

ANNUAL MEETING NINE-MILE DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM  
JANUARY 31, 1977 - CARBON COUNTY COURTHOUSE

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The annual meeting of the Nine Mile Creek Distribution System was held in the small courtroom of the Carbon County Courthouse on January 31, 1977 at 1:40 p.m. The following persons were in attendance at the meeting:

John Bene - Deputy State Engineer, Division of Water Rights  
Don Norseth - Division of Water Rights  
Mark Page - Division of Water Rights  
Kenward H. McKinney - Division of Water Rights  
LaMond Gardner - Division of Water Rights  
Howard Price Jr. - Preston Nutter Corporation  
Albert Thayn  
Buck Rich - Clive Sprouse Corporation  
Sharp Bryner  
Jerry Burdick  
Lyle Bryner  
Mrs. Louise Motte  
Gary D. Motte

Deputy State Engineer John Bene chaired the meeting. Mr. Bene read the minutes pertaining to the 1976 annual meeting. There were no corrections or additions. Lyle Bryner made the motion to accept the minutes as read. A second was offered by Jerry Burdick. The motion passed.

The next item of business was to read the financial statement. As of January 31, 1977 the water users had a balance of \$624.81 as opposed to \$651.73 on January 31, 1976. There were two delinquent accounts in the name of the Iron Cross Ranch in care of Buck Rich and Flying Diamond or Rim Rock Ranch in care of Cotton Rich both of Roosevelt. It was mentioned that every effort would be made to collect the delinquent assessments. There was a motion by Howard Price to accept the financial statement as read and Sharp Bryner seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous.

Jerry Burdick, 1976 Water Commissioner, was asked to give his report on the 1976 water year. At some inconvenience Mr. Burdick stayed on as the Nine Mile Commissioner after having moved from the area. He prepared a report on the water as measured during the season and also stated that on July 15th he was instructed to distribute the water as set forth in the Johnson Decree. A motion was made by Sharp Bryner to accept the commissioner's report. The motion was seconded by Howard Price. The motion passed.

Mr. Norseth asked Lyle Bryner to give some information on the existing water conditions which he recieved from the Soil Conservation Service. The percentages are based on the past 15 years of record. White River #1 31%. White River #2 26%. White River Meadows 22%. Indian Creek has 11½ inches of snow or 23% of average compared to 50% last year at this time. Dry Valley 22%, Scofield 11%, Mud Creek 13% and Gooseberry 20%. The prospects for any significant amount of runoff is very doubtful at this time.

The next item of business was to appoint a water commissioner. Jerry Burdick stated that he was not interested in serving the water users in 1977. It was mentioned that the delivery of water in 1977 would certainly be based on the Johnson Decree. After some discussion Mr. Bene asked Buck Rich representing the lower end and Sharp Bryner representing the upper users to act as the

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Burdick  
via Price

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Nine Mile  
via Price

commissioners for the coming year. Mr. Bene stated that he would inspect all of the diversions on the system prior to the irrigation season. A motion was made by Howard Price and seconded by Jerry Burdick that Mr. Rich and Mr. Bryner act as the commissioners for the coming year. The vote was unanimous.

The budget was the next topic of discussion. It was proposed that the budget remain the same as in 1976 with the exception that mileage was to be 25¢ per mile instead of 20¢. Howard Price made the motion that the budget be accepted as proposed. Gary Motte seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.