Call of the Annual Coal Creek Water Users meeting.

Salt Lake City, Utah - Feb. 2 - 1960

To the Water Users of the Coal Creek River System.

Notice is hereby given that in compliance with Title 73, Chapter 5, Utah Code Annotated, 1953, a meeting of water users of the Coal Creek River System will be held in the City & County Building in Cedar City, Utah on Wednesday, February 24, 1960 at 7:30 P.M. for the purpose of: (1) Hearing the financial report for 1959; (2) Making recommendations to the State Engineer as to the appointment of a water commissioner for the 1960 season, and as to his duties; (3) Preparing a budget of salaries and other necessary expenses of distribution; and (4) Transacting such other such business as may properly come before the meeting. Wayne D. Criddle - State Engineer.

The State Engineer, Wayne D. Criddle called the meeting to order and explained, "The problem of managing the river system, or any system that comes under the State Engineer to collect the necessary funds by assesment from the users to pay for the expenses involved in hiring a water commissioner to divide the water flow to the users."

Mrs Criddle explained, a charge of 5% has been added for deliquency if paid after 60 days from the time of the notice of assement.
We want to put your system on the uniform system that is used throughout the state. Any funds left over after paying the necessary expenses will be returned to the field account. We have 27+ credited to your account at the present time. We Must meet certain standards if we operate. We must collect enough to pay the expenses.
Mr. Theron Ashcroft is your water commissioner at the present time and we consider his qualifications are sufficient.
In setting up the water commissioners cost or budget, there are several things that we must include and they are, Insurance Travel, commissioner's report, Bond + Social Security tax plus salary.
There must be a basis by which we can make the assesment. The courts favor an assesment on the last five year average, based on the amount of acre fet delivered.
Mrs Criddle asked how many months of the year was considered in the delivery? Mr Lake stated, the system had been working on a 12 months basis.
Mr Criddle stated, there was one item

common in systems, to pay for a committee to work with the State. The members present considered there was no need to pay for the services of a committee.

Mr Criddle asked the group if they thought they should have a secretary? Mr Luke said he did not think there was any need for a secretary.

Mr Criddle stated that the State Engineer's Office must have certain information in order to manage a water system properly. We can present the water commissioner an outline of the information we need and he can comply with the same.

An estimate of the water commissioner cost was established as follows:

commissioner salary	$1,000.
social security	30.
Travel	200.
Bond & Insurance	25. $500 performance bond.
commissioner report	50.
Misc	

Theron Ashcroft reported it took 7 miles for each trip. Mr Monsen considered 1800 miles would be $200. for travel.

Mr Criddle stated, the water reports are the records that you have to rely on

in case of any problems that may develop.
The question of assesment on acre ft. 5 year average.
Mr. Criddle - A motion is before the house on the basis of water delivery over the last five years. Mr Luke made a motion, that we set up the assesment on a five year average. It was unaminous.
A motion was carried that the water users be assessed $1350. for the water commissioner cost based on a five year average of acre ft. delivered. Huron Ashcroft considered the class a water cost would be up + the other grades down in comparison to the present water assesment list.
Mr Criddle said, any deliver on the Creek must be assessed and it is the purpose of the State to insist on a record of delivery. He said he would like a chairman + three on a committee to make contact, without calling everyone in case of a shift of five dollars or other before making any shift in expenses. The committee to be elected yearly.
Lehi Jones made a motion that Lorenzo Luke act as Chairman of the committee. The vote was unaminous.

(Lorenzo T Luke (5) Cedar Valley
Henry Jones – 975. 300 W.
Raymond H Hunt 753 W. 200 N.)

Mr Luke was asked to select two other members for the committee and he named Henry Jones to represent the B grade + Raymond Hunt to represent 4th A and he would represent the primary grades.

Mr Criddle explained, there are many problems throughout the State which determine how a committee may act. There are rules + articles of incorporation of which we could get a sample of the same.

Mr Dan Laurence – assistant director of the Water + Power Board was introduced to the group.

Mr Theron Ashcroft gave a water report in regard to the flow of the creek + percipitation. A report on the city flow from the creek + flow in the pipe line. He made recommendations to help the water commissioner and was to give the report to the State Engineer.

It was stated, "In regard to structures for operation of the system, proper measuring devices + controls, we should do what we can to make this operation work. Mr Luke explained we should be more considerate with the water commissioner be fair + be honest about it.

Mr Ashcroft explained, he considered it the responsibility of each field to take care of their ditches, as rubbish & other problems cause trouble for the water commissioner. It was suggested that Mr. Luke take care of the problem. The meeting was adjourned.

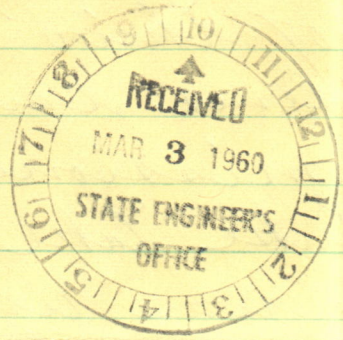
A pleasant peaceful meeting.

Present at meeting

Wayne D. Criddle -	State Engineer
Clifton W. Johnson -	" "
Earl Staker	" "
Donald C. Norseth	Distribution Engineer
Dan Laurence -	Assistant Director of Water & Power
Lorenzo T. Luke	President - East Extension Ditch (Board)
Moroni Perry	" South & West Field
William Condie	Secretary " " "
Bert McConnell	Board Member " " "
Rulon Corry	President - North West Field Irr Co.
Rone Hunter	" North Field
Lehi Jones	member - Coal Creek Irr. Co.
Dick Nelson	President Union Field
Glen Kenny	Secretary & East Extension Ditch
Theron Ashcroft	Water commissioner
Thelmer Stratton	Board Member - Old Fort & Old Field

The previous information is the way I understood the meeting.

Thelmer Stratton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