

VIRGIN RIVER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM
WATER USERS MEETING
1990 MINUTES

<u>NAME</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>
Evan Woodbury	Chairman
Lee H. Sim	Division of Water Rights
John S. Larsen	Division of Water Rights
Gerald W. Stoker	Division of Water Rights
John Wadsworth	Commissioner
Mack J. Hall	Hurricane Canal Co.
Ralph Staheli	St. George/Washington Canal Co.
Ray S. Schmutz	St. George/Washington Canal Co.
Virgil F. Bice	LaVerkin
S. Lee Wilcox	Flanigan Ditch Co.
Robert W. Chamberlain	St. George/Washington Canal Co.
Walter Toone	Zion Park
Wayne McArthur	St. George City
Glen Gubler	St. George City
Russ Bennett	Rockville

The meeting began at 11:07 A.M. with Evan Woodbury conducting. Minutes of the previous years meeting were read by Mr. Lee Sim of the State Division of Water Rights. No corrections were needed. A motion was made to accept the minutes as read by Ray Schmutz and seconded by Wayne McArthur. Motion carried.

The financial report was presented by Mr. Lee Sim. He stated that the year had begun with a balance of \$1052.26. Receipts were as follows: Regular assessments \$4,525.13; Delinquent penalties \$190.32; annual interest earned \$143.16 for a total of \$4,858.61. Expenditures totaled \$3,618.06 leaving a balance as of December 31, 1989 of \$2,292.81. The 1989 budget was \$4,316.00 and \$3,618.06 was spent leaving a balance of \$697.94 of available funds. There were no delinquencies in the accounts for the 1989 water year.

Previous year's assessments were discussed by the group and the 1990

system assessments were discussed and decided upon at \$3500.00. Budgetary total was \$3876.00. Motion to accept the financial report was made by Wayne McArthur and seconded by Mack Hall. Motion carried.

John Wadsworth presented his commissioners report for the 1989 water year. He first mentioned that two changes need to be made in the committee. Virgil Bice will replace Wayne Wilson & Russ Bennett will replace Jim Felton on the Users Executive Committee.

Kolob Reservoir was discussed. It's capacity is 5500 ac/ft of which 600 ac/ft is owned by the Kolob Water users. Quail Creek Reservoir was also discussed. John Wadsworth indicated that Hurricane has ¹⁸⁰⁰~~2200~~ ac/ft. of storage and St. George Canal Companies have ²²⁰⁰~~1000~~ ac/ft. of storage in the Reservoir. Concern was expressed by Ralph Staheli about the Quail Creek Pipe Line which furnishes water to the city of St. George. He is concerned about silting of the Washington Canal and the water quality in the reservoir. Wayne McArthur stated that the salinity of the water in the reservoir is about twice that of the river based upon samples taken from the 66" line filling the reservoir. Lee Sim indicated water quality is not considered to be a part of a water right, that quantity is the critical issue pertaining to water rights. A problem of moss buildup in the canals was discussed along with an increase in craw dad population due to the clear water in the canals.

Commissioner Wadsworth indicated he cannot measure the Springdale water supply because the weir is in bad condition but the water is measured by a recorder in a 15" pipeline by the ^{SPRINGDALE IRRIGATION CO.}~~Conservancy District~~. Rockville, La Verkin, and Hurricane diversions are of similar condition for recording of flows.

Washington Fields Canal is last on the system so they take what ever water is available to them.

Ray Schmutz inquired about how many water users were being assessed on the River system. Lee Sim answered that their are 30 accounts on this system. Ray wanted to know if they were all being assessed. Mr. Sim answered that the accounts are. Virgil Bice stated Ash Creek below Toquerville has approximately 12 water users that do not have legal right to use the water from the creek. He also mentioned that there were two water users on the North Fork, John R. Crawford and F. D. Griffith who are not being assessed. No one seems to know much about these users. Motion was then made to accept the commissioners report by Wayne McArthur, seconded by Mack Hall. Motion carried.

The budget for 1990 was then discussed and a motion to approve the 1990 budget at last year's level of \$3500.00 was made by Mack Hall and seconded by Ralph Staheli. Motion carried.

Ray Schmutz then made a motion to recommend John Wadsworth as Commissioner for the 1990 calendar year. All approved. Motion to adjourn by Ray Schmutz. Meeting adjourned at 12:30 P.M.