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ANNUAL MEETING OF PRICE RIVER ADJUDICATION COMMITTEE



HELD: Carbon County Courthouse - Price, Utah  
Small Court Room  
January 16, 1962, 7:30 P.M.

Meeting was called to order at 7:45 P.M. by Chairman George Waterman. Mr. Erickson of the State Engineer's Office read the call for the meeting issued by the State Engineer, Mr. Wayne Criddle. The secretary read the minutes of the last annual meeting which were accepted without any additions or corrections.

Mr. Harvey Thomas, Price River Commissioner, read the high points of his 1961 annual report. He reported that in years previous, reservoir water was delivered on the basis of 100% at the point of diversion from Price River but in 1961 only 15% was available. Decreed water or natural flow dropped to an all time low of 8% from July 18th to August 5th, 1961. All canals were left in very bad physical condition at the end of the 1961 irrigation season. Late fall rains and floods filled the various canals with mud and debris. Lower portions of Fish Creek below the Scofield suffered from a heavy growth of moss because of the low water levels during the warm part of the season. The measuring device below the reservoir could not be accurately read because of the bad physical condition of the stream bed at the point.

Mr. Thomas further stated that it would take a long time and "know how" to fill out the new report requested by the Engineer's Office. Data required in the calculation of the new form required figures on evaporation, bank storage, temperature, time, etc.

Mr. Thomas reported that on January 1, 1960 there was 5,470 acre feet of storage in the Scofield Reservoir; 2,040 acre feet as of January 1, 1961; 1,560 acre feet as of January 1, 1962. Storage water delivered in 1961 was 4,793 acre feet or 15% of the normal supply against 44% delivery in 1960. Mr. Thomas also reported that he delivered the primary water on the basis of the following ownership:

Price-Wellington Canal	23.825 sec.ft.
Bryner-Hansen Ditch	1.42 "
Bryner-Ploutz	1.542 "
Carbon Canal	8.81 "
Carbon Country Club	1.67 "
Gay Ditch	1.533 "
Helper City	2.167 "
Independent Coal & Coke	0.994 "
O'Berto Ditch	1.70 "
Spring Glen	5.46 "
Stowell Ditch	2.30 "
Price City	13.911 "
U. S. Steel	5.667 "
Utah Power & Light	3.583 "

The total primary water stipulated to in the last law suit was a total of 87.00 sec.ft.

Mr. Carlyle Pace from Price Canal requested an official list of all the decreed rights on the Price River system and the amount of water owned by each party. Mr. Thomas, River Commissioner, answered by stating that he could not at this time furnish the complete list and break down. Mr. Norsted from the State Engineer's Office stated that Mr. Erickson and he would work with Mr. Thomas to see if they could get a list out

which would be more accurate. An official list will not be forthcoming until a complete adjudication is made on Price River.

Motion made by Irvin Garber, seconded by Rex Mathis, that the River Commissioner's report be accepted as read. Motion carried.

Mr. Smith from the State Engineer's Office read the financial report for the year 1961. Frank Reese of the Accounting Division of the State Engineer's Office discussed the various changes required in the new budget to take care of increased costs. Motion made by Ernest Cook to accept financial report as read; seconded by Lyle Bryner; motion carried. After considerable discussion the Secretary read the only application submitted for the River Commissioner's job - which was submitted by Harvey Thomas.

Mr. Thomas reported that he was satisfied with the salary and would accept the position if an adjustment would be made in the travel expenses. William Marsing made a motion to raise the Commissioner's travel budget from \$650.00 to \$1000.00; motion seconded by <sup>Paul</sup> ~~James~~ Moynier; carried.

Motion was made by Dave Rowley that Harvey Thomas be recommended to the State Engineer for appointment as River Commissioner for the year 1962; motion seconded by Harold Wilson; motion carried.

Harvey Thomas requested that the Adjudication Committee purchase a calculating machine for his use. After considerable discussion a motion was made by Dave Rowley that \$200.00 be set up in the budget to rent a calculating machine on a rental purchase contract. The machine is to be purchased if it works out satisfactorily. The machine is to be the property of the Price River Adjudication Committee; motion seconded by William Marsing; motion carried.

Motion made by Rex Mathis that the budget be set up for a total of \$5103.13; \$1000.00 to be withdrawn from the Reserve Fund and that the State Engineer assess on the basis of \$4103.13.

Secretary read a copy of a letter in which the Price River Adjudication Committee requested the State Engineer to include the upper Seefield streams, White River and Beaver Creek under the Price River system for the purpose of administration and control.

State Engineer's Office personnel stated that their office would issue a directive to all ditch companys to get their diversion works and measuring devices in order before the start of the irrigation season.

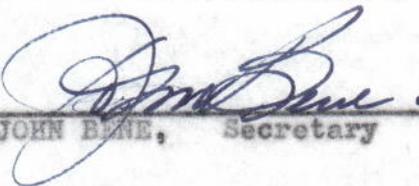
Mr. Erickson reported that Kaiser Steel and Geneva Steel from the east end of the county have installed proper measuring devices, and make reports on the water coming out of Grassy Trail Creek.

Members present:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Representing</u>
Donald C. Norseth	Distribution Eng. - St. Eng. Office
Clarence E. Erickson	Distribution Eng. - St. Eng. Office
Frank Reese	Accountant - St. Eng. Office
R. Keith Higginson	St. Engineer's Office
T. Vinton Smith	St. Engineer's Office
Ken Massey	Price City
Ken Neuschwander	Utah Power & Light
Boyd McKean	United States Steel
Ernest L. Cook	Bryner-Ploutz
Paul Limone	Bryner-Ploutz
Jack Cotner	Carbon Canal

James W. Fausett  
Ervin Fausett  
Carlyle Pace  
Paul Moynier  
Rex Mathis  
Irvin Gerber  
Albert Thays  
Richard Borrell  
Harold E. Wilson  
Carl Nyman  
E. O. Jackson  
John C. Critchlow  
Wayne E. Johnston  
Floyd Brotherson  
Leon Prescott  
Ted C. Nielsen  
G. W. Waterman  
John Bone  
Harvey Thomas  
William Marsing  
Dave Rowley  
Anton Skriner  
Chris Jorgensen  
Royal Frandsen  
Frank Marelli

Gordon Creek  
Price Water  
Price Canal Co.  
Pioneer #2  
Price River Water Users Assn.  
Price River Water Users Assn.  
Wellington Canal  
Carbon Canal  
Carbon Canal  
Price City  
Independent Coal & Coke  
Allred Ditch  
Wellington Canal  
Allred Ditch  
Columbia-Geneva Steel  
Price Canal  
Carbon Canal  
Helper City Engineer  
River Commissioner  
Carbon Canal  
Spring Glen Canal  
Spring Glen Canal  
Wellington Canal  
Price Water Co.  
Bryner-Ploutz

  
JOHN BONE, Secretary