

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE

OGDEN RIVER WATER USERS

January 19, 2011 - Ogden, Utah

The annual meeting of the Ogden River Water Users convened in the Pine View Water Users offices located at 471 West 2nd Street, Ogden, Utah, at 3:05 P.M. on January 19, 2011.

The following were in attendance:

Lee Sim	Utah Division of Water Rights
Ben Anderson	Utah Division of Water Rights
Ross Hansen	Utah Division of Water Rights
Vance Twitchell	Utah Division of Water Rights
Jim Wells	Ogden River Distribution System
Terel Grimley	Ogden River Water Rights
Chris Hogge	Ogden River Water Rights
Tage Flint	Ogden River Water Rights
Robert Lindquist	Ogden River Water Rights
Chuck ??	Ogden City Water
Conelly Baldwin	Pacific Corp
Dan Harrison	Middle Fk. Irrigation
Bob Gibboney	Lynne Irrigation

The meeting was called to order by Terel Grimley of the Ogden River Water Rights Committee. The Commissioner realized he had mistakenly brought the minutes of the December 21, 2010 directors meeting. A motion to skip the reading of the minutes was presented by Tage Flint and seconded by Bob Gibboney. This motion was approved by those present.

Commissioner Wells then presented his commissioner's report for the 2010 season. Mr. Wells extended appreciation for his two deputies: Stan Anderson and Terry Murphy. They are very knowledgeable about their systems and he continues to learn from them. He acknowledged the important contribution of the prior commissioner; Blaine Johnson and extended condolences to Mrs. Cleo Johnson and her family in response to Blaine's recent death.

Commissioner Wells reported a possible drought year was anticipated in early 2010 and this concern continued until early April when heavy snow fall brought basin average snow water equivalents to 80%. Basin wide snow water equivalent peaked at 89%. Early June warming initiated flood control efforts decreasing high flows below Causey and Pineview reservoirs. The remainder of June was cool and wet.

He then gave the following data for 2010:

Oct 15 storage (AF)

May 31	Causey Reservoir filled.	2,038
May 28	Pineview Reservoir filled.	53,770
June 26	Pineview began using storage.	
July 7	Weber Basin began using exchange water.	
July 7	Willard canal pumping to exchange users.	
July 17	Cut 1862 rights on lower river.	
August 27	Put on 1862 rights.	
Oct. 4	Weber Basin exchange off.	
Oct. 15	Pipeline shut down.	

Commissioner Wells then updated the Committee on current reservoir storage levels and Snotel data.

A motion to accept this report was made by Robert Lindquist and seconded by Chris Hogge. Motion approved by all present.

Comments on the commissioner's performance was sought. His involvement in a Lynne irrigation problem was mentioned. No issues regarding the commissioner's performance was brought up.

Lee Sim of the State Engineers Office outlined current activities in the Division of Water Rights. Mr. Sim indicated that the division had suffered a 7% decrease in their budget for the coming year. He indicated such a cut would be equivalent to firing six engineers. Because of these cuts, services to distribution systems might be reduced. Mr. Sim encouraged contact with the legislature in support of the division. He then pointed out a new water company page had been added to the Division of Water Rights web site. This page incorporated a new procedure to account for change applications which would reduce the overall water right for the associated company.

The 2010 Financial Statement was presented by Ben Anderson. A motion to accept was made by Bob Gibboney and seconded by Tage Flint. All present voted in favor. The status of delinquent fees was discussed. Lee Sim indicated that the delinquent accounts for water users who could not be identified would be treated as inactive.

Mr. Terel Grimley and Mr. Wells reported on the budget actions made at the directors meeting. A

discussion of gauge funding ensued.

A budget of \$31,491 was proposed to operate the Ogden River System for 2011. A motion to accept was made by Tage Flint and seconded by Bob Gibboney. All present agreed that this budget be presented to the State Engineer. It was accepted by the State Engineers representative.

Other business: Terel Grimley advised that members keep an eye on proposed legislation concerning ground water districts in Beryl Enterprise. He also indicated that the canal safety act seemed to be yielding positive results.

There being no further business, Terel Grimley adjourned the meeting at 4:30 P. M.

Jim Wells, Secretary