

MINUTES OF CEDAR VALLEY DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM
HELD TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1974
7:30 P. M.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Donald Norseth representing the Division of Water Rights.

Mr. Norseth reported that the water year this year will not be anywhere comparable with last year. Most of the state will be normal or perhaps a little below normal; up north, the water picture is about normal. The water year will be adequate, however.

Mr. Norseth then introduced State Engineer Dee Hansen and Mr. Gerald Stoker of the local State Engineer's Office.

Mr. Norseth then stated that this was the annual meeting, and that at this meeting we generally take up four or five items: Hearing of the minutes from the previous year's meeting, Hearing of Financial Report, Report of Water Commissioner as to his activities during the previous year, Budget for this year, and recommendations for Water Commissioner for 1974. The end of the meeting will be devoted to a discussion of problems.

Mr. Norseth then turned the meeting to Mr. Lorenzo F. Luke, Chairman.

LORENZO F. LUKE:

Mr. Luke read the agenda for the remainder of the meeting, and which was as follows:

1. Hearing of minutes for 1973.
2. Hearing of Financial Report for 1973.
3. Hearing of Water Commissioner's Report for 1973.

LaRee Garfield, Secretary, read the minutes for the 1973 meeting. John Beal made the motion that we accept the minutes as read, and the motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

FINANCIAL REPORT: (Copy attached and made a part hereof by reference).

The Financial Report was read and discussed by Mr. Donald Norseth. The members present were informed that the number of delinquent accounts had decreased this year; only two are current delinquencies, the others being more than one year old. Mr. Norseth suggested that perhaps a reminder should be sent, and that if the money was not forthcoming at that time, that the matter be referred to the Attorney General and then turn off their wells.

Mr. Luke then asked if there were any questions regarding the report. Thelmer Stratton then made the motion that the Financial Report be accepted as read; it was seconded by Jerry Bryant and passed unanimously by the members present.

WATER COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:

A copy of this report was given to the heads of the various fields prior to the meeting, and a copy of the same is attached hereto and made a part hereof by reference.

Clemont apologized for not following through on assignment given him last year.

It was then reported that because of a shortage of paper, it had been necessary for Clemont to go to Salt Lake and literally beg for paper to use for his report this year.

Clemont then read his report for 1973 which is contained on pages one through four, inclusive. Lehi Jones asked where the structure referred to on page two was located, and Clemont reported that it was behind the Red Hill, East of Cedar City; he also indicated that the work done by Mr. Sandberg at that site was really tremendous and had been very accurate. Clemont suggested that this summer some work should be done on the sill in the form of filling in the holes with rock and topping them with concrete.

Clemont reported that the large diversion dam used by the North Field, East Extension, Bulldog, Union and Old Fort Companies is badly worn and that unless it is repaired immediately, it will go out. He indicated that a new structure needs to be built and that perhaps the present dam be sold to the Utah Department of Highways with the idea in mind of building a new dam a few hundred feet downstream.

Clemont stated that the wells were not read in October because of an accident involving the Deputy Commissioner and his brother.

Clemont then reported that the access to the wells was a great problem, and that many hours were lost getting out of the mud.

Clemont then expressed appreciation for the help given him by the local State Engineer's Office, and particularly the help given by Sandra McCall and Gerald Stoker of the local office.

It was then reported by Clemont that only six meters are down at the present time, compared with 24 last year, and he indicated that this was probably due to their getting tough on this matter and shutting off the wells when the meters were broken.

Clemont then read his recommendations for the current year, and he explained that these were always discussed and sometimes never acted on, and that this presented a problem.

He suggested that the gas allowance be looked at because of a drastic increase in the price of gasoline. George Vandenberghe then indicated that gas was going down 2¢ a gallon as of this date, and Clemont then stated that gas had gone up from \$.35 a gallon to \$.48 a gallon since the writing of his report, and that he cannot be reading the meters on his own money.

It was reported by Clemont that the meters were read only six times last year and that they should be read at least eight times. It takes about \$100.00 per trip to pay to read the meters. Dr. John Beal then asked if last year was not an unusually bad year as far as mud, etc., but Clemont reported that the areas where he thought he would have trouble were not the problems at all, but that this problem does need to be worked on. Clemont then stated that every well but one has been tracked down and located.

