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East Fork of the Virgin River Distribution System Meeting  
March 5, 1985,  
Orderville, Utah

Mr. Richard B. Hall called the meeting to order at 10:05 A.M. and introduced Jerry L. Bronicel from the Salt Lake Distribution Office and Gerald W. Stoker from the Cedar City Office.

The minutes of the March 13, 1984 meeting were read by Mr. Bronicel. With no corrections or additions, a motion to accept them as read was made by Cleve Esplin. Seconded by Norm Carroll. Motion carried.

Mr. Hall indicated that from the Sno-tel data, the 1985 season should be a fairly normal year.

Mr. Hall read the 1984 financial report indicating the State Engineer's records showed a balance of distribution trust funds as of January 1, 1984 of \$737.76. Total assessments during the year amounted to \$916.45 with expenditures against that of \$857.49, leaving a balance on hand, as of December 31, 1984, of \$796.72. Bernard Tait moved to accept the 1984 financial statement as read. Seconded by C. F. Cleveland. Motion carried.

Mr. Hall explained the states attempt to obtain interest on the distribution trust fund account by placing the money into an investment or "sweep" checking account. This type of account is currently returning 8% interest, which could amount to approximately 2-3% of the systems total annual budget. An arbitrary formula would be derived to pro-rate each individuals systems interest monthly. Motion was made to pursue this plan by Robert Ramsay. Seconded by Roger Chamberlain. Motion carried.

The 1984 commissioner's report was given by Gerry Hoyt, stating it had been a good water year with turns starting on June 17, when the river went to 80%. However, it then started a rainy period and 100% was again available and even flooding problems, but received co-operation from the users on the system. The commissioner voiced some concerns with measuring devices on the system, but that those problems should be rectified by the 1985 season. Mr. Hoyt stated that the pipe at the Orderville diversion had been measured on July 1, 1984 and that it could hold only 87% of its first class water right. Sharon Lamb stated that there had been no problem with the ranches "pooling" their rights in the past and they would give Gerry their schedule when water drops below 100%. There had been some problem with tampering with settings of head gates. Mr. Hall suggested a line item be set in the budget to buy locks for these gates, which should minimize the problem. A motion to accept the 1984 commissioner's report was made by Mr. Cleveland and seconded by Mr. Chamberlain. Motion passed.

Mr. Hall went over the State Engineer's field review of the system during 1984 and discussed the various problems with diversions and measuring devices observed on the system.

It was stated that Glendale is going to a pressurized irrigation system that will include Carpenter Meadow Water. An engineer with the SCS, out of Parowan (Mr. Baldwin), will calibrate the water measurement for this system and will be asked to make a copy of that information to be available to the commissioner and Mr. Hall.

The 1985 budget was discussed with the commissioner's salary being set at \$600.00, travel expense at \$0.30 a mile and an additional line item of \$60.00 for purchase of chain and locks for diversions gates. The total budget was set at \$1165.40 with an assessment at the same amount. Motion to accept the proposed budget and assessment was made by Mr. Ramsay. Seconded by Mr. Chamberlain. Motion carried.

Mr. Hall stated that Gerry had paid his own bond last year and should submit a voucher for re-imbursment and stated Gerry should make 25 copies of his commissioners report and make them available at the annual meeting.

Mr. Ramsay moved to recommend Gerry Hoyt as 1985 river commissioner. Seconded by Mr. Carroll. Motion carried. Mr. Hall said that the State Engineer would act on the recommendation and appoint Mr. Hoyt as 1985 commissioner for the East Fork of the Virgin River.

A motion to retain the same committee on the system as 1984 was made by Mr. Ramsey. Seconded by Mr. Chamberlain. Motion carried.

With no other business to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned at 10:48 A.M.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>
Richard B. Hall	Division of Water Rights, SIC, Utah
Jerry L. Bronicel	" " " "
Gerald W. Stoker	" " " "
Bernard Tait	Mt. Carmel
Sharon Lamb	Mt. Carmel
L. F. Dean Anderson, President	Glendale Irrigation Co.
Roger J. Chamberlain	Lydia Canyon
David MacDonald	Alton Junction
Merrill Mac Donald	Commissioner
Gerry H. Hoyt	Kanab
Robert Ramsay	Mt. Carmel
Cleve Espin	Orderville
Norm Carroll	Glendale
C. F. Cleveland	Glendale
C. W. Brinkerhoff	Glendale