

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WATER USERS OF THE  
SEVIER RIVER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

January 14, 1954

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The annual meeting of the Water Users of the Sevier River Distribution System was held in the State Engineer's Office pursuant to call of the State Engineer. The original call was for 2:00 p.m. but, on request of the Sevier River Water Users' Association Executive Committee, the meeting convened at 1:00 p.m.

Those present were:

A. T. Black	Deseret, Utah
Leland Callister	Delta, Utah
Leonard Christensen	Richfield, Utah
Harold Gottfredson	Circleville, Utah
Joseph F. Peterson	Redmond, Utah

comprising the Executive Committee of the Sevier River Water Users' Assn.

W. C. Cole	Delta, Utah
J. Lerue Ogden	Richfield, Utah

Water Commissioners on the Sevier River Distribution System.

Also present were:

Joseph M. Tracy	State Engineer
L. C. Monson	Chief Deputy State Engineer
Frank Reese	Accountant, State Engr. Office
T. Vinton Smith	Asst. " " " "

Mr. Tracy, the State Engineer, called the meeting to order.

It was determined, after some discussion, that the Sevier River

Water Users' Association Executive Committee who were present were authorized to represent the water users and that thus the majority of the water users were represented.

On motion of Mr. Joseph Peterson, seconded by Mr. Callister, and unanimously carried, Mr. Tracy was elected as chairman of the meeting.

The minutes of the 1953 meeting were read by the chairman. It was moved, seconded and unanimously carried that the minutes be approved as read.

Mr. Frank Reese then presented the State Engineer's 1953 Financial Statement. It was moved, seconded and unanimously carried that said financial statement be accepted and approved.

Mr. Gottfredson moved that the State Engineer's office, and particularly Mr. Frank Reese of the Accounting Department, be commended on the handling of the funds of the Distribution System. Motion was seconded by Mr. Peterson and passed unanimously.

Mr. Peterson submitted to the chairman the minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Sevier River Water Users' Association held January 13, 1954 prior to the meeting with the State Engineer, which minutes are as follows:

" Minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee of the  
Sevier River Water Users' Association held  
in Salt Lake City, Utah, January 13, 1954

Mr. Joseph M. Tracy, State Engineer  
State Capitol Building  
Salt Lake City, Utah

Dear Sir:

Relative to the Sevier River Distribution, a meeting of the Sevier River Water Users' Association, representing a majority of the water users on the Sevier River System, was held in Salt Lake City January 13, 1954, at which meeting the following business was transacted.

It was moved, seconded and unanimously carried that we recommend to the State Engineer the appointment of W. C. Cole of Delta and J. Lerue Ogden of Richfield as Commissioners for Sevier River for 1954 operation. Their duties are to be equal. They shall act jointly in distribution of the waters of the Sevier River.

The budget for 1954 is recommended to be as follows:

Commissioners' salary	\$ 9,000.00	to be divided equally between Mr. Cole and Mr. Ogden
Matching Social Security for Commissioners	144.00	
Gatemens' Salary	1,710.00	
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Bonds and Insurance Premium	110.00	
Commissioners' Annual Report	200.00	
Office Expense	50.00	
State Engineer Administrative Expense	200.00	
Telephone	250.00	
Travel Expense, with mileage at rate of 7 cents per mile	2,100.00	
Miscellaneous	400.00	
Equipment and Supplies	610.00	
	<u>\$14,808.20</u>	

It was moved, seconded and carried that an assessment be levied against water users in Class 1 and Class 1-A on a basis of acre-feet delivered in 1953 at such a rate as will give an amount of \$14,408.20. The rate of assessments for Class 1-A is to be 6/7 of the rate for Class 1. It was also moved, seconded and carried that an assessment of \$400.00 be levied against Class II water. Said Class II assessment is to be levied on a decreed second-foot basis, weighted according to water delivery. This would make a total assessment of \$14,808.20.

It was moved, seconded and carried unanimously that the State Engineer make a levy and assessment of \$1100.00 for the expenses of the Sevier River Water Users' Association and to pay the same to the Association without the necessity of requiring any itemization as to its expenditures. This levy is to be made against Class 1 and Class 1-A users on an acre-foot basis on water delivered in 1953. The rate for Class 1 and Class 1-A shall be equal. "

It was moved, seconded and carried unanimously that the foregoing minutes of a meeting held January 13, 1954, be approved as the basis for the administration of the Sevier River Distribution System for the year 1954 and the State Engineer be authorized and directed to proceed accordingly.

The formal business of the meeting having been completed, a discussion was held as to the effects of underground water development for irrigation purposes in the area.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

  
Joseph M. Tracy, Chairman

  
Joseph F. Peterson