

Spanish Fork River Distribution System

Minutes of Annual Meeting January 16, 2018 10:30 am
High Chaparral – Spanish Fork Fairgrounds

Welcome - Chairman Dale Cornaby welcomed everyone to the meeting had everyone introduce themselves and then passed around a roll.

Minutes - Jeremy Sorensen read the minutes to the committee.

**Randy Butler made a motion seconded by Marty Larson to accept the minutes as read.
Motion Passed**

2017 Commissioner Report – Spanish Fork River Commissioner John Mendenhall reported that after 4 years of the same drought 2017 was different. The previous winter sites were reading over 200% of normal. In some places the readings were higher than in 1983. SF City, Utah County, and SWUA took a proactive approach and began cleaning the river banks to help with flood flows. Unfortunately, the weather system didn't hold, and the Spanish Fork River peaked at 785 CFS. It was enough to help utilize early water, but a long, hot, and dry summer caused us to use more water than normal. Crops in the system turned out very well especially in the canyon. CUWCD is moving forward on the ULS south line. A 60-inch steel pipe that will have 250-275 lbs. pressure is being laid between the CUWCD office at the mouth of the canyon and will stop just south of the City Dam structure. Condie construction has the contract for the work. When the pipeline is finished the water is intended for local cities through their contract with SUVMWA.

The meeting was then opened for questions of the commissioner. No questions were asked.

**Marty Larson made a motion seconded by Neil Anderson to accept the commissioner report.
Motion Passed**

Lynn Swenson made a comment to appreciate the work that is being done by the commissioner and his deputy.

Division of Water Rights Report – Jared Manning reported that we still had a few outstanding bills. Direct contact will be made with these people and payment is expected to be made. Sue Odekirk also commented that she really appreciates the work and the experience of the commissioner and his deputy.

2017 Financial Report – Chairman Cornaby presented the trust fund balance:

Beginning	\$ 65,092.99
Receipts	118,881.91
Expenditures	<u>132,036.62</u>
Ending	51,938.28

**Unbudgeted items were due to a carryover from the previous year*

Chairman Cornaby then presented the 2017 Local System Account:

Beginning	\$	0.00
Receipts		49,817.00
Expenditures		<u>34,597.91</u>
Ending		15,219.09

A motion was made by Fed Vincent and seconded by Wayne Peterson to accept the prior year financial report. Motion Passed

Chairman Cornaby then presented the 2018 Proposed Budget (Copy of the budget is kept in the River Commissioner Files)

A motion was made by Randy Butler and seconded by Lynn Swenson to accept the 2018 proposed budget. Motion Passed

Officers – It was reported that current Vice Chairman Wilber Stephenson has resigned. Nominations were then opened to fill the vice chairman vacancy.

Marty Larson Volunteered to fill the vacancy.

Neil Anderson made a motion, seconded by Randy Butler, to appoint Marty Larson as Vice Chairman. Motion Passed

2018 Assessment – Chairman Cornaby then explained how the assessment is charged based on the budget and our two accounts. It was recommended that the State amount be \$134,934 and the local amount be \$36,825.

Lynn Swenson made a motion, seconded by Marty Larson, to set the assessment at \$171,759, with the authority given to the president and vice-president to make any adjustments as necessary. Motion Passed

Delinquent Assessments – Commissioner Mendenhall reviewed the 2017 delinquency list and reported that Red will be in contact with the users for collection and feels that all will be easily collectible.

Questions – Chairman Cornaby then opened the discussion for questions from the audience. It was asked if a ditch has been broken in the property and the owner has not used the water will he still be charged for that water? Commissioner Mendenhall explained that the assessment is based on rights and not on use, and because of that the water right owner will still need to pay. The commissioner then explained that the land owner needs to do everything in his power to fix the ditch, so he can use the water. The commissioner also suggested that he and his deputy meet with this user to they can help resolve the issue of not receiving the water.

Committee Member Changes – It was noted that Wayne Peterson will be replacing Wilber Stephenson on the committee.

Other Business – Commissioner Mendenhall reported that he would like to retire after the end of 2018. Chairman Cornaby reported that he and the board had discussed this and would like a subcommittee set

up to start the hiring process. They feel this should start in August 2018. The following have been recommended as those who will be on the committee.

Randy Butler, Lynn Swenson, Blaine Evans, Paul Hansen, Dale Cornaby, Chris Thompson, and Marty Larson (Quorum of 5 is required)

A motion was made by Neil Anderson, seconded by Marty Larson, to accept the committee as shown above, and to allow that committee to hire the new commissioner. Motion Passed

Commissioner John Mendenhall then officially submitted his report to the state engineer's office and reported that it is available by PDF.

He also reported that he has really enjoyed his job as Commissioner and really appreciates working with everyone.

Randy Butler asked the state engineer how the Birdseye Adjudication is coming along? They are guessing it will be completed sometime close to the beginning of the year. Blake Bingham is who to contact for questions. It was requested for a rough draft to be published prior to it being submitted to the court.

John Mann then reported that the State legislature bill effects small property owners or ditch companies that allow developers to redo the ditch alignment. He encouraged everyone to look into that bill.

Meeting adjourned at 12:06 pm