

MINUTES OF GEORGE CREEK WATER
USERS MEETING HELD APRIL 6, 1964

The meeting was opened at 11:15 a.m. by Donald C. Norseth. Those in attendance were:

Parley Montgomery	Yost, Utah
Darwin Thompson	Yost, Utah
Wallace B. Spencer	Yost, Utah
Donald C. Norseth	State Engineer's Office
Richard R. Pexton	State Engineer's Office
Karl A. Oman	Yost, Utah
Joe Taylor	Yost, Utah
Clare Teeter	Yost, Utah
Rolo Kimber	Yost, Utah
George Wright	Yost, Utah

Mr. Norseth stated that he had been up the canyon and that the snow pack seemed much better than the previous year.

Mr. Norseth read the minutes of the 1963 meeting to bring the past problems and procedures to the attention of the water users. Wallace Spencer made a motion that the minutes be approved as read, Darwin Thompson seconded the motion, motion carried.

Richard Pexton presented the water users with the financial statement of 1963. After a brief discussion, the report was approved as read.

Mr. Spencer summarized his activities as the 1963 water commissioner. He stated that it seemed advisable, in his opinion, that the canyon users prior to July 1, during periods of rotation, be given a permanent flow in accordance with their stock and that they rotate this per cent of the creek amongst themselves. Mr. Karl Oman and other canyon users agreed this proved successful in 1963.

Mr. Norseth then gave a brief discussion pertaining to the selection of a water commissioner pointing out that this man was to dis-tribute the water for 1964 and he felt that the water users should all concur. Jim Kimber nominated Wallace B. Spencer for water commissioner during the 1964 season. Mr. Spencer stated that he was busy taking care of his place, that he had been commissioner for two years, in addition there had been some dissention when he was commissioner in 1963; therefore, he felt that someone else from the George Creek Irrigation Company should be recommended. A discussion pertaining to this appointment followed. Mr. Joe Taylor then made a suggestion for the motion that a Mr. Billy Hurd from Tremonton be brought in as commissioner. No seconds or concurrences were achieved to this appointment. A discussion of an available man to handle this position showed cost prohibited outside people, in the opinion of the group and could not be afforded. The following men were nominated: Messrs. Cleo Teeter, Yale Montgomery,

Rolo Kimber, and George Wright. All refused to accept the nomination, further discussion was held. Mr. Rolo Kimber renominated Wallace B. Spencer for appointment as commissioner for 1964, seconded by Darwin Thompson; the vote was 6 for, Joe Taylor abstaining, and one against. The negative vote was cast by Wallace Spencer.

A budget was then established as follows:

Contractual salary services to be paid at the rate of \$50.00 per month during the period each year when the water was rotated from July 1 to October 1 after creek flow had reached 2.5 cfs.

BUDGET:

Salary (Total)	\$150.00
Travel (same basis as last year 1963)	700.00
Miscellaneous	20.00
Total	<u>\$870.00</u>

A discussion of the budget was held, in particular, the need for a company man on the East Branch to handle the water problems within the company, the item of \$700.00 being included in the budget was suggested by Jim Kimber. The consensus of opinion was that this was a company matter and the company should handle the problems themselves. A motion that a budget of \$870.00 be adopted and that the assessment be \$870.00. Motion carried unanimously.

A discussion of general distribution problems followed. Mr. Joe Taylor came forth with his records showing that he had diverted water each 9 days past October 1 in 1963 for stockwatering until the creek froze up. It was pointed out that this was in violation of the determination of water rights and the court order of November 1963. He stated that he felt this was his right and that he would continue to do so. He was advised by Mr. Norseth that he should get his rights straightened out and divert only in accordance with order of the court. In the event that he did not adhere to the court's orders, the attorney general's office would be asked to prepare a citation against him. No heated discussion of this item was held but a matter-of-fact discussion, statements by Mr. Taylor being made as to what he felt his rights were and what course he was going to pursue in 1964.

The second item of discussion was whether or not irrigation could be practiced instead of stockwatering between the period from April 1 to when the creek flow exceeded 2.5 cfs. There was a difference of opinion as to this matter and the final decision was that Donald Norseth would get the interpretation from the attorney general's office and forward same as a formal statement.

The final item of discussion was a rotation schedule to be put in effect after July 1 when the creek dropped below 2.5 cfs. The commissioner was given a quantity of these and asked to check them for possible errors and if judged okay, the State Engineer's office was to be notified and a copy passed out to each water user. He was further instructed that if the creek dropped to 2.5 cfs., the schedule should be put into effect. Revision would be permitted to provide more beneficial use of the water.

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