

Price, Ut.  
Sun-Advocate.  
Jan. 14, 43.

**FARMERS WILL HAVE  
SUFFICIENT WATER,  
SAYS COMMISSIONER**

Water Commissioner W. J. Blamey was in The Sun-Advocate office this week with information which should prove well-liked by farmers who depend upon the Price River irrigation system for watering their summer crops.

Mr. Blamey said there was more water in the snow content on the Scofield watershed now than there was at this time last year. He made a trip to that region last week to estimate the amount of snow in reserve.

TRIBUNE

JAN 26 1943  
(STATE EDITION)

## ~~Court Okehs~~ Proposed Water Unit

### Carbon County District Will Finance Dam

A court order by District Judge Fred W. Keller of Price was received Monday in the Salt Lake offices of the United States bureau of reclamation granting the formation of the Carbon county water conservancy district.

First of its kind in Utah, the district is being organized to finance the rebuilding of Scofield reservoir dam on Fish creek, a tributary of Price river. The dam was damaged in 1928, and the bureau of reclamation estimates that \$440,000 will be needed to reconstruct it. The estimate is based on 1940 prices, and the cost under present conditions will be greater, reclamation officials stated.

The Carbon county water conservancy district will be a legal entity for all future water developments of the county, such as conduits and irrigation ditches. The organization will have the power to levy taxes on all real and personal property in the county.

The twenty-fourth Utah legislature passed laws which make the organization possible. An enlargement of metropolitan water districts, the law is patterned after Colorado law which provided for the \$48,000,000 Big Thompson reclamation project in eastern Colorado.

4-19-42  
**Water Users  
Vote Merger**

*Tribune*  
Tribune Intermountain Wire

PRICE—Four of the five water companies south of the Blue Cut on the Price river in Carbon county last week voted for the consideration of all units into one corporation governed by one set of officers, and the fifth company voted to continue consideration of the proposal next Friday at 8 p. m. in the Price municipal building, according to Therald N. Jensen, secretary for the consolidation committee.

The four companies which favored the proposal each elected a director to act in the general company. Pioneer Canal company No. 2 chose Charles Larsen to represent that interest; Pioneer Water company No. 1 elected B. H. Young; Price Water company named Wilber Burnham and the Welling Canal company delegated Lincoln Marshal.

The Allred Ditch company will continue consideration of the proposal on Friday.

Price, Ut.

Sun-Advocate.

Febr. 12, 42.

## STATE AID TO BE ASKED FOR SPILLWAY ALTERATION AT DAM

### Present Reservoir Capacity To Be Set At Thirty Thousand Acre Feet

Senator George M. Miller, member on the committee for the reconstruction of the Scofield dam, today arranged an appointment with Governor Herbert B. Maw for tomorrow at 11:00 a. m., at which time a committee composed of County Commissioners D. A. Tidwell, J. O. Peterson and E. B. Miller; B. H. Decker, superintendent of the Rio Grande railroad at Salt Lake City, and Senator Miller will meet with the governor to discuss the possibilities of securing funds for the repair of the dam out of the governor's operating fund.

This committee was named Monday at a meeting of officials from the state engineer's office, the bureau of reclamation, state publicity and industrial commission and members of the Price River Water Conservation district.

At this meeting, it was pointed out that the present needs of the reservoir are more concerned with repairs because even if a reconstruction program is undertaken now the new structure could not possibly be completed before the flood season this spring. And, inasmuch as the reason for a new dam is flood control, steps should be taken to prepare for the immediate future.

It was proposed that for the present, or until a new structure can be completed, the spillways on the dam

be lowered to the 30,000-acre foot level. The dam has already been condemned by engineers who have notified officials that the present structure will not hold any more than 30,000 acre feet safely. Consequently, it is proposed to hold the water at this level and to lower the spillways before the spring thaws in the mountains raise the water level above a safe point.

The committee going to Salt Lake City tomorrow will seek state money for this spillway alteration which will cost an estimated \$10,000 to \$15,000. However, the county commissioners have voted to go on with this project even if state aid is not forthcoming, providing the project is labeled as an emergency program by the state and federal governments. This has already been done.

Those attending the meeting Monday in the Price municipal building from Salt Lake City were Ed Watson, state engineer; F. W. Cottrell, assistant state engineer; E. G. Nelson and Reid Jerman, engineers for the bureau of reclamation; and Ora Bundy, chairman of the state publicity and industrial development commission.

In the meantime, it was pointed out, efforts to get the actual reconstruction underway would be carried on with the view in mind of a new dam as soon as possible.

INTERMOUNTAIN PRESS  
CLIPPING BUREAU

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH  
P. O. BOX 1303

PRICE .UT.  
SUN ADVOCATE.  
MAR. 20 47.

*Price R. Adv.*

**DISTRICT WATER  
USERS HOLD *96*  
ANNUAL MEET**

Approximately 60 farmers and water users were present at the annual meeting of the Price River Water Conservation district held last night in the county court house. The meeting was under the direction of Chairman E. E. Pierce, according to Carlyle Pace, secretary.

The annual financial report submitted by Treasurer Arthur N. Smith was approved as was the report of the auditing committee consisting of June Bryner, M. O. Porter and Clinton Gerber. This committee also recommended that the district membership appoint a committee to investigate the possibilities of reducing the \$2500 annual salary paid to the watchman at the Scofield dam. It was pointed out that his services at the dam are only required about six months out of the entire year. Attorney Therald Jensen was instructed to write a letter to the reclamation bureau relative to the proposed adjustment in the salary.

A Fullmer Allred, secretary of a committee composed of water users of the various canal companies, reported on the proposal to consolidate water rights and upon a plan for equitable distribution of both primary high and reservoir water.

Bernell McAllister, soil conservation supervisor, offered the services of his department's technical engineers to the district for the purpose of land leveling and the installation of parchell flumes. He urged the farmers to take advantage of this service.

The 1946 annual water commissioner's report was read and explained by Engineer John Bene in the absence of W. J. Blamey who has resigned as river commissioner.

**Mr. Pierce, Mr. Bene and Mr. Smith reported on a recent meeting with the state engineer in Salt Lake City.**

A plan was advanced whereby a permanent record file and maps of the district be set up showing each individual's farm lands with the water rights established and Mr. Bene was authorized by the district to compile this record. It was also proposed that the county surveyor, Mr. Bene, be made ex-officio engineer for the district and work in the same manner as the county treasurer who is by law the ex-officio treasurer of the district. It was decided to take any necessary steps that may be required to make this arrangement possible.

Mr. Pierce reported to the membership that William Robb, Price, will be appointed river commissioner to succeed Mr. Blamey.