

MINUTES OF ANNUAL WATER USERS MEETING - 1/29/79
PRICE RIVER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

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The annual meeting of water users of Price River Distribution System was held on Monday, January 29, 1979 at 3:30 P.M. in Room 7 of Price City Municipal Building, Price, Utah.

Present: Chris Jouflas - Carbon Water Con. Dist.
George Waterman - Carbon Canal
Lyle Bryner - Price River Water Users
Sam Fazzio - Spring Glen Canal
Ernest Bruno - Bryner-Hansen Ditch
Dick Borrell - Carbon Canal
Ted Peirce - Carbon Canal
Jack Chiaretta - Carbon Canal
Dave Rowley - River Commissioner
John Bene - Secy. Adj. Committee
Jase Jowell - User
Albert Thayn - Wellington Canal
Leonard Shield - Price Water Co.
Carly Burton - Utah Power & Light
Phillip Palmer - Price Rvr. Wtr. Imp. Dist.
Roger Harberts - Price Rvr. Wtr. Imp. Dist.
Wayne Campbell - Utah Power & Light
Emil Denison - Price City
M. H. Haynes - Kanawha & Hocking Coal & Coke
K. B. Hutchinson - Braztah
Frank Kochevar - Stowell Ditch
Joe Feichko - Water User
Bert Jeanselme - Swisher Coal
Gary Moreau - SCS, Price
Dave Ariotti - Price City Engineer
Don Norseth - State Engineer's Office
Arthur May - State Engineer's Office
Mark Page - State Engineer's Office

The meeting was called to order by Dave Rowley, Chairman of the Price River Distribution System and then turned over to Don Norseth, Water Distribution Engineer from the State Engineer's Office.

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read by Secy. John Bene. After correction of two misspelled names or typographical errors, the minutes were accepted as read.

Secy. also read the minutes of a special meeting called by the Price River Water Distribution Committee for the purpose of alerting them to the fact that Braztah Mining Co. was seeking permission to pump the mine water from the New Peerless mine into the Price River.

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Lyle Bryner moved, seconded by Albert Thayn and carried, that a letter be written to E.P.A. protesting the granting of a permit to Braztah to pump mine water into the Price River. Letter was written to E.P.A. by S. V. Litizette as instructed. Dave Rowley reported that in response to the letter, E.P.A. called a special meeting which was held in Braztah's office in Helper, at which time Braztah furnished the representative from E.P.A. and the Price River Distribution Committee a copy of a map showing where they were going to build a pipeline to carry mine water down below the diversion to the water treatment plants on Price River; further, that they would treat the water so that the quality of the water discharged into the River would be equal to or better than the quality of the water in Price River.

E.P.A. agreed to consider the application favorably if and when they received a letter from Price River Water Users agreeing to their proposition.

Dave Rowley made a motion that the Secy. write Braztah a letter stating the water users would not object to the issuance of a permit by E.P.A. to pump water into Price River if the water is piped below the treatment plants into the river after it is treated. Motion seconded by Lyle Bryner and carried.

Financial report was given by Art May from the State Engineer's Office.

The question of vacation pay for Dave Rowley came up. He did not take his vacation and requested he be paid for time which amounted to \$150.00. This was not included in the budget but was stated in his application for the job which was accepted by the water users. Jack Chiaretta moved that Norseth be authorized to have Dick Pexton pay Dave Rowley out of the miscellaneous fund. Seconded by Sam Fazzio and carried.

Frank Kochevar made a motion that the financial statement be accepted; motion seconded by Dick Borrell and carried.

River Commissioner gave some excerpts from his 1978 report to the State Engineer. John Bene commented on the high use of water for irrigation shown in the report and stated that the State Engineer was going to make a crop study in this area to determine the actual acres farmed and that the duty of water in this area will be 4 acre ft. /acre of actual land farmed. According to the record, our people are using much more than that at the present time.

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Dave and Selma Rowley's application for Price River Commissioner was read by Dave Rowley. After considerable discussion the travel allowance was raised to \$4500, and the rate per mile raised to .28/mile as long as price of gasoline stays within the range of .6690/gal. For every increment of 2½¢ raise in gasoline, mileage allowance to be increased 1¢ per mile.

Discussion was had on the budget. Jack Chiaretta moved, Sam Fazzio seconded and motion carried, that the following budget be recommended and total assessment of \$10,370.00 be made:

1: Commissioner's salary	\$3,750.00
1-C: Matching Social Security	225.00
1-D: Matching State Retirement	345.00
2: Commissioner's Travel Expense	4,500.00
3. Annual Report	250.00
4. Bond and Insurance	50.00
5. Miscellaneous	250.00
6. Reserve Fund	1,000.00
	<u>\$10,370.00</u>

Jack Chiaretta moved, seconded by Dick Borrell and carried, that each exchange made under the system be assessed a minimum of \$10.00.

It was reported that William R. Whitehead (head of the subdivision at Gooseberry Creek) went bankrupt and that no collections were made from the cabin owners. Norseth said he would attempt to collect the past assessments from the new man in charge of the development.

Dave Rowley was to get a list of the cabin owners around Scofield Reservoir that have a well and mail them to the State Engineer's Office so that assessments could be made.

It was learned at the meeting that the Gooseberry project, for storage of 7500 ac.ft. was about to be built under the Central Utah Project, and CUP have requested a Court opinion on the Tri-partite Agreement as it pertains to the Sanpete Water Users and their project.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 P.M.


John Bene
Secretary