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Upper Bear River Distribution System
February 25, 1991

The meeting was called to order by Lee Sim at 11:05.

Minutes of the 1990 meeting were read by Will Atkin. A motion was made by Roger Peart to accept the minutes as read. Seconded by Glen Thompson. Motion passed.

The 1990 financial report was read by Lee Sim. Delinquent accounts were reviewed. Since the financial report was prepared on 1/8/91, Rich County & Otter Creek Irrigation Co. has paid there assessment. Therefore the balance should be \$11,320.86. Margueritte Caldwell had a question on what the amount delinquent represented. A motion was made by Dallas Johnson to accept the financial report as presented. Seconded by Dean Stuart. Motion passed.

The 1990 Commissioners report was presented by Ron Hoffman. He said that we did okay in 1990, considering the amount of water available. On the river, we got about a 50% hay crop. Woodruff Creek Reservoir spilled, but then natural flow really dropped off. "Meadowville was real tough. Not hardly enough to get a drink." Otter Creek suffered. Ron went over the ditches and measuring devices for Woodruff Creek. Woodruff Creek went fairly smooth. He only kept records until the reservoir shut off; however, now he knows that he needs to throughout the irrigation season. Some of the canals on the Bear River system need new foot bridges. Meadowville system needs work. Ron said that it should be put on time below Meadowville Canal. Margueritte asked if water was going down the old creek and asked about an illegal ditch. Ron said that he was unaware of an illegal ditch. Bob Fotheringham said that she would have to show us. When it was further discussed, Bob said that he thinks he knows where it is. Del Cook asked if all the measuring devices had been put in. Ron said that one has been installed below Meadowville Canal, in Tuft Creek and the one Del put in North Creek. Margueritte asked why one hasn't been put in the Willis Ditch. Bob said that the State Engineer is preparing a Memorandum Decision discussing Willis Ditch diversions. He asked if she thought that the J.R. Weston ditch was a diversion from the creek. She said that she would be willing to pay for a device and lock and wants it in the minutes. Theron said that the Willis and J.R. Weston ditches take out of Meadowville Creek. Theron and Margueritte agreed that water needs to be in the Creek, not the burrow pit. There being no other questions or comments, Roger Peart complimented Ron on the report and moved that the commissioners report be accepted as presented. Seconded by G. R. Peart. Motion passed.

Lee Sim opened the discussion on the budget. He said that things have to change in the way that Ron is paid. A River Commissioner is an appointed official and cannot be paid on a contractual basis. He has to be paid under the state payroll system with Social Security, retirement, Workman's Compensation and disability, etc. Bonding expense is also increasing from \$50 to \$100. Based on last year's salary, the total increase would be about \$2150. Margueritte said that the benefits would make the position more attractive. There was some discussion about the retirement system. Lee said that Ron has to current meter many locations which take time. The users need to look at getting more measuring devices. Ron said that last year he worked 925 hours and traveled 8455 miles and that his travel expense was included in his contractual expense. Roger asked how Ron felt about his salary, etc. Ron said that he thought he was hired at \$9000. Roger made the motion to increase the budget by \$2000 and let Ron decide how to spend it on retirement, travel, etc.; Budget: \$13,300, Assessment:\$12,300. Seconded by Blair Francis. Motion passed. Dean Stuart made the motion to recommend that we keep Ron as the commission. Seconded by Oreta Satterthwaite. Motion passed.

Jean Cook asked how much was left in the special account for Meadowville measuring devices. Ron said there was \$500, so there is enough to put a weir in Meadowville Creek.

Margueritte asked about the delinquent Willis account. Theron Weston said that Willis didn't pay because he wanted to force the issue because he didn't get any water. Theron said that it was because of the irrigation practices.

Lee Sim read that as of February 1, 1990, the forecast was 60% for the upper basin. Blair Francis stated that there is 9300 acre feet stored in Woodruff Narrows as of Saturday. It had 9,500 acre feet stored this time last year and went down to 4400 acre feet on October 1st.

Lee read the names on the board of directors. A motion was made by Roger Peart that they keep the same board of directors by acclamation. George Frazier seconded. Motion carried.

Jean Cook said that they didn't get a notice. She corrected the address list with Lee. The Cook Ranch account needs to be sent to Vernon Cook.

Roger moved for adjournment. Everyone left.

Those in attendance were:

NAME

REPRESENTING

Lee Sim	Division of Water Rights
Robert M. Fotheringham	Division of Water Rights
William Atkin	Division of Water Rights
George Frazier	Dykens Canal
L. Dallas Johnson	Beckwith-Quinn Westside Canal
Roger Peart	Randolph & Sage Creek Canal
George Frazier	Woodruff Irrigation Co.
Ron Hoffman	Upper Bear River Commissioner
Glen Thompson	Randolph, Utah
Bill Gray	Randolph, Utah
Lorin Sperry	Division of Wildlife Resources
Jean Cook	Meadowville, Utah
Del Cook	Meadowville, Utah
Ralph E. Argyle	Randolph Irrigation Co.
Robert Caldwell	Meadowville, Utah
Margueritte Caldwell	Meadowville, Utah
Oreta Satterthwaite	Meadowville, Utah
Blair R. Francis	Woodruff, Utah
Dean Stuart	Randolph & Woodruff Canal
Theron Weston	Meadowville, Utah
June Weston	Meadowville, Utah
Frank Weston	Meadowville, Utah