

GRAND COUNTY WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
GRAND COUNTY SPECIAL SERVICE WATER DISTRICT

Regular Meeting ----- February 19, 1985

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 A.M. by the Chairman, ATTENDANCE D. L. Taylor, at the District office. Other Grand County Water Conservancy District Board members present were John "Dutch" Zimmerman and James L. Walker. Special Service District Board members present were D. L. Taylor, Dan Holyoak and William D. McDougald. Others present were Margie Shafer, Douglas Farnsworth, Rudy Higgins, David Minor and Gene Westwood from Moab Irrigation Company; Kedrick Somerville from the Soil Conservation District; David J. Bretzke, Executive Director; Dale Pierson, District Maintenance Man; Douglas Holyoak, Bookkeeper and Roberta R. Highland, Secretary.

Margie Shafer stated that since their water was to be delivered WATER COM- by the District, and since the Moab Irrigation District did not guarantee MISSIONER water to the Conservancy District, the Moab Irrigation Company does not MATTER feel they should pay for a Water Commissioner. D. L. stated the District would like to save money, and Margie asked if it would be a problem with the District's man, or the Irrigation Company's man doing double duty and fill in as a Water Commissioner. Since Moab Irrigation Company has the Water Master, he and the Maintenance Man from the District should be able to take the readings and keep the records she felt a Water Commissioner would not be needed. Dale Pierson reported that the attitude of Mark Page was that the Water Commissioner should be an impartial person, and was empowered by the State Engineer to enforce the water rights. That if there was a violation, neither the Maintenance Man from the District or the Water Master from the Irrigation Company would have the authority to give a violator a citation on the spot, and that by the time either of them came down and called the sheriff, and the sheriff sent a deputy out, that violator could have his ditches all cleaned up, and not be taking water, and nothing could really be done about it.

The Water Commissioner is empowered by the State Engineer to shut down any violators. It was suggested that the State Engineer could so empower a representative of the District or the Irrigation Company. Margie Shafer stated that the Irrigation Company had been given authority by the Court to enforce the water rights along Mill Creek. One of the problems was that last year, violations were not enforced by the Water Commissioner, and the Water Commissioner did not enforce the rights. Dale stated he had gone through the Water Commissioners records, and talked with Mark Page, and both he and Mark thought any violators should have been notified and shut down. Record gauges for the ditches were discussed, together with the possibility of putting a recording gauge on each of the ditches on the Mesa, to keep track of all the water. It was generally agreed that the best approach to the problem, was to ask Mark Page to recommend a joint water commissioner and water master at the meeting in the District office on February 26, 1985 at 7:00 P.M. Douglas Farnsworth stated that he had met with Mark Page, and that Janie Walker did not feel that she should have any charge for the Water Commissioner. Doug feels that Moab Irrigation has no obligation to deliver Janie's water past the diversion point. D. L. Taylor asked Jim Walker to represent the District at the Water Commissioner meeting with Mark Page on the 26th of February, as he had been appointed to the committee. The Moab Irrigation people present were thanked for their input.

David Bretzke reported that after the meeting of the Spanish Valley Water & Sewer Improvement District Board of Trustees, he had interviewed 9 applicants for the position of Bookkeeper, and that he had narrowed the selection to Nikki Scharf, Barbra Ossola and Helen Holyoak. D. L. asked Douglas Holyoak when he was leaving, and Doug stated his last day would be March 15, 1985. D. L. then stated that David should go ahead and hire one of the three applicants as soon as possible.

HIRING OF
BOOKKEEPER

The District's Agreement with Moab Irrigation was discussed, and D. L. read that portion of the agreement pertaining to the expense of the new points of diversion. James Walker stated that the Moab Irrigation Company had the authority to monitor the flows. Bill McDougald stated that the measurements of the stream flow would be very important to the State Engineer, and that the District should be protected. D. L. asked for a good turnout at the Water Commissioner meeting Tuesday.

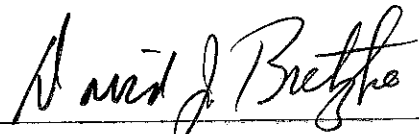
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Kedrick Somerville was asked to report on the Pack Creek Water SYSTEM. D. L. stated that the District was trying to enter into an agreement with the Pack Creek users to serve the Tangren Extension, using their present existing line. Kedrick stated he had consulted his records, and that the line size was adequate and was designed for 5 psi but he felt it could carry more water. D. L. asked Kedrick what the cost might be to put in a settling pond, and then put the water right into the line. If water could be put in at the top of the line, meters would have to be used. Kedrick stated he thought a settling pond should be set up to bypass the high water, so that it would not sand up, and he thought the plan could work. Kedrick asked if the District would sign a Cooperation Agreement, and that he would like to work with the District on the project. Those present discussed the right-of-way, and if there had been an easement for the line from San Juan County. The pipeline itself was discussed, and Kedrick wondered if the line was pressurized, how much pressure the pipeline would stand, since there were so many rocks out there. The possibility of putting the Pack Creek water into the lake, and then serving everyone out of the District's line was discussed. The question of metering the use was discussed and those present felt that eventually everyone on the system would have to be metered. Kedrick Somerville was asked to supply the District with the forms necessary to become a cooperator, so that he can legitimize the work he is going to do for the District, and was asked to provide a cost estimate for a settling pond, and an estimate of the work necessary to serve the Tangren Extension out of the Pack Creek lines. David Bretzke was asked to draft up an Agreement to exchange water with the Pack Creek users, and to get them together for a meeting at 5 o'clock on Monday afternoon.

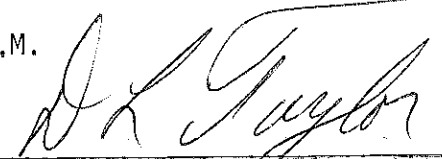
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The meeting adjourned at 8:20 A.M.

ATTEST:



David J. Bretzke, Secretary


D. L. Taylor, Chairman