

Water User  
Blue Mountain Distribution System

RE: 1976 Annual Meeting And Operation  
of the Distribution System in 1976

Dear Water User:

The annual meeting of the Blue Mountain Distribution was held February 19, 1976 in the courtroom of the San Juan County Courthouse at 1:00 p.m. Enclosed is a copy of the minutes of that meeting. Please read these minutes carefully, since outlined therein is the plan of operation for the system for the year 1976. It is hoped that this method of operation will alleviate some of the problems which have been experienced in the past.

The only suggestion which Division of Water Rights personnel have at this time is that Budget Item 1 - Commissioner's Salary (\$275.00) and Budget Item 2 - Commissioner's Travel Expense (\$72.00) be sub-itemed as follows:

1a	Chairman	\$75.00	27.3%
1b	Verdure Subsystem	20.00	7.3% (10% of \$200)
1c	Pioneer Subsystem	20.00	7.3% (10% of \$200)
1d	Blue Mountain Irrigation Co. "	40.00	14.5% (20% of \$200)
1e	Spring Creek Subsystem	120.00	43.6% (60% of \$200)
		<u>\$275.00</u>	<u>100.0%</u>
2a	Chairman Subsystem	\$19.60	98 miles
2b	Verdure Subsystem	5.20	26 miles
2c	Pioneer Subsystem	5.20	26 miles
2d	Blue Mountain Irrigation Co. "	10.40	52 miles
2e	Spring Creek Subsystem	31.60	<u>158 miles</u>
		<u>\$72.00</u>	

The salary drawing account of the chairman was arbitrarily set at \$75.00 and the remaining \$200.00 was allocated on the basis of subsystem assessment rate. The mileage drawing accounts were computed using the same percentages as were used in salary allocations and then rounding to increments of 20¢.

Again it is hoped that this 1976 method of operation of the Blue Mountain Distribution System will alleviate some of the past problems.

MINUTES ANNUAL MEETING OF THE  
BLUE MOUNTAIN DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM.

The annual meeting of the Blue Mountain Distribution System was held in the San Juan County Courthouse on February 19, 1976. The meeting was scheduled to begin at 1:00 p.m. and was convened at 1:15 p.m. in the courtroom. The following is a list of those who were present and who or what organization they represented:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>
John Bene, Deputy State Engineer	- Division of Water Rights, Salt Lake City
Kenward H. McKinney, Area Engineer	- Division of Water Rights, Price
Don R. Barton, Representative	- Verdure & Dodge Point Ditch
Joseph Francis Barton	- Verdure & Dodge Point Ditch
F. DeVere Halls	- Blue Mountain Irrigation Company
Max Dalton, Chairman & Representative	- Blue Mountain Irrigation Company
James F. Scrup	- Spring Creek
Joe Christensen	
Evan Pehrson	- Pioneer Irrigation Company

The chair was offered to Max Dalton who indicated that he would prefer that the Division of Water Rights conduct the meeting. John Bene chaired the meeting and Mr. McKinney acted as recording secretary. Mr. Bene read the minutes of the previous meeting. In discussion following the reading of the minutes it was recalled that there were two meetings in 1975 and that the minutes which had been read were the minutes of the second meeting. The minutes of the first meeting were then read. Following this reading, Don Barton moved and James F. Scrup seconded that the minutes of both meetings be accepted as read. Voting in favor of this motion was unanimous.

John Bene read the Financial Statement. Max Dalton stated that if Water Assessment for the Blue Mountain Irrigation Company was sent to him he would see that the assessment was paid. He indicated that Kedrick Somerville was no longer an officer in the company. Upon completion of the discussion, Francis Barton moved and Don Barton seconded that the financial statement be accepted as read. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

Following the reading of the financial statement there was some discussion on the effectiveness of the distribution system and the commissioner. All in attendance agreed that the distribution system organization was necessary. However, for various reasons including commissioners who were essentially unfamiliar with the Blue Mountain Distribution System and/or were unfamiliar with water distribution, the commissioners had been relatively ineffective. The 1975 commissioner nominee made one trip to the North end in June with Jim Scrup and made no other trips. He also indicated that he was not interested in the job for 1976. Possible solutions to the problem were discussed. Don Barton suggested that each subsystem, the Verdure Subsystem, the Pioneer Subsystem, the Blue Mountain Irrigation Company Subsystem and the Spring Creek Subsystem, be responsible for the distribution of subsystem water. The subsystem representative would be the administrative officer for the subsystem and the Chairman of the Blue Mountain Distribution System would be the administrative officer for the whole system. In the event of a dispute concerning water distribution between two subsystems or between a subsystem representative and a water user, the Chairman will arbitrate the dispute. In the event that the Chairman has an interest in the dispute, some other mutually agreed upon person from within the system would arbitrate the dispute. The State Engineer's representatives from the Southeast Utah Area Office in Price would be available for consultation. Expenses properly invoiced and approved by the Blue Mountain Distribution System Chairman and by the Controller would be paid from available Trust Fund Account Money. The plan outlined above is to be a trial program for the year 1976. The Division of Water Rights in cooperation with the system chairman was to provide any necessary guidelines or interpretations necessary to the successful implementation of this plan.

The assessment was then discussed. It was noted that if all delinquent accounts were paid and if all of the Distribution System obligations were paid, there should be a balance of \$568.39 in the system Trust Fund Account. It was the consensus of all present that, in view of this favorable balance in the Trust Fund Account and in view of the projected lower Distribution System costs in 1976 because of the new distribution system plan of operation, it would be unnecessary to have an assessment for 1976. It was moved, seconded and unanimously voted affirmatively to have no assessment for 1976 and to operate in 1976 under the same budget as for 1975.

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The matter of system chairman and subsystem representatives was then discussed. Max Dalton indicated that the experience of being chairman was good and that such experience should be enjoyed by others as well as himself. However, it was the consensus of all concerned that Max was doing a fine job and that he and the subsystem representatives should continue to serve in their respective positions. It was moved, seconded and unanimously affirmed that the chairman of the Blue Mountain Distribution System should be Max Dalton and that the following water users should continue to serve as subsystem representatives:

<u>Subsystem</u>	<u>Representative</u>
Verdure	Don Barton
Pioneer Irrigation Company	Ernest Sonderregger
Blue Mountain Irrigation Company	Max Dalton
Carlisle Ranch	Alfred Frost
Spring Creek	Lyman DeReece Nielson

Mr. McKinney then read a letter from the Utah Water User's Association dated November 15, 1975 and addressed to the Blue Mountain Distribution System. There was little discussion on the letter.

Following this matter it was moved by Don Barton and seconded by James F. Scorup to adjourn the meeting. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.