Items three (Repair North Diversion Dam), four (Repair gauging station) and five (New gauges put on all weirs except Bulldog ditch; Repair Bulldog gauge) were discussed as they pertain to Clemont's recommendations, and Clemont reported that item five is critical. He stated that having gauges on the weirs saves much time for him and that these need to be obtained. He reported that the gauge at Bulldog is floating and needs to be repaired.

Clemont suggested that the subdivision people need to be brought into this annual meeting and that the matter of well reading explained to them. State Engineer, Dee Hansen asked if a letter of introduction for Clemont's boy would be helpful, and Clemont suggested that he be appointed a Deputy Commissioner and be given a certificate. Clemont reported that the meters on the subdivision wells go haywire, and so he pulls the switch, and the people get angry at him. He indicated that this is a big problem that needs to be worked on.

Item seven, (That the State Engineer advise the Commissioner when a permit for a new well is issued) is still a problem, because new wells are continually being drilled. Dee Hansen reported that Gerald has this worked out.

Dr. Beal asked if there was a centrally located well which supplies each subdivision and why the individual wells need to be read. Clemont reported that only the main well is being read and the reading of the individual wells was up to the company. There are 160 wells now compared to in previous years. Clemont suggested that every well be metered and read. The subdivisions have used less water than they are entitled to, because the subdivisions are not yet built up. In the future, however, there will be a lot of homes in the subdivisions, and the water level will go down rapidly. Dr. Beal suggested that a regulation device be put on a well traveled road. Clemont reported that their roads are better than the farm roads, and that the problem with subdivision wells are the people.

In the Commissioner's report behind the green pages is listed each company with the stream of water each used. Clemont stated that the water in the Hunter Ditch was used beneficially. The City used their well a little while, but the fields owe them a deficit. On page 21 of the report is listed all of the water used by each company. The East Extension took their water about two weeks earlier this year.

Coal Creek ran 75,500+ acre feet of water measured coming out of the canyon. This is 12,000 acre feet higher than the GS Survey. The pump wells pumped approximately 20,000 acre feet, and the culinary wells used approximately 3,000 acre feet, and a total of approximately 99,340 acre feet of water was used in the valley. This was a great year.

The yellow sheets in the Report show the pump water used by each person.

Page 48 of the Report shows the snow depth at Webster Flat over the years and the water content. On May 1st the level was lower than in 1952, 1958 and 1962, and yet much more water was running.

The last page of the Report shows the annual precipitation for Cedar City, and that the annual precipitation trend is moving upward. Five inches of rain fell in 1959, but that figure is now climbing up.

Clemont then expressed appreciation to the people who had helped him.

Clemont explained that in order for him to continue as Commissioner, he will need another boy to help him on the Creek because of added Church responsibilities. This boy needs to be approved and an understanding reached, and that he be respected as a Deputy Commissioner. They have a hard time anticipating the creek, but this comes with experience and takes time. If this suggestion cannot be met, then Clemont indicated that he would resign. Clemont then resigned as Commissioner and asked if there were any questions on the report.

Thelmer Stratton asked where 28,000 feet of water went, and Clemont reported that the Midvalley Road ditches were full, the Dancing Breeze and Radio Station KBRE areas and the subdivisions around there had had a great deal of water. There were considerable areas out west in the Iron Springs and Quitchapa areas where most of the water went.

Dr. Prestwich asked about the subdivision meters. Some have main wells for each subdivision and others have individual wells, and he wondered if they have meters. Clemont reported that meters are required only on five or more acres.

Dr. Beal asked if there was a possibility of working with a committee of pumpers to decide what needs to be done. Clemont reported that a committee had been appointed and that they just hadn't met. Clemont thought that two committees had been appointed--one for the subdivision wells and one to work on the pumper's association. Dr. Beal reported that material was never received from the State as to how other areas handled this. Clemont said that if the committee would assume the responsibility when reported by Clemont that he couldn't get to a well and that a letter be written to inform these people of this by the pumper's association and signed by the committee asking them to take care of this, that this should take care of the problem. Ren Luke thought that personal contact is worth a dozen letters concerning the problem Clemont reported.

Dr. John Beal made the motion that we accept Clemont's report; the motion was seconded by Neil Boyter and passed unanimously.

BUDGET: The following recommendations were made for the 1974 budget:

1. Repair of gauging station estimated at \$600.00.

2. Milage--an increase of \$63.68 for the Commissioner and \$72.00 for the Deputy. = \$135.68
 3. Increase in Deputy's salary, \$300.00, for reading of wells
- TOTAL INCREASE-----\$1,035.68

Time was given for any questions concerning these increases. Dr. Beal asked if there was any repair work to be done where the water goes into a field, and it was reported that the repair work was nothing to do with the fields but rather with the gauging station.

