

MINUTES

East Fork of Virgin River Water Users Meeting
Church House, Orderville, Utah
Tuesday, February 11, 1975, at 10:00 a.m.

Meeting called to order by Donald Norseth, Division of Water Rights. Mr. Norseth gave a general report on the water supply forecast for the state as a whole for the 1975 season. In his opinion as of this date, the forecast would be between 70% to 75% of normal. The water supply could improve materially before April.

Sharon Lamb, Chairman, took over and conducted the meeting. The secretary for the last season was not present, and he had not submitted a copy of the 1974 minutes to the State Engineer so they could not be read and approved.

Mr. Norseth gave the financial report for the 1974 season. After some discussion, a motion was made by Dean Anderson to accept the financial report as read. Motion seconded by Arel Chamberlain. Motion carried.

Mr. Arel Chamberlain, Water Commissioner, gave his report on the operation of the system during the past season. He was much concerned about the subdivision development in the area and the construction of a pipeline. Mr. Chamberlain's chief complaint was that some of these water users were using the water in fish ponds and using some water for culinary use and still irrigating the same acreages in land. It was the consensus of opinion that no one can use the same water right for all purposes without using more than his own right. Mr. Norseth asked the commissioner to make a list of all the people in the development area and stated that he would call a special meeting later on in the season to help resolve the problem. He would also check the decrees on water rights with Mr. Gerald Stoker, Area Engineer in Cedar City, and report back to the water users concerned.

There was considerable discussion on the water division made by the various communities along the East Fork. There was a difference of opinion on the equality of the division of water between the communities. Mr. Arel Chamberlain stated that he used his best judgment many times because of the extremes in variation of available water. No firm conclusion was reached as to just how the river commissioner should measure the water to the different communities.

Motion was made by Roger Chamberlain that the commissioner's salary be raised from \$360.00 to \$480.00. Motion seconded by Delwyn Maxwell. Motion carried. Motion was made by La Mar Chamberlain that the mileage allowance be raised to \$250.00 and that the rate per mile be raised to \$0.15 per mile. Motion seconded by Fern Morrison. Motion carried. Motion made by Lyle Chamberlain that Arel Chamberlain be recommended to the State Engineer for re-appointment. Motion seconded by Mr. Lamb. Motion carried.

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Motion was made by Delwyn Maxwell that the budget be set at \$825.00 and that the assessment be levied to cover the budget. Motion seconded by Cornell Chamberlain. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

John Bene, Deputy State Engineer
Acting Secretary

JB/mmt

Present at meeting: Donald Norseth, John Bene, Sharon Lamb, Arel Chamberlain, Lloyd Austin, Joseph Blander, Henry Carroll, William Brinkerhoff, William Adair, John Hardy, Rex Crofts, Cornell Chamberlain, R. M. Jensen, F. M. Jensen, Afton Pugh, Lamond Tait, C. M. L. Drever, Lyle Chamberlain, Garn Esplin, La Mar Chamberlain, L. Dean Anderson, Delwyn Maxwell, Roger Chamberlain, & Fern Morrison

Copies to: Gerald Stoker, Area Engineer; Arel Chamberlain, Commissioner