

MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Sevier River Water Users Association held at the Sevier County Courthouse, Richfield, Utah, Thursday, February 6, 1997 at 1:00 p.m.

Due, legal and timely notice having been given as required by law and the Order of the Board.

There were present the following Officers and Directors:

PRESENT:

Afton Blood, President-Piute County
Phill Nielson, Vice President-Millard County
Sheldon Proctor, Director-Garfield County
Ivan Cowley, Director-Sevier County
Russell Christensen, Director-Sevier County
Kurt Sorensen, Director-Sanpete County
Clyde L. Bunker, Director-Millard County
Dean S. Anderson, Secretary

ABSENT:

None

ALSO PRESENT:

Ray J. Owens, Upper Sevier River Commissioner
Jim Walker, Lower Sevier River Commissioner
Lee Simms, Division of Water Rights
John Larsen, Division of Water Rights
Gertrudys Adkins, Division of Water Rights
Harold Brown, Division of Water Resources

The meeting was called to order by President Afton Blood who presided at the meeting. President Blood introduced each of the board members present. All were welcomed by President Blood with a special notice of the representatives from the State Engineers Office along with Clark Wall who was a past president of the Sevier River Water Users Association and Harold Brown from the Division of Water Resources. Clyde Bunker was asked to offer an invocation.

Secretary Dean S. Anderson, read the notice of the annual meeting. The Secretary then read the minutes of the annual meeting of the Sevier River Water Users Association held on February 13, 1996. **Clark Wall moved that the minutes are accepted as read.** The motion was seconded by Jerry Skeem and passed unanimously.

President Blood presented a plaque to Clark Wall and expressed his appreciation for the service provided by Mr. Wall to the users on the Sevier River. Mr. Wall noted that job of the organization is to protect what water use we have and keep good continuity between the users. He admonished the board to remember the calling of what the organization is and what it stands for. He noted that we need to have unity on the Sevier River and be careful in protecting water rights and agricultural rights.

President Blood turned the floor over to representatives from the Division of Water Rights who gave a report of the 1996 expenditures and receipts along with the proposed 1997 budget. It was noted that the assessment for 1997 had been set at \$130,000.00. **After discussion of the expenditure report and proposed budget and assessment, Jarvus Sorensen moved that the reports along with the 1997 budget and assessment be accepted and approved.** The motion was seconded by Lee Huntsman and passed unanimously.

Time was given to Commissioner Jim Walker, who reported on the status of the river. Commissioner Walker noted that Sevier Bridge Reservoir gauge height is at 72.5 which is 165,400 a.f. There is still 70,745 a.f. to fill with inflows of around 340-350 cfs. There has been 70,125 a.f. of winter make already. Because of the conditions of the reservoirs and high snow pack, there would not need to be any releases from Piute to make the first storage priority. Commissioner Walker noted that the assessment report had been left out of the

annual report since 1981 because of a new computer in the State Engineers office, but would make an attempt to put it in future reports.

Commissioner Ray Owens reported on the snow pack stations. All of the stations in the Sevier basin are in the 120%-160% range. Years that are similar to this year are 1969, 1973, 1979, 1983, 1984, and 1993. Piute Reservoir currently holds 51,030 a.f. with 36,990 a.f. being new storage. The current inflow is 166 cfs. Otter Creek currently holds 27,352 a.f. with 17,292 a.f. of new water. It has about 82 cfs inflow.

The question was raised as to who receives notices of the annual meeting. The Secretary noted that the list was generated from the assessment mailing list as prepared by the River Commissioners and Division of Water Rights. It was hoped that the company officials receiving the notices would pass the information on the boards and effected water users.

Time was given to Harold Brown from the Division of Water Resources. Mr. Brown noted that the Division of Water Resources is doing a resource study of the Sevier Basin as part of the State Water Plan. The report includes an inventory of all of the water as well as uses and problems. There will be four drafts of the report. A committee will be selected from the Sevier Basin that will have the opportunity to review the study prior to final draft.

Jarvus Sorenson asked if any body knows who is doing a survey of the Sanpitch and Sevier River. He also asked what is need for a station to house the realtime computer system. Jim Walker noted that it doesn't need to be any bigger than what has normally been used for a gauging station.

President Blood held elections to fill the expired terms of Sheldon Proctor, Ivan Cowley and Clyde Bunker whose terms had expired.

President Blood opened the floor to nominations to fill the position of director from Garfield County to replace Sheldon Proctor whose term had expired. Chris Fullmer nominated Sheldon Proctor. **Clark Wall moved that all rules and regulations to the contrary be suspended and that Mr. Proctor be put in by acclamation.** The motion was seconded by Phill Nielson and passed unanimously.

President Blood opened the floor to nominations to fill the position of director from Sevier County to replace Ivan Cowley whose term had expired. Clark Wall nominated Ivan Cowley. **Clark Wall moved that all rules and regulations to the contrary be suspended and that Mr. Cowley be put in by acclamation.** The motion was seconded by Blaine Ipson and passed unanimously.

President Blood opened the floor to nominations to fill the position of director from Millard County to replace Clyde Bunker who's term had expired. Blaine Ipson nominated Clyde Bunker. **Ivan Cowley moved that moved that all rules and regulations to the contrary be suspended and that Mr. Bunker be put in by acclamation.** The motion was seconded Clark Wall and passed unanimously.

Ivan Cowley led a short discussion regarding the USGS gauging stations. He noted that the USGS was planning to abandon some of the stations and that if the water users wanted to take them over, then they would have to assume the liability for them.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

ATTEST:

Secretary

President