

PRICE RIVER DISTRIBUTUION SYSTEM
MINUTES OF ANNUAL WATERUSERS' MEETING



Time: January 30, 1967
Place: Little Courtroom; Courthouse; Price, Utah

The meeting was called to order by Chairman George Waterman. Secretary John Bene read the State Engineer's call for the meeting, and the minutes of the previous annual meeting. There being no corrections, alterations or additions to the minutes, a motion was made by Jack Chiaretta, seconded by Jack Cottner, that the minutes be accepted as read. Motion carried.

Financial report was read by Frank Reese. After a brief discussion on the subject, a motion was made by Lyle Bryner that the financial report be accepted; seconded by Henry Mills; motion carried.

Don Norseth, Distribution Engineer from the State Engineer's Office gave a brief report on the water outlook throughout the state, and also stated that since Mr. Bene was still secretary of the Price River Water Users Assn., he requested that I officiate at this meeting.

Stanley Litizsette, Helper City Attorney, gave a report on the recent arguments before the Utah State Supreme Court:

1. The jurisdictional question involving the extension of time granted by the State Engineer to the Sanpete Water Users on the Sanpete water filing.
2. The lawsuit on Sanpete's diligence right claim on the water stored in Fairview Lakes.
 - (a) Records show average use of 1400 acre feet.
 - (b) Maximum ever used was 2400 acre feet.
 - (c) Claimed use 3020 acre feet.

A motion was made by Carlyle Pace that the State Engineer be reminded that he has not followed the Seventh District Court's order instructing him to have measuring devices installed on the outlet side of Fairview Lakes and one at the mouth of the new tunnel so an accurate measurement could be made of the water taken through the tunnel to Sanpete County. Motion was seconded by Thomas Quayle and carried by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Floyd Bailey, Soil Conservation Service, gave a report on the last snow survey that they made. Snowfall and its water content were found to be about 135% of normal.

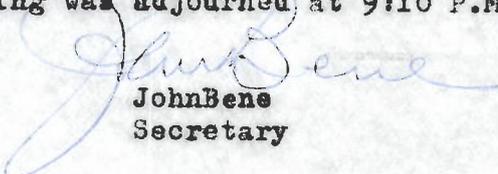
Chairman Waterman stated the next order of business was the budget. Some discussion was had, and Bill Marsing made a motion that the budget be made the same as 1966, allowing Frank Reese, Controller, to make whatever adjustments are necessary to take care of the additional Social Security from the miscellaneous fund; total budget to be \$6,523.00. Motion seconded by Lyle Bryner and carried.

Dave Rowley, River Commissioner, gave highlights from his report. He also stated at the end of the irrigation season there was 35,200 acre feet of water in the reservoir, and 36,640 acre feet on January 30, 1967.

The Secretary read Dave Rowley's application for Price River Commission job. It was the only application received. Motion was made by Jack Chiaretta that Dave Rowley be recommended to the State Engineer for the position of River Commissioner; motion seconded by Carlyle Pace; motion carried. Mr. Norseth stated that the State Engineer has been satisfied with Dave Rowley's work and that he would accept the waterusers' recommendation and appoint him the River Commissioner, for the 1967 season. He also thanked the Carbon County water users for their fine hospitality in behalf of the State Engineer's Office.

Mr. Bene, Deputy State Engineer, stated that Mr. Lambert, State Engineer, felt that it was not proper for his office to continue to collect any funds used to defray costs of a lawsuit on water, and that for next year he would seek a legal opinion from the Attorney General on this matter.

Having taken care of all the business to come before the meeting, a motion was made by Ray Prettyman, seconded by Mr. Campbell, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 P.M.


John Bene
Secretary

Members Present:

George Waterman - Chairman
Lyle B. Bryner - Price River Water Users Assn.
Rex Mathis - Price River Water Users Assn.
S. V. Litizsette - Price River Water Improvement District
Chris P. Joufflas - Mayor, Helper City
William Marsing - Carbon Canal
Jack Chiaretta - Carbon Canal
Jack Cotner - Carbon Canal
Henry Mills - Carbon Canal
R. D. Campbell - Carbon Canal
Ray Prettyman - Gordon Creek
Beth Prettyman - Gordon Creek
R. J. Bowen - U. S. Steel
R.M. vonStorch - U. S. Steel
Eugene Pressett - U. S. Steel
Leon Pressett - U. S. Steel
F. S. Slaugh - Price
Thomas F. Quayle - Mayor, Wellington City
Albert Thayn - Wellington Canal
Carlyle Pace - Price Water Co.
Sam Fazzio - Spring Glen Canal
Alex Bene, Jr. - Sun-Advocate
Floyd G. Bailey - Soil Conservation Service
Dave Rowley - River Commissioner
John Bene - Deputy State Engineer
Donald C. Norseth - State Engineer's Office
Frank Reese - State Engineer's Office
Richard Pexton - State Engineer's Office
Earl Staker - Area Eng. - St. Eng. Office