Concerning the travel expense, Jerry Bryant asked why all of the funds approved for that item last year was not used and if it would be necessary to budget more money for this item since we did not use what we budgeted last year. Ren explained that we have a hold over of about \$2,000.00. Dr. Prestwich made the motion that we allow the milage as proposed and that if it was not adequate that it be increased until it was. Jerry Bryant seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed. Donald Norseth clarified that this be 18¢ per mile for Clemont, and it was then reported that Clemont get 16¢ per mile and his Deputy, 18¢ per mile.

Regarding the increase for the Deputy from \$600.00 to \$900.00, Jerry Bryant asked how many days it takes to read the meters. Clemont reported that it takes about two full days, or 15-16 hours.

Ren then asked what the members present suggested, and Jerry Bryant made the motion that we budget to take care of the increase for the Deputy, and it was unanimously passed.

Dr. Prestwich then asked if the delinquent accounts were still pump wells, and Clemont reported that some of them were. Hunter Gibson is pumping, Arthur Fife is pumping and Wourth Wood is not. Wourth Wood sold out, and the new owner is responsible. Foster Brothers delinquency has never been paid and is now a subdivision. Midvalley Pump Co. has not paid. Fernleigh Gardner, Sheldon Benson, McRae Bullock and John R. Williams are being pumped. Dr. Prestwich asked if they could not be turned off, and Clemont reported that on an order from the State, he would turn them off. Donald Norseth reported that a procedure was set up for turning off wells and that they work with the Attorney General on this. He said that if this was the desire of the membership, they would proceed with this and turn off the wells. They pay ten (10%) per cent penalty interest on these delinquent accounts. Ren then asked if a notice could not be sent out from the State, and Mr. Norseth said that if a notice was sent, it would proceed the shutting off of the wells.

For the 1974 budget, we need to have \$5,575.68. To take care of this, the assessment will have to be \$4,800.00. Clemont explained that it was estimated that it would take \$600.00 to put the sill across and that it actually cost only about \$400.00, so that item may be high. Lehi Jones moved that we accept this, and it was seconded by Neil Boyter and unanimously passed.

RECOMMENDATION TO STATE ENGINEER FOR WATER COMMISSIONER: Dennis Bauer nominated Clemont Adams, and the nomination was seconded. Clemont asked if two Deputy's had been approved to assist him, and the answer was in the affirmative. Dr. Prestwich made the motion that Clemont be approved to be the Water Commissioner, Kay Smith seconded the motion, and it was unanimously passed. Donald Norseth reported that the State Engineer had accepted Clemont as the Water Commissioner, together with his two Deputy's.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Ren asked for suggestions for a new Executive Committee. Wendall Jones made the motion that the committee remain the same, it was seconded and unanimously passed.

Donald Norseth then asked what the Deputy's would need to make them official, and Clemont reported that they could be responsible under his bond.

Clemont then introduced Earl Tuttle from the Soil Conservation Service who was to report about the snow pack, etc.

EARL TUTTLE: The State office has not gotten out the report since the snow surveys were made the last of January, but the snow surveyors found the following:

Webster Flat: This year, 13.1 inches of water, long time average, 12.2 inches, last year, 18.2 inches. In 1972 there were 20.5 inches at this time and in 1971 there were 14.2 inches. This is the lowest we have had in four years. There are 40.1 inches of snow, 12 inches of water and a long time average of 8.9 inches; this is 134% of average.

We are not sure on the snow course at Urie Flat, instead the report was taken at the SUSC Ranch. Some snow courses have been cut out because of a cut in the budget.

This year at SUSC, there was 27.2 inches of snow, 6.9 inches of water with a long time average of 6.8 inches; this is 101% of average. One year ago there was 8.3 inches of water, 6.8 inches the year before that, and in 1971, there was 6.2 inches.

Jerry Bryant then asked concerning any repairs if it was anticipated that there would be any rebuilding or renovating of any structures. If so, he reported that the Coal Creek Irrigation Company would like to participate as far as expense incurred in delivering 4A water and devices used to measure the stream. Ren explained that a right of way would have to be obtained and that Jerry could be invited to the meeting where this was discussed.

Jerry Bryant asked about building a splash board, and Donald Norseth said that this was a matter of design and that the companies could get together and formulate a plan for this.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 P.M.