

Water Users Meeting
Price River System
February 3, 1972 - 9:30 a.m.

The annual meeting of the Price River Distribution System users was held in the Harding School, Price, Utah, at 9:30 a.m.

Mr. George W. Waterman, Chairman, was excused from the meeting at his own request since he was convalescing from a recent illness. All the water users expressed concern about his physical condition and hoped for his quick recovery. Mr. Bene, with the consent of the water users present, asked Mr. Norseth, Distribution Engineer from the State Engineer's Office, to chair the meeting while Mr. Bene acted as the recording secretary for the meeting. Mr. Norseth opened the meeting with the introductory remarks concerning the items of business that were to be discussed in the meeting.

Mr. Bene noted that Mr. Frank Reese, financial officer from the State Engineer's Office, had retired the first of January and that Mr. Ken McKinney, Area Engineer in Price, would read the financial report for the past year. After a brief discussion, Mr. Bene read the minutes of the last regular meeting. Mr. Carlyle Pace made a motion that the minutes be accepted as read. The motion was seconded by Bill Marsing, and the motion carried.

Mr. McKinney read the financial report and gave explanations of the various expense items. Mr. Bene and Mr. Rowley, Price River Commissioner, explained why the travel item was high in relation to the total salary. Mr. Bene also reported that a time certificate for \$2500.00 had been recently purchased and placed with others in Safety Deposit Box No. 440 located in the Walker Bank and Trust Company, Price, Utah. These time certificates are purchased in the name of the Price River Adjudication Committee. The motion was made by Rex Mathis that the financial report be accepted as read. The motion was seconded by Bill Marsing, and the motion carried.

Mr. Rowley read highlights from Page 38 of his 1971 Commissioner's Report and answered a number of questions that came up in the general discussion. At this point Mr. Bene reported that Mr. Leonard Strang, the caretaker at Scofield Reservoir, had passed away and that the Price River Conservancy District was in the process of finding a replacement. Mr. Rowley and Mr. Pressett had a brief discussion about the condition of the Grassy Trail Creek Reservoir above Sunnyside. The motion was made by Albert Thayn that the 1971 River Commissioner's Report be accepted. The motion was seconded by Lyle Bryner, and the motion carried.

There was only one application submitted to the secretary for the river commissioner's position and that was by Dave Rowley, the present river commissioner. After considerable discussion about the salary of the commissioner, Albert Thayn recommended that Dave Rowley be retained as commissioner for the 1972 season. The motion was seconded by Sam Fazzio, and the motion carried.

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A general discussion was held on the budget for the 1972 season, at which time it was recommended by Rex Mathis that the budget be set at the same figure as last year (\$4545.00) and that the assessments be levied to cover \$3545.00 and that the balance of \$1000.00 be taken from the reserve balance in the State Engineer's Trust Fund. The motion was seconded by Jack Chiaretta, and it carried.

Mr. Norseth stated that Mr. Rowley had done an outstanding job as Price River Commissioner and that he would be recommended for reappointment by the State Engineer.

In the closing discussions, it was reported that the ghosts of the Gooseberry Project were again showing their heads and that some people on the Sanpete side of the mountain would like to breathe new life into the old corpse. All water users must be alerted to the fact that the Sanpete interests do not consider the Gooseberry a dead issue and that their reason for joining the Central Utah Conservancy District was to use this organization as a new front organization.

The motion to adjourn was made by Jack Chiaretta. The motion was seconded by Jay Critchlow, and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

The members present were:

Donald Norseth, Division of Water Rights
Kenward H. McKinney, Division of Water Rights
John Bene, Deputy State Engineer
Dave Rowley, Price River Water Commissioner
Robert F. Gandge, U.S. Steel Corporation
Leon Pressett, U.S. Steel Corporation
Sam Fazzio, Spring Glen Canal
William Crocco, The North American Coal Corporation
Thomas F. Quayle, Water Master, Price-Wellington Canal
Jack Chiaretta, Carbon Canal
James W. Fausett, Gordon Creek
Lamond Gardner, Division of Water Rights
Lyle Bryner, Price River Water Users Association
Carlyle Pace, Price Water Company
Albert Thayn, Wellington Canal Co.
William Marsing, Carbon Canal Co.
Jay Critchlow, Allred Ditch Co.
Rex Mathis, Price River Water Users Assoc.
John L. Trayner, Utah Power & Light Co.

John Bene, Secretary

Copies of the minutes sent to:

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