

GRAND COUNTY WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

Special Meeting with Irrigation Customers ----- May 23, 1984

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Samuel J. Taylor, in the council chambers of the Grand County Courthouse, at 7:09 P.M. A list of those who signed in is attached hereto.

Sam announced the District had a problem with servicing the customers with sufficient pressure, and the problem seems to be with the design of the system. He stated the design engineers and the Board surveyed the potential use and designed the distribution pipe system as to the best guess as to who the customers would be; the best guess was wrong. The projection was that most of the use would be south of All American Acres, and in reality 75% of the use is on the smaller line north of All American Acres. He stated the district is faced with some type of limitation of use, and stated the District would prefer not metering, and asked for any comments or suggestions as to what might be done.

Georgia Hamblin asked if the system could be boosted to raise the pressure. Sam answered that we had looped the line last year, and this had helped by about 10 lb. of pressure. James Purcell asked if George White was still hooked on the line. Sam stated that last year when the District was having problems, George White had shut down, and it did not help the pressure problem. Steven Olschewski suggested some of the smaller acreages should be limited as to the number of rain birds that could be turned on at once.

Doug Tangreen suggested that it was the District's fault for selling more water than it could deliver. Mrs. Tangreen stated that she would not use fewer sprinklers, as it takes 24 hour watering with all her sprinklers just to keep up. Some of the problems with time sharing was discussed, such as working hours, and voluntary timing was discussed. Sam asked for more positive suggestions, as it does no good to dwell on past mistakes and mis-judgments.

Georgia Hamblin asked if it would be workable for the customers to enlarge the line along their property, and be reimbursed with water. This was discussed. After questioning as to the amount of water available for sale, and whether or not all leaks had been fixed at the reservoir, Sam reported the District plans to bring the reservoir down to the conservation pool level, and inspect the bottom, including sending divers down to inspect the blanket.

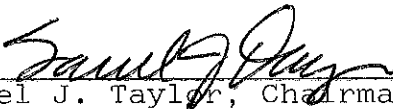
Steven Olschewski suggested that in the meantime, the District should adopt some guidelines as to how many rainbirds could be used per acre at any one time. Gary Wilson stated that in his opinion, some people might cut the number of birds they use in half, and water longer. He stated that instead of 21, he now used 6 at a time. Mr. Olschewski stated that he had cut the number of birds he used at one time by one-third.

Jim Purcell asked if this would be a temporary measure until a bigger line could be installed. One person asked if everyone would pay for 1985 water now, could the District put in a bigger line now. Use of water and voluntary restriction of use of water was discussed, and David Bretzke reported the expert from Utah State University had recommended 3 inches of water per week. This was disputed by several members of the audience. The consensus of most of the people there was that they would try to voluntarily stagger watering hours as much as possible.

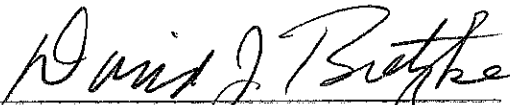
Several people, including Mrs. Tangreen, stated that despite the problems, the system was a definite improvement over the old way of doing things. Everyone was thanked for attending.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

ATTEST:



Samuel J. Taylor, Chairman



David J. Bretzke, Secretary