

Minutes of the 1961 Annual Meeting
BURNT FORK - BIRCH CREEK
Distribution System

Tuesday---March 7, 1961---4:30 p.m.

SUMMARY:

The water users of Burnt Fork and Birch Creek, tributaries to the Green River, met with representatives of the State Engineer of Utah and the State Engineer of Wyoming on March 7, 1961 in the courthouse at Manila, Utah to prepare for the 1961 distribution season. A budget of \$800.00 was adopted. Of this \$800, Wyoming will pay ~~2/3~~ or ~~\$533.33~~, and the Utah water users will pay ~~1/3~~ or ~~\$266.67~~. The Utah water users voted to assess themselves \$270.00 on an irrigated acreage basis. Mr. W. Moile Tripplett of McKinnon, Wyoming was recommended to be Burnt Fork - Birch Creek Water Commissioner for 1961.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Donald G. Norseth, Distribution Engineer of the Utah State Engineer's Office. He introduced his associates and gave a brief report on precipitation and expected runoff for the Burnt Fork drainage. He explained the 10% delinquent account penalty that would be uniform throughout the state of Utah on all river systems under the management of the state engineer. This penalty has helped in the collection of accounts and has very much benefited the river systems in handling their business affairs.

The meeting was then turned over to Charles Meeks, chairman. Mr. Meeks called for the reading of the 1960 minutes. The minutes of the 1960 Annual Meeting were read by LaRay Sadlier, secretary. The minutes were approved as read.

Frank Reese, Comptroller of the Utah State Engineer's Office, gave the 1960 Financial Report. The report was approved as read. The report and recommendations of the Water Commissioner were read by Mr. Norseth.

1961 Commissioner:

W. Moile Tripplett of McKinnon, Wyoming was recommended to be commissioner for the 1961 season. Mr. Norseth said that he would be happy to forward Mr. Tripplett's recommendation to the state engineer.

the water users expressed their satisfaction with the commissioner, and said that they would like to see some additional studies made on Burnt Fork and Birch Creek concerning transportation losses, measuring into and out of the reservoirs and measuring devices throughout the entire distribution system.

1961 Budget and Assessment:

Mr. David Miller, superintendent of district #4 for the State Engineer of Wyoming, stated that Wyoming would agree to the same division in the assessment that was made in 1960. A motion was made to adopt the 1960 budget for the 1961 season. The Utah water users voted to assess themselves \$270.00 to cover their share of the 1961 budget. The Utah budget was prepared as follows:

CONTRACTURAL
SERVICES

Salary and Travel.....\$240.00 (20 days at \$12/day and \$.07/mile)
Bonds and Insurance.... 10.00
Miscellaneous..... 20.00

TOTAL \$270.00

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30% for Utah, \$240
70% for Wyo = \$560
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(1961 Budget and Assessment) continued

The State Engineer of Utah was authorized to assess the Utah water users a total of \$270.00 on an irrigated acreage basis. Each water user's assessment would be computed by taking his percentage of the total acreage times the total assessment for 1961. A ten percent charge would be made against all delinquent accounts and any money collected on delinquencies would go into the general fund for the Burnt Fork - Birch Creek Distribution System and help to cut the assessment for the following year or to build up their bank reserves.

Water measurement and water management:

The water users discussed at great length the problems of water measurements on Burnt Fork and Birch Creek and the need for measuring devices on all diversions, reservoirs, and water loss areas.

Mr. Miller stated that Wyoming might be able to have additional help in this study. He asked the Utah State Engineer to possibly send a hydrographer to investigate the streams, make measurements and recommendations. He discussed the water right phase of distribution in relation to regulation according to priorities.

There were some questions raised as to why some of the diversions were shut down during the low flow periods. It was explained that priority was the basis for distribution and that the oldest water rights would have to be satisfied first. The shut off on the Ike Ditch was specifically mentioned.

The water users asked for some transmission loss studies from Beaver Meadows and Island Lake Reservoirs. They said that these reservoirs needed to be surveyed and gages installed. Recharge would have to be measured along with discharge from the reservoirs. Mr. Norseth said that the Utah State Engineer's Office would assist in making these studies, but that it was limited in personnel and time during the irrigation season. Time of runoff and time of storage are relatively short, but records are beginning to piece together a true picture of the overall water supply and distribution. He said that Island Lake was remote and needs to be surveyed and measured and the distribution studied along with the many other distribution problems throughout the distribution system.

1961 Executive Committee:

The following executive committee was chosen for 1961:

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| Charles Meeks, chairman | McKinnon, Wyoming |
| LaRay Sadlier, secretary | " |
| Bob Gamble, member | " |
| Ronald Smith, member. | " |

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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