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Minutes of the Annual Meeting
MUDDY CREEK DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM
10 a.m. Wednesday Jan. 18, 1961

GENERAL BUSINESS

The water users of Muddy Creek and its tributaries met with the Utah State Engineer and members of his staff in the Emery Town Hall at 10 a.m., Wednesday, January 18, 1961, to set up the Muddy Creek Distribution System, if the water users so desired.

Mr. Wayne D. Criddle, state engineer, conducted the meeting and stated that if it was the desire of the water users of Muddy Creek to have their system come under the state engineer's supervision, then certain procedures and policies would have to be followed.

Mr. Criddle introduced his staff and explained the functions of his office in water administration. He explained the purposes of the Adjudication, Applications or Appropriations, Legal and Distribution Divisions. He stated that it was with the Distribution Division that the water users would be most concerned with, since the river commissioner for Muddy Creek would work directly under this department, with supervision from the state engineer.

After some discussion the water users agreed to have the state engineer distribute the waters of Muddy Creek.

Mr. Criddle explained that the costs of distribution would have to be paid by the water users, and that the assistance given from the departments of his office would be available to them at no cost to their system. He said that after a satisfactory assessment basis had been worked out between his office and the water users, the money would be collected and kept in a separate account for the Muddy Creek system and spent only for those items which would be set forth in the adopted annual budget. All accounts would have to be paid by June 1, or a 10% delinquent assessment would be added to all overdue accounts. He stated that by law the accounts should be paid by May 1, but the state engineer would assess the penalty until June 1, or until 60 days after mailing the assessment notices. He explained that any money collected in such action would be put into the general fund for the system and so serve to reduce the total assessment for the following year.

Mr. Criddle pointed out that the state engineer must have control of any river system which is taken under his administration. The commissioner must be impartial, capable, bondable, and acceptable to all parties. The cost of the commissioner and other expenses necessary for distribution are to be paid by the water users, but the commissioner must work for and be responsible to the state engineer. Mr. Criddle said that representatives of his office checked the distribution of water several times in 1960 and found the distribution to be correctly executed by the court appointed water commissioner, Mr. Homer Edwards of Moore, Utah.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT FOR 1960

Mr. Homer Edwards was asked to give a brief report of the distribution of water during the 1960 season, during which time he served as court appointed water commissioner. Mr. Edwards stated that he had acted as commissioner from July 1 to the end of the irrigation season, and that he enjoyed the work very much. He said that he did not know how satisfactory the work had been to the various water users, and that he had distributed the water under the super-

vision of the Utah State Engineer. He said that he did as he was ordered, made accurate reports, checked the reservoirs, and distributed the water as fairly and honestly as could be done. He said that the short supply of water added to the problems of distribution. He thanked all the water users for their cooperation. He stated that he had kept an account of his time spent on the creek, and that he was paid for 75 hours at \$1.50 per hour, and travel at 8 cents per mile.

Mr. Raymond B. Olsen of the Emery Canal raised a question concerning the measurement of waters released from the Juddous Flat reservoir on July 10, 1960. It was his opinion that the commissioner was measuring the water to show more than what was coming through the wooden 4-ft. cipolletti weir which was installed to measure the releases from the reservoir.

Mr. Clarence E. Erickson, Jr., distribution engineer, said that the difference in water measurement was due to the velocity of approach of the water passing over the lip of the weir. He said that if the water users had measured the water and considered this velocity, then they would have been able to determine the actual amount of water to be measured. He explained the pile-up method of water measurement, which helps to correct for the added velocity of the water above the desirable approach velocity. By turning the gage against the water coming through the weir, the water piles up and gives a higher and more nearly correct measurement. He stated that these weirs were installed only as temporary measuring devices to serve for 1960 to measure the releases from the reservoirs into Muddy Creek. It was pointed out that all diversions from the Muddy Creek System would have to have proper measuring devices and diversion structures installed to make water distribution more effective.

ASSESSMENT FORMULA

After some discussion it was agreed by the water users to be assessed as follows:

1/16 of the total assessment to Independent Canal and Res. Co.

15/16 of the total assessment to Emery Canal and Res. Co.

Each canal and reservoir company agreed to pay the cost of regulating the reservoirs owned by them, as a separate cost from the assessment for the cost of regulating the creek.

1961 BUDGET

The following budget was set up for the 1961 distribution season:

Commissioner's salary (\$2.00 per hour for 150 hours)	\$300.00
Social Security matching at 3% of base salary	0
Travel (800 miles at 8 cents per mile)	64.00
Miscellaneous expenses	36.00
Total	\$400.00

The commissioner would have to keep a record of his time and travel and submit a voucher once a month to the State Engineer's Office.

1961 ASSESSMENT

The water users voted to assess themselves a total of \$400.00 to cover the anticipated costs of running the Muddy Creek Distribution System for the 1961 irrigation season. This cost would be assessed according to the formula set out in these minutes.

1961 WATER COMMISSIONER

Mr. M. Sorensen and Mr. Nels Hansen were recommended to the state engineer as candidates for 1961 Water Commissioner, but no recommendation of one was made at the meeting.

It was suggested that the water users or their representatives get together again at some later date and notify the state engineer in writing prior to the irrigation season of their choice of the one person to be recommended to be commissioner.

(NOTE:) By letter, dated March 27, 1961, the above names were again listed by Mr. Carlyle Crawford and Mr. Raymond P. Olson (Mr. Nels Hansen was later recommended to be Muddy Creek Commissioner)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The water users elected Mr. Raymond B. Olsen, president of the Emery Canal, to be chairman of the Muddy Creek Distribution System; and Mr. Carlyle Crawford, president of the Independent Canal Company, to be vice-chairman of the Muddy Creek Distribution System for 1961.

Mr. Criddle adjourned the meeting and instructed the executive committee to submit their recommendation for commissioner as soon as possible.

Attending the meeting were:

<u>Name</u>		<u>Representing</u>	
Wayne D. Criddle		State Engineer of Utah	
Donald C. Norseth		Distribution Engineer	
Clarence E. Erickson, Jr.		Distribution Engineer	
Frank Reese		Comptroller, State Engineer's Office	
M. Jensen	Emery Canal	Carlyle Crawford	Ind. Canal
Hugh Peterson	"	Cliff Snow	"
Mervin Johnson	"	Rex Bunderson	"
A. Clark	"	Homer Edwards	"
James B. Swensen	"	Marion Sorensen	"
Homer Jensen	"		
Alten Jensen	"		
Nels Hansen	"		
Merlin Christiansen	"		
Terry Broderick	"		
Marion S. Albreckstson	"		

R. Merrill Allred	Emery Canal	Wallace Case	Emery Canal
Geo. Olsen	"	Dennis Case	"
Jens. Jensen	"	Verdus Peacock	"
EuniceLarsen	"	Robert E. Anderson	"
Lyle Jensen	"	Arthur L. Petty	"
Ole Jensen	"	Wilford Broderick	"
Clyde Mortensen	"	Christian Christiansen	"
Ray Olsen	"	Rellus Christiansen	"
Robert Lewis	"	Alvin Bunderson	"
Reed Larsen	"	Ophi Jorgensen	"
Coy Williams	"	Eldridge Christiansen	"
Frank L. Collier	"		

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