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ANNUAL WATER USERS MEETING

February 10, 1953

Price River System

Meeting held in the Courtroom, Carbon County Court House at 2:00 P.M.

Meeting was called to order by the Chairman, George W. Waterman, at 2:35 P.M., February 10, 1953.

Official call of the meeting sent out by the State Engineer, Mr. Tracy, was read by acting secretary, John Bene.

Minutes of the last regular meeting were read by the acting secretary, John Bene. There were no discussions on the minutes as read.

It was moved by Mr. E. E. Pierce that the minutes be accepted as read. Seconded by Carlyle Pace. Motion carried.

Mr. Franklin A. Reese, accountant from the State Engineer's Office, read the financial statement for the year 1952. Mr. Reese explained the various budget items charged against the budget. He made special note of the Social Security item added to cover the state's portion of the Social Security for the River Commissioner, Harvey Thomas.

It was moved by E. E. Pierce that the financial report be accepted. Seconded by Noah Potter. Motion carried.

Mr. Monson, deputy State Engineer, briefly discussed the Social Security Act as it related to the Water Commissioners throughout the State of Utah.

Mr. Monson recommended that the Price River Water Users adopt a resolution authorizing the State Engineer to pay, out of funds available, the employee's Social Security Contribution of $1\frac{1}{2}\%$, as well as the River Distribution System's matching contribution of $1\frac{1}{2}\%$, for salaries paid the River Commissioners.

Motion was made by E. E. Pierce and seconded by Rex Mathis, that the following resolution be adopted.

"BE IT RESOLVED that the State Engineer is authorized and directed to pay out of funds available both the Commissioners' or other employees Social Security contributions of $1\frac{1}{2}\%$ per cent as well as the River Distribution System's matching contribution of $1\frac{1}{2}\%$ per cent for salaries paid to such employees from January 1, 1951, through December 31, 1952, and further, that the State Engineer is hereby authorized to pay from funds available, $1\frac{1}{2}\%$ per cent matching contributions for each such employee, on or after January 1, 1953, and as set forth in each annual itemized budget."

Motion carried.

Mr. Harvey Thomas, River Commissioner, gave a summary of snow reports, and predicated a good supply of water for the irrigation season.

Motion was made by June Bryner, that Harvey Thomas, present River Commissioner on the Price River, be reappointed, at the same salary as last year (1952). Seconded by Carlyle Pace. Motion Carried.

Mr. Pierce discussed the Stream Pollution problem, created by the Utah Fuel Coal Company, at Castle Gate, and the damaging effects it has on the farm lands and the livestock operations up and down the entire irrigation system.

Mr. Monson stated that this pollution menace had not been brought to the attention of the State Engineer.

Mr. George Biggs, from Dragerton, on Grassy Trail Creek, also complained of the stream pollution caused by the Kaiser Steel Tipple coal washing plant.

Motion was made by Carlyle Pace that the State Engineer be asked to make an investigation of the stream pollution caused by the coal washing plants at Castle Gate and Sunnyside mine properties and that \$500.00 be set aside from the Price River reserve fund, now credited to the account, to institute legal action to stop the further pollution of the waters in Carbon County used for irrigation and other domestic purposes on the farm lands in Carbon County.

Funds to be used only as a last resort after the State Board of Health and the State Engineer fail to get the satisfactory results. Motion seconded by J. D. Critchlow. Motion carried. Mr. Noah Potter voted against the \$500.00 fund to be used for any legal action against the above named coal companies, because the State already has laws on the books to stop stream pollution. He pleaded for the enforcement of the existing laws.

After a general discussion of the budget and the various expenditures made in 1952, it was the consensus of opinion that the budget be raised from \$2,225.00 to \$2,300.00 to cover the added costs of the Social Security on the River Commissioners salary.

Motion made by E. E. Pierce that the 1953 budget be set at \$2,300.00. Motion seconded by Albert Thayne. Motion carried.

Having past through the regular order of business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman George W. Waterman.

Members present:

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| June Bryner | Carbon Canal | Carlyle Pace | Price Water Co. |
| Albert Thayn | Wellington Canal | L.C. Monson | Chief Dep. St. Eng |
| Funnon L. Shimmin | Wellington Canal | G.W. Waterman | Carbon Canal Co. |
| J. D. Critchlow | Allred Ditch | Frank Reese | Chief Acct. St. En |
| Harold E. Wilson | Carbon Canal | Joseph Kraync | Bryner Plontz |
| Henry Mills | Carbon Canal | John Bene | Eng. Irr. Dist. & |
| Eldred Peirce | Price River Water Cons. Dist. | | Secy. Price River |
| Rex Mathis | Price River Water Cons. Dist. | | Adj. Comm. |
| George M. Biggs | Grassy Trail Creek | | |
| Tom Ramage | | | |
| Noah Potter, Sr. | Pioneer Ditch #2 | | |

George W. Waterman, Chairman
/s/ John Bene Secretary

Carlyle Pace
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