

Minutes of the Henry's Fork Distribution System Annual Meeting February 25, 2016

The meeting convened at 3:00 p.m. at the Schoolhouse in McKinnon, Wyoming.

Andrew Dutson read the minutes of the 2015 annual meeting. John Wilde motioned to approve the minutes. Wade Stephens seconded. Motion passed.

Water Commissioner Kevin Behunin reported on water regulation activities during 2015, including:

- 1) Regulation was to 1899 Priority on Burnt Fork only on June 29
- 2) 95% carryover was kept in Hoop Lake for next year
- 3) New gage moved downstream above Interstate Canal
- 4) Calibrated Streamgages
- 5) Educated water users on telemetry data access through the Wyoming State Engineer's website
- 6) Proposed automated headgate at Interstate Canal.
- 7) Proposed telemetry to monitor releases at Beaver Meadows

Bill Gamble motioned to approve the Commissioner's report. Bob Anderson seconded. Motion Passed.

Ben Anderson reviewed the latest Snotel report for 2016.

Jared Manning reported a possible \$100 insurance fee may apply to all Utah Water Commissioners in 2016. We think this system may be exempt because the water commissioner is employed by Wyoming, with Utah paying 30% of expenses.

John Yarbrough presented Wyoming's 2015 Financial Report. Utah's 30% share is \$7,823.81. The vehicle cost increased to \$540/month, which is a flat monthly fee for each month of the year (\$6480/year). The State of Wyoming pays for fuel and oil changes for the commissioner's state vehicle. Jon Wilde motioned to approve the Wyoming Financial Report. Bob Anderson seconded. Motion passed.

Due to unusually high rains during the 2015 irrigation season, water flowed to Flaming Gorge Reservoir in Sheep Creek during the irrigation season, which is rare.

Wasatch National Forest Office proposes to charge rent on reservoirs within the Forest Service boundaries. Non-profit irrigation companies may be exempt.

With no other business, a motion to adjourn was made by Bob Taylor and seconded by Bill Gamble. All approved. Meeting adjourned at approximately 3:45 p.m. See attendance roster for list of attendees.

Information For the Record in 2016:

A new Water Commissioner, Reed Thomas, was hired by Wyoming on Wednesday June 29th, 2016. Commissioner Behunin resigned to avoid a potential conflict of interest with his position as a brand inspector for the State of Wyoming.

Items of Interest: A 10% loss is assessed to reservoir water upon release.

Storage water release rates typically decline over time in proportion with reservoir water levels.

Improvements are possible in reporting and distributing storage water releases using telemetry to monitor the actual reservoir storage releases.

Utah is now able to access telemetry flow data from Wyoming's website. Utah's goal is to at least store the data that is collected in Utah as part of Utah's records, but we have not done this yet. Is this worth the effort? Which records, if any, should we include on our database?