The Honorable Judge Anderson:

These are comments in the matter of the Verde Ditch "Rules":

Comment #1

It appears to me the "Commissioners" so appointed should, at least, be a shareholder(s).

Comment #2

At the present time, as in the past, the Commissioners (at least two of them) as "Bosses", hire themselves, work for themselves, determine their pay, the number of hours to work and under what circumstances - and the shareholder must "grin and bear it". Apparently, this cozy arrangement has been protected in the "rules" and this "situation for abuse" continues.

Comment #3

At the present time under executive order of President Theodore Roosevelt, the Ditch Association has no right-of-way and only a "loose" easement of 10 feet for the "maintenance of the ditch".

The rules, with the force and effect of law, take my private property (without compensation) and says that they can come on my property at any time, use any amount of land,
do anything with any equipment, leaving any mess or grade
change as they so desire - I don't believe that is reasonable.
(My property runs on both sides of the ditch).

Comment #4

I note there is no way pursuant to the rules to amend
the rules - the shareholder cannot even (specifically) recommend
changes.

Comment #5

Fortunately, there appears to be a somewhat "appeal
procedure" in the rules. This is helpful, hopefully - as'
the only "appeal" before, against arbitrary and capricious
action by a Commissioner (and there were some ) - was to
"go to court".

Comment #6

The rules say "---shareholders shall be able to vote
on the basis of their valid shares - - " - and then it talks
of 51% of shareholders etc. - - it is ambiguous - - are the
rules speaking of 51% of shareholders? - or 51% of shares?
Does 40 acres have one vote - as has one acre? I should think
it could be written a little more clearly ( I presume everyone
wants it clear?)

Sincerely yours,

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