

MILL CREEK DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM ANNUAL MEETING

FEBRUARY 12, 2014

The annual meeting of the Mill Creek Distribution System was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chair Janie Walker. The first item of business was the reading of the minutes of the 2013 annual meeting by Janie. A motion was made by Mark Sovine and seconded by George Carter to accept the minutes as read. The motion passed.

The next item on the agenda was the Commissioner's Report. Commissioner Rob Lovato resigned part way through the irrigation season in 2013 for personal reasons. Division staff continued to collect readings for the remainder of the season. Dave Horsley from the Division prepared the annual report and stated that the season started off with very little snow pack on the La Sal's. Snowfall and the subsequent spring runoff were below normal. The irrigation company instituted a turn system for shareholders on the mountain and at Ken's Lake. These water users made substantial cuts to water usage. The Horse Creek slide gate was repaired and the Distribution Order was lifted. The District ran three wells to supplement irrigation water in the valley. The wells were turned on June 25 and ran until September 10. The SNOTEL report for this date shows the current snowpack is: La Sal Mountain 87%, Camp Jackson 69% and East Willow Creek 90%. A motion was made by Mark Sovine and seconded by George Carter to accept the Commissioner's Report. The motion passed.

A report from the Division of Water Rights was next on the agenda. Mr. Marc Stilson discussed some of the upcoming legislation regarding water and water rights being considered by the legislature this year.

The next item on the agenda was appointment of a River Commissioner for 2014. After a lengthy discussion, the committee decided not to appoint a commissioner for 2014. The committee recommended self-regulation by individual water users with oversight from the Division's Price Office. Reports on water use would be made by noon each Tuesday and sent to Dave Horsley in the Price Office. Periodic field checks on the system would be made by staff from the Price Office. Additional automation would also be installed on the system. Buzz Bates made a motion to accept the committee's recommendation. Jim Farnsworth seconded the motion. The motion passed.

A review of the 2013 Financial Statement was next on the agenda. As of January 1, 2013 there was \$2,753.69 in the Trust Account. During 2013, receipts totaled \$7,264.03, of which \$7,237.73 was collected from regular assessments and \$26.30 in interest. Expenditures totaled \$4,742.50. There was one delinquent account. The balance in the Trust Account as of December 31, 2013 was \$5,275.22. A motion was made by George Carter and seconded by Mark Sovine to accept the Financial Statement as read. The motion passed.

The next item of business was the preparation of the budget for 2014. After a lengthy discussion with several proposed budgets failing to garner support from the committee, the following

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budget was finally agreed upon:

Automation	\$1000.00
State Engineer's Assessment	<u>505.00</u>
Total	\$1,505.00

George Carter made a motion to accept the budget and set the assessment as proposed. Buzz Bates seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The final item of business was the appointment of a Water User's Committee for 2014. Mark Sovine made the motion to reappoint the same committee as last year with the addition of Jim Farnsworth to represent South Mesa. Buzz Bates seconded the motion. The motion passed with one dissenting vote. The committee is as follows:

Janie Walker	Chair, Walker Diversion
George Carter	Moab Irrigation Company
Buzz Bates	Wilson Mesa / Horse Creek
Jim Farnsworth	South Mesa
Mark Sovine	GWSSA

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Those present at the meeting included the following:

Janie Walker	Chair / Walker Diversion
George Carter	Moab Irrigation Company
David Engleman	Moab Irrigation Company
Fred Powell	Moab Irrigation Company
Mark Sovine	GWSSA
Jim Farnsworth	South Mesa
Kenneth "Buzz" Bates	Wilson Mesa
Greg McKennis	Wilson Mesa
Aaron Hunt	Division of Water Rights
Marc Stilson	Division of Water Rights
David Horsley	Division of Water Rights
Sue Odekirk	Division of Water Rights