

## MINUTES OF MEETING

Minutes of the meeting of the Budget Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Sevier River Water Users, Inc. held at the Sevier County Courthouse, Richfield, Utah, Thursday, January 18, 1996 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  
Phill Nielson, Vice President-Millard Area  
Clark Wall, Director-Sevier County  
Clyde Bunker, Director-Millard Area  
Dwight Malmgren-Sanpete County  
Ivan Cowley, Director-Richfield Area  
Dean S. Anderson, Secretary

**ABSENT:**

Sheldon Proctor, Director-Garfield County (Panguitch)

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Kurt Sorensen, Sanpete County  
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

The meeting was called to order by President Afton Blood who presided at the meeting. Minutes of the budget meeting held on January 19, 1995 was read by the Secretary. **Clark Wall moved that the minutes are approved as read.** The motion was seconded by Phill Nielson and passed unanimously. Minutes of the meeting held on October 30, 1995 was read. **Clyde Bunker moved that the minutes are approved as read.** The motion was seconded by Ivan Cowley and passed unanimously.

President Blood turned the time over to Lee Simms who talked about the river distribution trust fund. He noted that the balance of the fund had decreased nearly \$11,000 over last year. It was noted that there were 16 accounts past due for a total of \$4,379.99. Clyde asked about how to enforce the collection of overdue accounts. Lee noted that they have spent time discussing the issue with the Attorney Generals office. He noted that they can attach a lien to almost anything if they need to. Lee noted

that letters have been sent out from the Attorneys General office to all overdue accounts over \$100.00, stating that they shouldn't irrigate this year and if they do, then a law suit will be started. Clyde asked Lee to have a summary of what response had been received by the annual meeting. **Ivan Cowley moved that the Sevier River Distribution fund report for 1995 is approved as presented by the State Engineer's office.** The motion was seconded by Clark Wall and passed unanimously.

Clyde asked Jim why his mileage had increased over the previous year. Jim noted that he had spent more time monitoring Sevier Bridge Reservoir because it was full and there was no room for regulation. He also noted that there were a few extra meetings with the USGS. Afton asked for a report from Jim and Ray. Jim reported that SBR is 78.8 as of yesterday. There will be no storage division due to the fact that both reservoirs are full. Jim had started releasing 100 cfs on December 7 out of SBR and another 100 cfs on January 2. There is 150 cfs going out from Gunnison Bend Reservoir as of March 15. All of the reservoirs are full including the Gunnison Reservoir on the Sanpitch River. The surplus water can be used to increase the storage right. Ivan Cowley asked about being able to use the water rather than water the desert. Jim noted that the water could be used. There was a general discussion about how to administer surplus water.

Ray Owens noted that Piute Reservoir was at 62,400 a.f. and Otter Creek Reservoir was at 49,240 a.f. Currently, 400 cfs is being released from Piute Reservoir. This is 193 cfs inflow on the South Fork and about 50cfs inflow from the East Fork. Ray handed out papers showing the snow pack. We are about 545% of normal. Jim asked Ray about his plans for Piute Reservoir. He will shut Piute flows back around the first of March through the middle of March. Afton noted that the UWUA annual workshop is scheduled for March 12 & 13. He encouraged the River Commissioners to attend. **Ivan Cowley moved to approve the report from the Commissioners.** The motion was seconded by Phill Nielson and passed unanimously.

There was a short discussion about the USGS and the real time gauging stations from the Bureau of Reclamation. The USGS has taken out some of the river stations. Ray noted that the USGS has changed their format making it hard to get the data. Lee noted that one of his concerns is that we need a person to help fix the computers and other technical equipment used on the river.

Afton talked about the budget for 1996. Each line item was discussed and set. Jim and Ray were excused while the Directors discussed their wages. **Clyde Bunker moved that each commissioner**

**be paid a gross salary of \$27,000 per year.** The motion was seconded by Clark Wall and passed unanimously. **Clyde Bunker moved that it is recommended to the State Engineer's office that Jim Walker and Ray Owens are hired for another year.** The motion was seconded by Ivan Cowley and passed unanimously.

Ray Owens asked about purchasing a movable storage shed to store extra gauging equipment. **Ivan Cowley moved to approve the purchase of a movable building for Ray Owens to store satellite and computer equipment that would go with the job and not become the personal property of Mr. Owens.** The motion was seconded by Clark Wall and passed unanimously.

**Clark Wall moved to approve the 1996 budget at \$139,243.00.** The motion was seconded by Ivan Cowley and passed unanimously. **Phil Nielson moved to set the 1996 assessment for \$130,000.00.** The motion was seconded by Clyde Bunker and passed unanimously.

Discussion was held regarding a meeting date for the annual meeting. **After discussion, Clyde Bunker moved that February 13, 1996 at 1:00 p.m. be set as the date for the annual meeting with the next board meeting being set for 10:00 a.m. on the same day.** The motion was seconded by Ivan Cowley and passed unanimously.

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

**ATTEST:**

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**Secretary**

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**President**