

SEVIER RIVER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM  
ANNUAL WATER USERS ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES, 1992

ATTENDING:

Lee Sim  
Kirk Forbush  
Terry Monroe  
Cindy Wohlforth  
Sheldon Proctor -  
Clyde Bunker  
Phill Nielson  
Roger Walker  
Jim Walker  
Ray J. Owens  
Virge Brown  
Afton Blood  
Dwight Malmgren  
Sheldon H. Talbot  
Don Christensen  
Ross Garrett  
Roger Hansen  
Kirt Sorenson  
Ivan Cowley

REPRESENTING:

Water Rights  
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The meeting commenced January 22, 1992, at 10:00 a.m. Kirk Forbush read the minutes of the 1991 meeting. Afton Blood made the motion to accept the minutes as read and Sheldon Proctor seconded the motion. The Motion carried. Lee Sim read the 1991 financial report as copies were passed out to everyone. Penalties, interest, and payments received were discussed. Paul Henrie's assessment is more than 1 year delinquent. Lee said it is more than \$200.00 and that is the level at which the State Engineer's office considers it to be delinquent. The question was raised about Cougar Ranch? Lee asked about Paul Henry and Ray said he has had contact with him and has encouraged him to pay. Kirk Forbush said he will be in contact with him also because of river work soon to be done and at that time will make the inquiry about the delinquency. Lee explained that when water rights are transferred, any delinquent charges are transferred as well to the new owners. Lee asked for questions and Clyde Bunker inquired about Jim Walker's retirement. Lee responded with it wasn't budgeted for in 1989 and therefore it is being caught up for past money not spent. Lee explained that all money for travel is put in one place. Sheldon Proctor made a motion and Dwight Malmgren seconded the motion to accept the financial report as read. The motion carried.

Ray Owens gave his commissioners report. He discussed the snotel report river forecast center methods and how he handles the snotel programs and working with the Sevier River model. He passed out a map of the snotel sites and that was discussed. Three new stations are proposed and an upgrade. Ray said Piute is taken care of and working well. Ray would like to go to the Water User Workshop that is being held in St. George on March 10 & March 11. Ray gave Afton the agenda for that workshop.

Jim Walker gave his commissioners report. He discussed the condition of the Sevier Bridge storage. He says it is in better shape than last year. Dover and

McIntyre Station need to be upgraded. A house that can be locked up is needed. The clock was shot on the chucker hunt and needs to be replaced. Rip-rap work was done. The Juab station needs to have money spent also. Monies spent was discussed on repair work.

Ray Owens expressed his appreciation to the USGS Service for all of their computer help. Ray expressed the need for a fax machine and a copier for river commissioners use.

Jim Walker asked that a note of an error in item #9 on his report be made. Jim also thinks that Vermillion is working well. Kirk Forbush noted that this is good information.

Lee asked for questions and comments and expressed appreciation for the reliable and accurate reports that the commissioners provide.

Virge Brown made a motion to accept the reports as read and Phill Nielson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Salaries and other business was discussed. Afton recognized the request for a fax machine, copier and attendance to the annual Water Users Work Shop. Phill Nielson made a motion to allow attendance to the Water User Work Shop and Sheldon Proctor seconded the motion. The motion passed. A motion was made by Phill Nielson to increase the commissioners salary by 9% or \$2,000.00. Clyde Bunker seconded the motion and the motion carried. Both commissioners accepted the salary. Phil Nielson made the motion to raise travel expense to 27.5 and Virge Brown seconded the motion. The motion carried. Lee Sim asked about the gatemen's salaries. It was noted that their last increase was in 1989 for \$100.00 and that no mileage is granted to gatemen. Dwight Malmgren made a motion for an increase of a \$100.00 salary increase to gatemen and Kirt Sorenson seconded the motion. The motion passed. Lee Sim discussed the bonding expense of \$200.00. Hopefully, next year there will be no commissioner bond required.

Each item of the budget was discussed.

Jim Walker commented to move the Juab station will cost \$500.00

Clyde Bunker made a motion to accept the budget as read and Virge Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed.

CUP budget was discussed and cloud seeding.

Phill Nielson made a motion to set the river budget at \$6,000.00 and Sheldon Proctor seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Roger Hansen made a presentation with photos of some of the equipment and passed out hand-outs. This is the last year of the Bureau's study. Problems need to be submitted this year to be part of the formal report. This report has been a joint effort of many agencies. This report will be published by the end of the fiscal year which is September. Phill Nielson expressed appreciation for the work done to date on the report. Roger Hansen asked if all present would be comfortable with their name on the report and it was indicated that all would be comfortable. Concern was expressed about what happens with the River Commissioners when the Bureau withdraws. It was decided that they will turn the

equipment over to the conservancy district.

Sevier River Water Users are to provide a replacement fund for vandalism. The cost of equipment, etc. Roger Walker asked if it will be budgeted in this years budget. This year improvements might be a radio communication system and sensing stations where no stations are installed.

Don Christensen spoke about changes above the Sevier River and studies made. CUP is looking at the direction of studies and the Board's reaction to those studies. Bill No. HR429 (5 of 40 titles) did pass last June. He made us aware that we must move rapidly this spring. He thinks the bill will pass and the project will be able to move forward. He passed out an organizational chart. He also indicated that we cannot miss this season to collect data. He talked about budget matters. He passed out Resolution No. 91-12-21. They are looking for direction from the board on how to proceed. If the project is built investigation of pipelines, environmental studies, etc. must be completed. The federal government will pay for 65% of this system. Roger Walker asked if Don could design some parameters? Don said yes. Don Christensen indicates he must have a commitment to buy water. He needs some indication from water companies that there is a market for the water. Tom Hatch needs a letter from this board to develop a plan. Don explained the authorization procedure to get this through Congress. CUP needs letters of intent from water companies. The letter should in general state: per resolution No. 91-12-21 that this Board of Sevier River Water Users hereby are interested in buying 36,000 acre-feet of CUP water. Ivan Cowley made the motion to accept that basic format of the letter and Sheldon Proctor seconded the motion. The motion carried. Don Christensen asked that Sevier River Water Users put together a plan that suggests how it might work. In turn, Don said that CUP would provide the Sevier River Water Users with a plan by March 15.

The motion was made to set the next meeting of the board for Thursday, February 13, 1992, by Phill Nielson and seconded by Virge Brown. The motion passed.

It was suggested to send the budget to Roger Stanworth.

Phill Nielson made a motion to convene the meeting and Afton Blood seconded the motion. The motion carried.