

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
VIRGIN RIVER WATER USERS Feb. 10, 1975
Washington County Courthouse

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The meeting was opened by Don Norseth who introduced the engineers present and outlined the meeting. He reported the general water conditions of the state as follows:

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| Panguich | 15% of normal |
| Utah Lake | 75%(or more) of normal |
| North of Spanish Fork | pretty normal |
| Uinta | 70% of normal |
| Southern Utah | less than normal |

Mr. Norseth said that over the state the water supply will be what comes and not what is on the ground.

The meeting was turned over to Wayne Wilson, chairman, who discussed the eight water districts or areas of the state. Our district has five counties, the next one has six, etc.

Minutes of the 1974 annual meeting were read and approved.

The financial statement was presented by Mr. Norseth. It was moved by W. W. Staheli and seconded by Don Lamoreaux that the report be accepted as read. The motion passed. The bill from Engineering Associates of \$373.16 was presented to be put in next year's budget. Mr. Norseth will check to be sure the final proof has been submitted so this can be paid.

Clifford Ruesch presented the Annual Report of the Virgin River for 1974. Springdale had a few problems, but they were helped to work them out and things have worked fine for them. Wayne Wilson presented a problem to the Engineer and Attorney. LaVerkin does not hire enough help. They were out of water longer than necessary. Flannigan Ditch needs a padlock put on it. It was reported that the new dam and system for Rockville is working beautifully.

Explanation given by Springdale of the variations in their water flow: there are so many screens between their intake and their ditch that catch trash. Their water is low all night sometimes. They have many problems. The screens are for safety of children. The Park Service at one time agreed to put in pipe all the way, but because of the type of pipe needed and the expense, it was dropped.

It was moved and seconded that the Annual Report be accepted. The motion passed.

Same for 1975

The budget for 1975 was considered. It was recommended by Wayne Wilson that the same budget be set up for 1975 with the same mileage, etc, as 1974. The motion was seconded and passed.

It was decided that Clifford Ruesch would be the commissioner for 1975 with the following committee:

- Wayne Wilson.....LaVerkin
- Ray S. Schmutz.....St. George

Jim Felton.....Vir
 Rex Frei.....St. George
 John Wadsworth.....Hurricane
 Evan J. Woodbury.....St. George

The question was asked by Nick Nichol森 of the Zion National Park; if big horn sheep were introduced to the Park could water be diverted to pastures. It was decided that as long as only the allotted water was used, it could be used wherever they desired.

Lloyd Austin, Region Eight Representative from the Water Resource Board was introduced. He was representing Dan Lawrence. He is working on a project at Ash Creek Dam. The State can only participate in projects if they can take title till it is paid off.

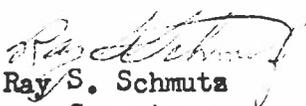
Meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Water Users present:

Don Norseth
 John Bene
 Nick Nichol森
 LaVar Foremaster
 Owen Wright
 W. W. Staheli
 Larkin Gifford
 Devar Pollock
 Donald Lamoreaux
 Lloyd H. Austin
 Jim Felton
 Clifford Ruesch
 Charles C. Esplin
 Ivan H. Hunt
 Loren Sperry
 Gary McKell
 Laron B. Wilson
 Wayne Wilson

Representing:

Water Rights
 Deputy State Engineers
 Zion National Park
 St. George Washington Canal
 St. George, Kolob
 St. George Washington Canal
 Springdale
 Zion National Park
 Kolob Water Users
 Division of Water Resources
 Kolob Recreation Assoc.
 Water Commissioner, Hurricane
 Cedar City, Utah
 Calif. Pacific Utilities Co.
 Water Rights
 Wildlife Resources
 LaVerkin, Utah
 LaVerkin, Chmn. Upper Users *LaVerkin*


 Ray S. Schmutz
 Secretary