

The Annual Meeting of the Burnt Fork Birch Creek Distribution System was held March 10, 1983 at 11:00 a.m. at the McKinnon Schoolhouse at McKinnon, Wyo.

Those present were:	<u>Representing</u>
Don Norseth	Div. Water Rights.
Robert Guy	Div. Water Rights
Marvin Bollschweiller	Wyo. Hydrographer Comm.
Robert Gamble	Self
Jon C. Wilde	Self
Don Stoll	Self
Earl Hanks	Self
Mark Anderson	Self
David Potter, Sr.	Self and Interstate Irrigation Co.
Steve Wilkinson	Water Commissioner

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Robert Gamble. He called for minutes of last meeting held July 12, 1982 to be read. Mark Anderson moved that minutes be approved as read, seconded by David Potter, Sr. All in favor.

Don Norseth gave a snow moisture report for various areas of the State of Utah. Duchesne area was 159% above normal and our area was 80 to 120% of normal.

Financial report was read by Mr. Norseth. Balance Jan 1, 1982 - \$204.77; regular assessments \$566.49; expenditures 1982 \$455.00; Balance Dec 31, 1982 - \$316.26. Mark Anderson moved that financial report be approved as read, seconded by Earl Hanks, all in favor.

Jon Wilde asked about total system financial report and not just Utah's portion? Utah pays 30% and Wyo. pays 70% of expenditures. Water users would like a financial report on Wyo. share to get a total picture of everything.

Next order of business was preparing a budget for 1983. Earl Hanks said he felt the Water Commissioner's salary was inadequate. He said Commissioner Wilkinson had told him when he was asked to regulate some water on Beaver Creek last year that he would not do it because he was not compensated enough for it. There was discussion on this matter. Marvin Bollschweiller said that the State of Wyo. pays .22¢ per mile for a car or regular pickup and .34¢ per mile for a four-wheeled drive pickup. This scale is paid to other commissioners in the state. Steve Wilkinson arrived at the meeting at 12:15 p.m. His salary was discussed with him. He said between both water systems, he would do it for around \$4,000.00 per year. Also, he asked if it would be all right to use his two sons to help him because he has a full time job in the summer. Both states said it was all right to have them help some, but he is the one who will be responsible. Some of the water users expressed some concern about commissioners using the boys in this capacity. Jon Wilde moved to raise the salary of the water commissioner Utah's 30% to \$600.00 per year - \$160.00 increase and \$133.00 for mileage and that the Water Commissioner keep records of the mileage; seconded by Robert Gamble, all in favor. Wyoming will match this with 70% - \$1944.00 including mileage.

Earl Hanks moved that we retain Steve Wilkinson as Water Commissioner, seconded by Don Stoll, all in favor.

Earl Hanks asked if any headgate installation orders had been sent out on Beaver Creek? They indicated none as yet.

Don Stoll asked if the States could help with some engineering and design plans for a diversion at the forks of Burnt Fork? They said SCS is available for this and some state revolving funds might be available.

Earl Hanks once again asked if something might be worked out to check if Interstate Canal Co. is storing water after March 31 and when they turn Island Lake on, then after two days the pressure of the lake is gone and they are using natural stream flow. Some of the water users said Island Lake does not fill past the old lake bed anymore due to the dike being erected and water runs through the rocks into Round Lake. Don Norseth said on a good water year, there is nothing wrong with them storing water until the irrigation season starts, but after that, they cannot

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store any water and the natural stream is to come on down the creek. The Water Commissioner and Interstate Rep. and any water users are to try to monitor the lake as best as they can to gather some data on it. The lake being very near the top of the Bollies and 9,000 ft. elevation or better creates problems in getting up there in the early spring.

Earl Hanks moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:50 p.m., seconded by David Potter, Sr. All in favor.

Jon C. Wilde  
Jon Wilde, Sec.