

Beaver Utah
May 7.1955

Mr. Joseph M. Tracy
State Engineer
Salt Lake City, Utah

Dear Mr. Tracy

In regard to the Kessler water in Abadare Canal I can find no record other than the original water decree to the former owner John T. Jones for 28 acres. Mr. R.T. Brown told Mr. Monson and myself that the water belonged to Kessler and now denies it, saying, that he only let Kessler have water that belonged to the Jones or Hess land. Water is very scarce below and including the Barton Ditch. I have it divided as follows---

Barton Ditch---3/4 cfs
Abadare Canal---2.02 cfs
Emerson ditch---1/2 cfs
Furnace ditch---3/4 cfs
South ditch----1/2 cfs
Minersville Res.---1.0 cfs

And now for the question I would like explained- Last Fall you said Carter was not entitled to any water and now you say to give him his portion of River water to make 1 cfs including water he can get from the the spring. Now if the Reservoir people are entitled to 9.67 cfs, and are only getting 2 cfs or there about, how can Carter expect to get his right except from the stored water which is all, there is available other than the 4 1/2 which is in question?

I think Mr. Monson informed you what a bad time we had the meeting when I was reappointed to this office. The feeling still exists and these water users are doing pretty much as they please. I feel that I cannot combat the whole County.

May 1st. registered 71 cfs. I gave the high ditches their share of B water. May 2, the stream was 54.6, cfs
May 3, 43 cfs
May 4, 40 cfs
May 5, 41.6

On this day May 5th, I was informed by a friend that Three Creeks Res. was closed so I made a special trip to the Reservoir and found the information to be correct. When I contacted some members of the Kents Lake Board, they admitted they were storing water which as you can see by my record they were taking A water as well as B water. May 7 there was 77.4 cfs at the gauge in Beaver River and the head gate at Three Creeks is still closed down.

It seems that some of these people do not like the way I have managed the water in the past so have appointed themselves an extra water master for their ditches. It looks as if my honesty and ability are in question. This attitude seems to prevail from Minersville throughout the County so please accept my resignation not later than May 15, 1955.

Yours Sincerely

Walter Markwell

