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MINUTES OF THE VIRGIN RIVER WATER USERS' ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL MEETING

DATE: 11 February 1992

CONDUCTING: Chairman Evan Woodbury

ATTENDING:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>
Evan Woodbury	Chairman, Water Users' Association
Lee Sim	Assistant State Engineer, Distribution
Gerald Stoker	Regional Engineer, Water Rights
Ray S. Schmutz	St. George & Washington Canal Co.
John Wadsworth	Distribution System Commissioner
Grey Larkin	Kolob property
Mac J. Hall	Hurricane Canal Co.
Don Harris	Virgin Ditch
Murray Wright	Virgin Ditch
Blaine Thomsen	Division of Water Rights
Charles C. Esplin	Charles H. Esplin & Sons
Ardell DeMille	Hall & Grafton Irr. / Rockville Irr. / Springdale Irr.
Stanley Turner	St. George Washington Canal Co.
Marie Wood	Cleo Wood Family
Gerald C. Wood	Cleo Wood Family
Lee Wilcox	Flanigan Ditch Co. / Virgin
Kerry Carpenter	Ass't Regional Engineer, Water Rights

The annual meeting was held in the USU Extension Service Conference Room of the Washington County Administration Building. Chairman Woodbury called the meeting to order at 9:35 AM and asked Ray Schmutz to offer an opening prayer.

Lee Sim read the minutes of the 1991 annual meeting. Chairman Woodbury asked for any corrections or additions. Ray Schmutz suggested that the minutes be corrected to clarify the fact that John Wadsworth had been recommended for re-appointment as Commissioner of the distribution system. Ray Schmutz made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected, seconded by Mac Hall. The motion was carried.

Chairman Woodbury then asked Lee Sim to read the 1991 Financial Statement. Mr. Sim reviewed the statement for the group and Mac Hall moved for approval. The motion was seconded by Gray Larkin and was carried.

John Wadsworth presented the 1991 Commissioner's Report. He distributed copies and read a general statement. He then reviewed the individual water use records contained in the report. Evan Woodbury raised a question regarding the requirement to maintain a flow of 80 cfs in the river below Washington Fields for fish and wildlife and local attempts to get this amount reduced to 40 cfs. John responded that reduced flows have been allowed to pass but official approval of the reduction has not been granted.

Another question was asked relating to the transfer of water rights from Kolob Reservoir to wells and spring in the area. Gerald Stoker briefly explained the policy which has allowed transfer of rights from Kolob into wells in an area between Clear Creek and Virgin Town. He noted that most of the rights available for such transfers have already been moved out.

Several other topics were discussed as the Commissioner's Report was reviewed, including storage in Quail Creek and the need for repair work at the Navajo Lake dike headgate. The latter subject was raised by Charles Esplin who stated that some backhoe work was needed as well as repair and/or replacement of the headgate structure. Gerald Wood offered the services of his backhoe at first opportunity to take care of that portion of the work. The general consensus of the discussion was that repair costs should be borne by all water users as all will be benefitted.

Ray Schmutz made a motion to accept the Commissioner's Report and to commend Commissioner Wadsworth for his work on the system. Charles Esplin seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

The proposed 1992 budget and assessment was the next item of business. In reviewing the line items, Lee Sim extended appreciation to Ray Schmutz for his work in sponsoring legislation to repeal the bonding requirement for Commissioners. Grey Larkin moved that the 1992 budget be the same as the 1991 budget but with an additional \$500 dollars allocated for repairs at the Navajo Lake dike headgate. This would set the 1992 budget at a total of \$4,720. Mr. Larkin's motion also included the provision that the assessment for the system be set at \$4,000. The motion received a second from Mac Hall and was carried.

Ray Schmutz made a motion to recommend John Wadsworth for re-appointment to serve as Commissioner for the 1992 year. Wayne McArthur offered a second to the motion and the motion was carried.

Commissioner Wadsworth reviewed the members of the Water User's Committee as follows: Virgil Bice, Ray Schmutz, Russell Bennett, Mac Hall, Evan Woodbury and Ron Thompson. There was no motion officially made, but the consensus was that Committee be retained as constituted.

Commissioner Wadsworth responded to a question regarding the status of the proposed North Creek Reservoir, stating that an environmental impact statement is in progress and construction is not anticipated before Fall of 1993.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 AM.