

MINUTES OF ANNUAL WATER USERS MEETING

TIME: 9:30 a.m., February 2, 1968

PLACE: Little Courtroom, Carbon County Courthouse, Price, Utah

The meeting was called to order by Chairman George W. Waterman. John Bene, Deputy State Engineer, turned the meeting over to Don Norseth, Engineer from the State office, and John took over as the secretary for the Price River Distribution System.

Mr. Norseth went through the official call of the meeting sent out by Mr. Lambert, State Engineer; this call lays out the reasons for the meeting and the general procedure to be followed in the conducting of the meeting.

Mr. Norseth gave a brief report on the probable water supply for the irrigation season of 1968 on the basis of the snow survey information. Prospects for a good water year are slim since the snow fall in the high country is about 80% to 85% of normal.

Secretary read the minutes of the previous annual meeting. There were no additions, corrections or alterations made. Motion was made by Ken Massey, representing Price City, that the minutes be accepted as read. Motion seconded by Carlyle Pace. Motion carried.

Don Norseth reported that the measuring devices were installed as ordered by the Seventh District Court on the conveying channels from Fairview Lakes to the tunnel. The installations were made late in the season and as a result are not the best and in the opinion of the State Engineer's office will not stay in place when the spring thaw comes. Devices installed: two parshall flumes (one now has an automatic recorder installed) and two drain gates on the channel leading to the tunnel on the Gooseberry Creek drainage.

Mr. Norseth also stated that the area under the old highline ditch is now dry, and that in early November when he and Mr. Bene last visited the Gooseberry Area, there was about one-half to three-quarters of a second-foot of water in the channel leading to the tunnel. Drain gate was opened and the water permitted to run down Gooseberry Creek (Price River Drainage).

A brief discussion on the diversion of water out of Beaver Creek (over the Gordon Creek Divide) into the Gordon Creek drainage was had. A motion was made by Carlyle Pace that the State Engineer be requested to make a study of this diversion. Motion seconded by Bill Marsing. Motion carried. The secretary stated that the time for the water users on Price River to appear on the Gordon Creek matter was in Court when the adjudication of the waters of Price River is submitted to the Court for approval. The primary users on Price River for years have asked the State Engineer's office to investigate the diversion of water out of Beaver Creek to Gordon Creek. Secretary stated in this matter that a right to divert has existed but the extent of the right has never been determined.

Another question raised was that about the continuous primary water right owned by the Denver & Rio Grande Railroad. Mr. Norseth answered that during the irrigation season it took its portional drop with other decreed rights but at the end of the irrigation season the right could be made whole with the available water.

Dave Rowley, River Commissioner, gave a number of highlights from his yearly report for the water year 1967.

Motion was made by Rex Mathis that the River Commissioner's Report for 1967 be accepted. Motion seconded by Carlyle Pace; motion carried.

Mr. Frank Reese, Controller from the State Engineer's office gave the financial report on Price River for the year 1967. After a brief discussion a motion was made by Bill Marsing that the financial report be accepted as read. Motion seconded by Walter Borla. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Bill Marsing that the budget for 1968 be same as was set for 1967. Motion was seconded by Rex Mathis. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Jay Critchlow that the assessment be made to cover the proposed budget. Motion carried. Total budget to be \$6,523.00.

Secretary read Dave Rowley's application for the Price River Commissioner job. Dave's application was the only one received.

It was moved by Carlyle Pace and seconded by Walter Borla that Dave Rowley be recommended to the State Engineer for reappointment as Price River Water Commissioner. Motion carried.

A number of favorable remarks on Dave's work were made by members present.

Don Norseth stated that the State Engineer would go along with this recommendation and appoint Dave Rowley as Water Commissioner for the 1968 season.

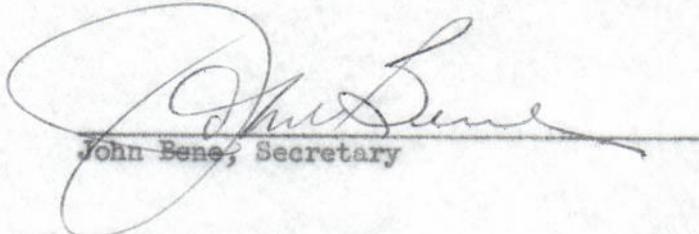
Under the item of other business the problem of diversions out of the White River came up; after some discussion a motion was made by Carlyle Pace that the State Engineer be requested to make a study of water uses here and to check the Morse Decree on their rights. Secretary stated that this issue of water rights here would come up under the adjudication of water on Price River and at that time the whole problem should receive an airing.

Bill Marsing and other water users wanted the record to show that they appreciated the fine cooperation Earl Staker gave the water users in working out their problems.

Having covered all the regular business to come before the body, the meeting was adjourned by the Chairman, George W. Waterman at 12:05 p.m.

The following were present at the meeting:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>
John Bene	Deputy State Engineer, Div. of Water Rights
Don Morseth	Distribution Engineer, Div. of Water Rights
Earl Staker	Area Engineer, Division of Water Rights
Frank Reese	Controllor, Division of Water Rights
Boyd Strout	Accountant, Division of Water Rights
Dave Rowley	Price River Commissioner
Geo. W. Waterman	Chairman, Price River Distribution System
Ken Massey	Price City
Sam Fassio	Spring Glen Canal
Leon Pressett	U. S. Steel
Boyd McKean	U. S. Steel
Thomas F. Quayle	Wellington Town
Carlyle Pace	Price Water Co.
Wm. Marsing	Carbon Canal Company
Jack Cotner	Carbon Canal Company
Harold E. Wilson	Carbon Canal Company
Rex Mathis	Price River Water Users Ass'n
Albert Thayne	Wellington Canal Co.
Gordon H. Newhold	Utah Power & Light Company
Joseph W. Holden	Utah Power & Light Company
Ray C. Pabst	Utah Power & Light Company
E. O. Jackson	North American Coal Company
Walter L. Borla	Bryner-Hansen Ditch Company
Jay Critchlow	Allred Ditch Company
June Prettyman	Lower Gordon Creek
Beth Prettyman	Lower Gordon Creek
B. H. Young	Pioneer Ditch Co. No. 1


John Bene, Secretary

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