

SEVIER RIVER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM
ANNUAL WATER USERS ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES, 1993

ATTENDING:

Lee Sim
Kirk Forbush
Terry Monroe
Cindy Roberts
John S. Larsen
Virge Brown
Afton Blood
Dwight Malmgren
Cecil Bown
Ivan Cowley
Ray Owens
Clark Wall
Sheldon Proctor
Maureen Wilson
Clyde Bunker
Dean S. Anderson
Phill C. Nielson
Roger Walker
Jim Walker
Roger Hansen
Lee Malmgren
Sheldon Talbot
Jay Franson

REPRESENTING:

Water Rights
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Sevier River Water Users
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Otter Creek Reservoir
River Commissioner
Sevier River Water Users
Sevier River Water Users
Division of Wildlife Resources
Sevier River Water Users
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self
River Commissioner
Bureau of Reclamation
self
Central Utah Water District
Engineering Consultant

The meeting was held in Richfield, Utah on January 22, 1993, at 10:00 a.m. Kirk Forbush read the minutes from the 1992 meeting. Clark Wall requested copies of the 1993 minutes for board members for the next Water User meeting. Corrections to the 1992 minutes were noted (river budget should be 60,000.00 and Don Christiansen name was incorrect). Clark moved to accept minutes with corrections and Clyde Bunker seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Maureen Wilson (Utah Division of Wildlife Resources) made a presentation on sluicing, which included impacts to fish and wildlife.

Lee read the financial report. Clyde Bunker asked for clarification of collected assessments. Discrepancy in budget was noted. Delinquent accounts were explained. Paul Henrie was noted as an ongoing problem. After this year he will be referred to the Attorney General for action. The amount of delinquent accounts is down \$3000.00 from last year. Dean Anderson asked whether travel expenses were itemized and Ray Owens explained. Lee Sim stated that it is paid based on mileage. Clark Wall pointed out another error in the budget. Ray Owens purchased a copy machine. The price of the copier was \$400.00 total. Virge Brown made a motion to accept the budget and Sheldon Proctor seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Jim Walker gave his commissioner report. The condition of the Sevier Bridge storage was discussed. Jim says it is about the same as last year. Condition

of various gauging housing was reported. There is \$500.00 left over from the Juab budget so would like to add Lyndyll & Juab together to install rip-rap on the turn for the Lyndyll station before serious damage is done. Jim requested money to do the rip-rap work which would cost approximately \$1500.00 for about 4 loads of rock. All other gauge houses are in good order. There is no gauge house on Dover. Jim asked for questions and none were asked.

Ray Owens gave his commissioners report. 35,600 acre feet in Sevier Bridge since October 1. 26,815 in Piute for gain of 24,995. Flows were reported and Ray said Piute is doing real well compared to last year. Sno-tell reports were passed out and read through. The River is in good shape for clocks. A station was moved to Panguitch Creek and they were put on the assessment role which caused them a bit of a hardship because they already had their budget. The desire to attend the Water User Workshop held in St. George was expressed and Ray passed out hand-outs detailing the workshop. Virge asked what Otter Creek inflow was and Ray answered 1/2 of 77 cfs.

Lee Sim stated that a Commissioner's bond is still a requirement per the legislature. Lee said in the Water Right office there is concern state-wide for travel costs. He didn't bring the figures for the Sevier River system but knows it is not keeping up with the cost of living. Travel pay is not keeping up with the actual cost. The commissioners end up subsidizing vehicle maintenance, etc. as these things are not covered under the guideline of 27.5 per mile which is currently being paid. Record keeping of travel expenses were explained by Lee. Clyde Bunker asked if actual expenses were ever studied. Afton Blood brought up the district owning the vehicles and a lengthy discussion of the district owning the vehicles took place.

Ray Owens and Jim Walker were excused to discuss their salaries.

A motion was made by Phil Nielson to set the salary budget at \$25,000.00 and seconded by Clark Wall. The motion passed.

Phil Nielson made a motion to increase the mileage paid to .35 per mile and Clark Wall seconded the motion. The motion passed. The budget is \$23,170.00 for travel. This is based on last years miles traveled.

Phil Nielson made the motion to retain both River Commissioners and Virge Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Gatemen's salaries were discussed. Clark Wall made the motion to have this remain the same and Phil Nielson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Jim Walker stated the actual costs to publish the Commissioner Report was \$685.00 printing costs for 75 copies. Roger Walker and wife provide the paper. The figure suggested to cover the publishing for these books was \$1000.00

Lee Sim read the budget as discussed. Clark Wall moved to adopt the budget and Phil Nielson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Phil Nielson made a motion for for the date of Thursday, February 11, 1993, to set the next meeting of the board. Virge Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Roger Hansen gave his report. He stated this is the fifth year of a four-year study. He handed out drafts of a report. Each board member would like a copy of the final report. Roger will allow two weeks for comment and then go to press with the report. Roger discussed computer equipment that is available. A study of a fax system for commissioners to get information to and from canal companies should be made. The river commissioners are to be commended as they are working with sophisticated computer equipment and are doing very well with the program.

Dean Anderson requested a copy of the assessment role giving him a roster of names to send notices to.

Phil Nielson made the motion to adjourn and Virge Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.