

SEVIER RIVER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM
ANNUAL WATER USERS ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES, 1994

ATTENDING:

Lee Sim
Kirk Forbush
Terry Monroe
Cindy Roberts
John S. Larsen
Gertrudys Adkins
Afton Blood
Cecil Bown
Ivan Cowley
Ray Owens
Clark Wall
Sheldon Proctor
Clyde Bunker
Dean S. Anderson
Phill C. Nielson
Jim Walker

REPRESENTING:

Water Rights
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Otter Creek Reservoir
River Commissioner
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The meeting was held in Richfield, Utah on January 21, 1994, at 10:00 a.m. The 1993 Financial Report was handed out. Kirk Forbush read the minutes from the 1993 meeting. Ivan Cowley moved to accept the minutes as read and Sheldon Proctor seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Lee Sim read the financial report. An adjustment was made from \$8,200.00 to \$108,200.00 for the 1993 system assessment figure due to computer error. Paul Henrie collection of delinquent account was not followed through. Lee assured that it will be checked into this year. As per policy small delinquent accounts are not looked into. A discussion of all the delinquent accounts followed. Sheldon Proctor made motion to accept the report and Phil Nielson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The budgeting was discussed to offset the possible absence of CUP funds.

Jim Walker presented his commissioner report. There is 51,810 acre-feet storage in the lower zone which is better than last year. The primary water is up around 10 to 15%. The lower zone is in good shape also. On the lower zone there are two manometer stations at Sigurd and Gunnison. Stilling wells work better than manometer. Dover Station is still not in. The Lyndyll Station needs additional rip-rap work performed and Jim will do the work himself. He has the rock. Ivan asked about Vermillion Dam and Jim says it would be best to leave as is.

Ray Owens presented his commissioner report. There is 61,750 acre-feet storage in Piute. Piute Reservoir will fill by April 1. Snotel reports were read for water content. River inflow is 110% of average and 50 to 75 cfs more than last year. Recharge from the south made that possible. Ray made the Deputy Commissioners request for salary increases known. Otter Creek should be full March 1 with a release of 200 cfs. Panguitch Lake not filling too fast and Koosharem is filling slow. Ray made known his request to attend the Water Users

Workshop in St. George in March and Bureau of Reclamation training in February on running satellite systems, and State Engineer workshop training also. Releases were discussed and Clark Wall said he would deliberate on the dates, etc.

The annual meeting of the Sevier River Water Users was set for Thursday, February 3, 1994. Clark Wall stated he was not able to attend due to another commitment.

Gatemen salaries were discussed. The motion was made by Ivan to raise their travel by \$300.00. Phil Nielson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Each line item was discussed in the budget.

Lee Sim talked about the USGS gaging stations. The State Engineer pays one-half the cost for 17 of the stations. The State Engineer is charged \$3500.00 each for a total of \$55,000.00 per year. Increase of 6 to 8% each year. May in the future need to ask distribution systems to help fund. Each station is \$6500.00 to operate each year. It was brought up that the river commissioners often repair as needed.

Phil Nielson suggested increasing the miscellaneous line item by \$400.00 to purchase plaques for Virge Brown and Dwight Malmgren. Dean Anderson accepted the assignment to purchase the plaques.

The River Commissioners were excused and salaries were discussed. It was moved by Clark Wall to increase their salaries by 3.0% and seconded by Ivan Cowley. The motion carried. The commissioners accepted their salaries.

Lee Sim read the budget set for 1994. Clyde Bunker made motion to increase the assessments by \$20,000.00 and Clark Wall seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Lee Sim explained the state law requiring funds to be deposited with the State Treasurer. Interest was a concern and turn-around-time for withdrawal of funds. Interest earned is greater than at a bank and waiting time is one to two weeks for reimbursement time. The funds will not be transferred until a year from now. On the whole it will be advantageous.

Clark Wall brought up the collection of delinquent accounts. Clyde Bunker said in their area the water masters collect routinely. Lee is trying to follow-up but as it stands the State Engineer does not have enough man power to collect on these delinquents. Clyde Bunker remarked the water masters in their area routinely collect on delinquent accounts and comparison of water master salaries was discussed.

Clyde Bunker made motion to adjourn. Ivan Cowley seconded the motion and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.