

MINUTES: WATER USERS OF SEVIER RIVER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM MEETING  
January 23, 1978, 10:00 a.m., Sevier County Courthouse, Richfield, Utah.

PRESENT:

Members, Executive Committee of Sevier River Water Users Association, Inc.  
Lee A. Goold, President, Monroe, Utah      F. Dwight Malmgren, Treas., Gunnison, Utah  
Phil Nielson                                  Lyndle, Utah      Clark Wall                                  Venice, Utah  
Homer Peterson                                  Delta, Utah

Representatives of State Engineer's Office, Division of Water Rights.  
Don ~~W~~orseth                                  Stanley Adams

River Commissioner: Roger Walker                  Delta, Utah  
Secretary:                                  Wendell N. Anderson      Richfield, Utah

Meeting called to order by Don ~~W~~orseth, who reported general water conditions in the northern part of the state as about normal except upper Provo River, which is below normal and the Logan area which is above. He stated conditions in the south end of the state were gaining but still below normal.

Remainder of the meeting conducted by Pres. Lee A. Goold. Invocation: Phil Nielson.

Minutes Read and Approved

Minutes of the annual budget meeting held January 25, 1977, were read by F. Dwight Malmgren. Upon motion of Clark Wall, seconded by Phil Nielson, approval was unanimous.

Sanpitch Water Users Request And Receive Rejection

Mr. Neil Nielson of Centerfield met with the Board and reported Sanpitch Water Users are anxious to drill about 10 test wells above the Gunnison Reservoir. He said his group had met with the Board of Directors of Central Utah Project in regard to this matter and had been refused help and advised to come to this Board. Mr. Nielson said his group consider themselves a separate entity and do not want to join Sevier River Water Users Assn. He said Sanpete County tax payers pay taxes each year to support the Central Utah Project and have no representation. After discussing the matter, motion was made by Clark Wall, seconded by Dwight Malmgren, and passed unanimously, without prejudice to the proposed project, that this Board not take any action in the matter, but recommend their project be referred directly to Central Utah Project Board of Directors. The President and Secretary were authorized to write a letter to this effect to C.U.P. and Sanpitch Water Users informing them of this action.

Arrangements Made To Seek New Upper River Commissioner

After discussing the matter of John Christensen not seeking reappointment as Sevier River Commissioner, Upper Division, motion was made by Phil Nielson, seconded by Homer Peterson, and passed unanimously, that the Secretary cause to be published in the Gunnison Valley News, Salina Sun, Richfield Reaper, Garfield County News, and one of the daily papers notice requesting applicants for the position to file applications by February 10, 1978. This Board will then review the applicants and meet February 14, 1978 to interview them. Pres. Goold was assigned the responsibility of following through on applications and assignments for interviews.

Annual Association Meeting Date Set

It was decided to hold the Annual Association Meeting February 16, 1978, at 1:00 p.m., in the Sevier County Courthouse, Richfield, Utah.

The Board discussed with Don Forseth and Stanley Adams the numerous advantages of having Mr. Adams and his office moved to Richfield. Motion was made by Clark Wall, seconded by Phil Nielson, that this Board request State Engineer Dee C. Hansen to move the office of the engineer supervising the Sevier River Water distribution to Richfield or vicinity. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by F. Dwight Malmgren, seconded by Homer Peterson, and passed unanimously, recommending the 1978 Budget as follows, subject to the Central Utah Conservancy District paying \$17,000.00.

Commissioner's Salary (Upper Division)	\$12,000.00
Matching Social Security	738.00
Matching State Retirement	978.00
Commissioner's Salary (Lower Division)	14,000.00
Matching Social Security	861.00
Matching State Retirement	1,141.00
Gatemen's Salaries	3,000.00
Matching Social Security	184.50
Matching State Retirement (Proctor)	244.00
Bonds and Insurance Premiums	1,300.00
Commissioner's Annual Report	600.00
Office Expense	100.00
Telephone Expense	400.00
Travel Expense (@20¢/mi.)	5,500.00
Miscellaneous Expense	153.50
Equipment and Supplies	2,000.00
Seasonal Help	1,000.00
Sevier River Water Users Association	1,000.00
Total Proposed Budget	<u>\$45,200.00</u>
Central Utah Conservancy District	17,000.00
Total Assessment	<u>\$28,200.00</u>

Motion was made by F. Dwight Malmgren, seconded by Homer Peterson, and passed unanimously, that an assessment be levied against water users in Class I on a basis of acre feet of water delivered in 1977 at such rate as will yield the amount of \$23,500. Also, an assessment of \$1,500.00 be levied against Class II water. Said Class II assessment to be levied on a decreed second foot basis, weighted according to water delivery. This would make a total assessment of \$25,000.00. Also, a 6 to 7 ratio be adopted for Class I water on a weighted basis. Direct flow users on a 6 ratio, call users on a 7 ratio. (Central Utah Water Conservancy District to pay \$17,000.00 to the State engineer's Office for Sevier River Distribution Budget and the Sevier River Water Users, Assoc. will pay \$25,000.00. Thus making a total assessment of \$42,000.00 but a total budget of \$45,200.00.

Upon motion of Homer Peterson, seconded by Clark Wall, passed unanimously, it is recommended to the State Engineer that Roger Walker be appointed as lower zone Sevier River Commissioner at a salary of \$14,000.00 per year until such time as a successor is duly appointed and qualified.

Motion was made by Homer Peterson, seconded by Clark Wall and passed unanimously, that the \$15,000 received by the District to defray costs of rainmaking during 1977, be distributed to the appropriate counties on the same basis as assessments were made to the counties for the same period.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Attest: Wendell Anderson  
Secretary

Signed: Lee A. Bold  
President