson.

ABSENT: Lee A. Goold, and Phill Nielson, excused.

Utah State Department Natural Resources Division of Water Rights:
Donald C. Norseth, Arthur V. May, Stanley Adams, Roger Walker,
Ray Owens, and Kirt Forbush.

Meeting called to order by Mr. Donald C. Norseth, who commented on general outlook of water situation in Utah. He reported efforts are being made by national economy committee to have the S.C.S. discontinue snow measuring and reporting and have states or other local governments do the work. Mr. Norseth stated in view of expertise developed by S.C.S. with "snow tell" program and use of helicopters and other equipment they have available, it would be well for S.C.S. to continue the service. Members of the Board agreed and added this work is done at a time of year when the agency's work load is at a low point.

MINUTES READ AND APPROVED

Minutes of the Budget Meeting January 25, 1979, were read, adjusted and unanimously approved.

ANNUAL REPORT APPROVED

Mr. Donald C. Norseth presented each person present a copy of the Departments budget and disbursements for Sevier River Water System. Of the 50,600 dollars budgeted for 1979, \$46,096.32 was disbursed. The report was unanimously approved by the Board.

BUDGET RECOMMENDED FOR 1980

After discussing the matter item by item, motion was made by F. Dwight Malmgren, seconded by Homer U. Peterson, and passed unanimously, recommending to the Utah State Division of Water Rights, approval of the 1980 budget for Sevier River Distribution as indicated below. Also, that the 1980 Class I water users be assessed on the basis of acre feet of water listed as being delivered by the commissioner during the year 1979, at a rate that will produce \$34,900.; and Class II water users on a second foot basis weighted according to the various five group delivery basies at such a rate that will produce the amount of \$2,000, and the Central Utah Conservancy District assessed the amount of \$20,000.

1980 Budget as recommended:

<u>Budget Item No.</u>	<u>Description of Item</u>	<u>Amount approved</u>
1.	Commissioner's Salary (Upper Div)	\$14,500.00
2.	Commissioner's Salary (Lower Div)	16,000.00
3.	Gatemens' Salaries	3,500.00
4.	Comm. and Dep Comm. Matching Social Sec.	2,100.00
5.	Comm. and Dep Comm. Matching Retirement	2,900.00
6.	Bonds and Insurance prem. (Incl. Health)	1,300.00
7.	Commissioners Annual Report	700.00
8.	Office Expense	100.00
9.	Telephone Expense	700.00
10.	Travel Expenses @ ¢ per mile	13,000.00
11.	Miscellaneous Expenses	100.00
12.	Equipment and Supplies	1,500.00
13.	Seasonal Help	500.00
14.	Sevier River Water Users Assoc., Inc.	—0.—
	TOTAL	<u>\$56,900.00</u>

RIVER COMMISSIONERS RECOMMENDED

Motion was made by Homer U. Peterson, seconded by Scott B. Smith, recommending that Ray Owens be appointed Sevier River Commissioner, Upper Division, for the 1980 season and until a successor is appointed and qualified, at a salary of \$14,500 per year. Also, that Roger Walker be appointed Sevier River Commissioner, Lower Division, for the 1980 season and until a successor is appointed and qualified at a salary of \$16,000 per year.

REPORTS OF RIVER COMMISSIONERS

Roger Walker reported the flow of the river is good and that the ground water is not retarded by freezing of the ground surface. He stated there is in effect an agreement whereby Piute Reservoir and Canal Co. can get adjustment for water going down the river instead of being held in Piute Reservoir, but cautioned any adjustments running into a second year become a "sticky" problem.

Ray Owens advised there is room in the Otter Creek Reservoir for 11,000 ac. ft. of water, in Piute Reservoir for 20,000 ac. ft. of water, and Sevier Bridge Reservoir for 120,000 ac. ft. of water. He indicated he was enjoying his work and would like to be reappointed.

EFFORT TO INCLUDE ALL WATER IN COX DECREE IN ASSESSMENTS

After discussing the matter, motion was made by James D. Perkins, seconded and passed unanimously, requesting the River Commissioners to assemble the information necessary in preparation to ^{considering} assessing owners of all water listed in the Cox Decree specifying time and date of flow./

REPORT OF AREA ENGINEER

Area Engineer reported he is anxious to properly serve the area and appreciates having his office in the area. He said the building in which his office is now located cannot be approved for another lease period because of the condition of the building. He stated there is not appropriate space available in Salina and if his office is moved to Richfield, it will result in better service to the River System as a whole.

RECESS TAKEN AT 12:00 NOON FOR LUNCHEON AT NEW WESTERN MOTEL.

AT 1:30, DIRECTORS OF SEVIER RIVER WATER USERS ASSN., INC. RECONVENED AND TRANSACTED THE FOLLOWING BUSINESS:

INCREASE IN DIRECTOR FEES AND MILEAGE RATE ADOPTED

After discussing the matter, upon motion of Scott B. Smith, seconded by Homer U. Peterson, and passed unanimously, setting directors fees at \$50.00 per day or meeting and setting the mileage rate for directors at \$.35 per mile necessarily traveled in the service of this association.

PLANS MADE FOR ANNUAL MEETING

It was decided to have a report from Central Utah Project authorities, a report from River Commissioners, and a financial report from the association Treasurer, F. Dwight Malmgren, concerning the financial activities of the association for 1979; other business as may appropriately be raised at the meeting and election of four directors and to hold the meeting in the court room of Sevier County Court House.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

ATTEST: Gwendolyn Anderson
Secretary

SIGNED: _____
President