

Minutes of the Henry's Fork Distribution System Annual Meeting March 6, 2019

The 2019 meeting began at 3:30 p.m. at the School in McKinnon, Wyoming. Jared Manning with the Utah Division of Water Rights conducted. Ben Anderson read the 2018 meeting minutes. Mark Anderson motioned to approve the minutes. Joe Hickey seconded. Motion passed.

Report from Wyoming Water Commissioner Reed Thomas:
Regulation began June 27, 2018. Regulated to 1899 Rights on July 12 (tributaries) and July 15th (Lower Henrys Fork). Burnt Fork was regulated to 1878 on August 9th. Work is required on Hoop Lake Flume and Gregory Basin Canal Flume prior to the 2019 irrigation season. Work was completed on the Ponderosa Flume. Bob Taylor indicated Commissioner Thomas did well in distributing the available water in 2018. Wade Stephens motioned to approve the commissioner report. Carl Hickey seconded. Motion passed.

Utah Division of Water Rights reported snowpack at about 111% of median in the region based on regional snotel stations. Wyoming had the snotel data for Hickerson Park and Hole in Rock stations. Bob Leake announced that Andrew Dutson was selected to replace Bob as Regional Engineer in Vernal, and Bob is retiring at the end of the month.

Kevin Payne with Wyoming State Engineer's Office presented the Wyoming 2018 Financial Report covering the water commissioner related expenses. There was a total of 929 hours worked. Kevin anticipates a commissioner salary increase of 2.5% during 2019. Total 2018 costs were \$40,236.03, with Utah's portion at 30% being \$12,070.81.

Jared Manning presented the Utah Financial Report. More was expended than received in 2018 even with all the assessments paid. The reason was the final expenses were not yet known at the 2018 meeting when the assessments were established. Jared indicated the 2019 assessment will be higher to balance out the trust fund as needed. The 2019 assessments to Utah water users was set at \$13,015.94.

With no other business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 4:00 p.m.