

MINUTES OF BUDGET MEETING

Minutes of the Budget Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Sevier River Water Users, Inc. held at the Richfield City Office, Richfield, Utah, Thursday, January 16, 1997 at 10:00 a.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
Blaine Ipson representing Phill Nielson, Vice President-Millard
Sheldon Proctor, Director-Garfield County
Clyde Bunker, Director-Millard Area
Ivan Cowley, Director-Richfield Area
Kurt Sorenson, Director-Sanpete County
Russell Christensen, Director-Sevier County
Dean S. Anderson, Secretary

ABSENT:

None

ALSO PRESENT:

Jim Walker, Sevier River Commissioner
Ray Owens, Sevier River Commissioner
Lee Simms, Division of Water Rights
Kirk Forbush, Division of Water Rights
Terry Monroe, Division of Water Rights
John Larsen, Division of Water Rights
Gertudys 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. Clyde Bunker introduced Blaine Ipson who was representing Phill Nielson. Clyde reported that Phill had some recent health problems, but was now doing fine. Minutes of the meetings held on January 18, 1996 and February 13, 1996 were read.

Ivan Cowley moved that the minutes are approved as read. The motion was seconded by Clyde Bunker and passed unanimously.

President Blood turned the time over to Lee Simms who talked about the Sevier River distribution trust fund. The balance of the account had increased from \$46,876.91 to \$58,604.12 during 1996. Total receipts were \$135,704.19 and total expenses were \$123,976.98. The total amount of overdraft accounts was \$2,001.65.

After discussion, Ivan Cowley moved that the 1996 distribution fund be approved. The motion was seconded by Kurt Sorenson and passed unanimously.

Time was given to the river commissioners to report on the status of the water supply. Ray Owens reported that the current snow pack was 134% of normal as of January 6 and is 151% of normal as of yesterday. Piute Reservoir is at 47,350 a.f. with a make of about 378 a.f./day. Otter Creek Reservoir is at 24,384 a.f. with an inflow of about 75 cfs. Piute Reservoir should fill by April 1 at the current rate.

Commissioner Walker reported that there was 95,271 a.f. net hold over on October 1, 1996. On January 3, 1997 there was 142,700 a.f. (69.5 gauge height). Accounting for the exchange users, expected make, etc. There should be about 89,789 a.f. of storage made in Sevier Bridge Reservoir by April 1. Right now water is being diverted into Fool Creek Reservoir.

The directors briefly discussed the cost share program of the State, with either the USGS or the river system users. Lee Simm noted that there wouldn't be any money from the State to cost share with the water users.

Ivan Cowley asked Lee for a better report of the assessments and how they were figured. Lee agreed to try and develop a better report.

Before discussing the budget, Sheldon Proctor moved that the board hold an executive session. The motion was seconded by Clyde Bunker and passed unanimously.

The 1997 budget was discussed line by line. **Clyde Bunker moved that the commissioners are given a raise in salary of \$1,000 each, with the gatemen at the same salary as last year.** The motion was seconded by Ivan Cowley and passed unanimously.

Sheldon Proctor moved that it is recommended for the two commissioners to be hired back for another year with the urging that they be more accurate and timely with their report. The motion was seconded by Clyde Bunker and passed unanimously.

Ivan Cowley moved that the budget is approved as discussed. The motion was seconded by Kurt Sorenson and passed unanimously. **Ivan Cowley moved that the assessment for 1997 is set at \$130,000.** The motion was seconded by Kurt Sorenson and passed unanimously. **Sheldon Proctor moved that Dean Anderson is retained as Secretary/Treasurer.** The motion was seconded by Kurt Sorenson and passed unanimously.

Kurt Sorenson moved that a plaque be purchased for Clark Wall and that he is recognized for his service. The motion was seconded by Sheldon Proctor and passed unanimously.

Time was given to Harold Brown from the Division of Water Resources. They are doing a river by river study of each river basin to be used in a State Water Plan.

Clyde talked about the \$5,000 regulation expense fund and the possibility of filing a contempt of court complaint against users not complying with the Cox Decree.

The board discussed possible dates for the annual meeting. **Clyde Bunker moved that the meeting be held on February 6.** The motion was seconded by Ivan Cowley and passed unanimously.

Kirk Forbush reported that there have been some technical publications put by the State. There will be some public meetings on March 19 & 20 to discuss the publications. It was also noted that there will be a training meeting for river commissioners on February 10 & 11. It was decided that the commissioners should attend this meeting along with the UWUA annual workshop in March.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

ATTEST:

Secretary

President