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LOWER JORDAN RIVER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM
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(\$5.00), Leonard W. M. Carlson (\$5.00), Brockbank Realty (\$5.00), H. Gordon and Barbara J. Johnston (\$10.00), William A. Bouck (\$10.00), Henry B. Parry (\$19.00), Walter O. Bouck (\$10.00), Roelof Steenblik (\$5.00), and Leroy and Gwen M. Baker (\$5.00). The total amount of delinquent accounts was \$525.74.

Mr. Hinckley has not been paid the \$350.00 set out in the committee meeting of April 24, 1975, because he has not submitted a voucher. Mr. Hinckley wanted to make the situation clear. He stated that he was hired for three months during the duck season which he thought was not sufficient time to handle the job. He also stated that it is not possible to notify everyone when the boards had to be dropped on the Husted Dam. Notification was given to the clubs such as Rudy who had to make adjustments or be flooded out. Mr. Moyle said that the item had been dropped from the budget as a separate expense but that the operation was to be handled by the commissioner with funds in the miscellaneous fund and was to be contracted out when necessary with the approval of the committee. Ralph Anderson said that the committee only has authority from year to year and cannot bind a future board by making commitments during one year for future work. The discussion then centered on the confusion concerning the hiring of Mr. Hinckley in 1974 and the decision made by the committee at the meeting of April 24, 1975.

Brighton and North Point Irrigation Company Assessment

Donald Norseth recommended to the group that a change be made in the method of assessment. The assessments on the Lower Jordan River System have been levied on a weighted unit basis as follows:

1. Rights diverting from the Jordan River proper to be assessed 55.4% of the budget.
2. Rights diverting from the surplus canal to be assessed 44.6% of the budget.
3. Minimum assessment to be \$4.00.

Mr. Norseth recommended that a division be made for 21st South up the river with an assessment that would amount to a half-weighted unit. In discussing the work up the river with the commissioner, Mr. Norseth found that it involves only a few trips. He recommended that the assessment be levied on a weighted unit basis as follows:

1. Rights diverting from the Jordan River proper to be assessed 55.4% of the budget.
2. Rights diverted from the surplus canal to be assessed 44.6% of the budget.
3. Rights diverting above 21st South be assessed 5% of the annual assessment levied against the lower Jordan River group.
4. Minimum assessment to be \$4.00.

He recommended that the motion approving the financial statement include the amendment of the assessment formula. The assessment for Brighton and North Point Irrigation Company would be about one-half of the previous

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figure and would equitably cover the work done for the upper part of the river. Motion made by Oscar Gary that this assessment formula should not be considered as binding or prejudicial to any of the water rights of the parties involved until changed and should be reviewed in 1977 after being used for 1976. Motion seconded by Duane Wright. Ralph Anderson stated that he could not bind the board to the figure but would present it to the irrigation company. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner's Report for 1975

The main problem in 1975 concerned water distribution for the westside clubs. Whenever one or more of the clubs raise or lower their water, the others must do so also. It is impossible to control the water with Husted Dam in its present condition. Duane Wright has worked out a plan to install mechanical gates inexpensively. Mr. Johnson suggested that a date should be set--possibly September 1st--when all groundwork should be done and equipment removed so that time will be available to fill the lakes for hunting season. He also stated that communication between clubs as to changes that might affect each other should be practiced so that proper preparations can be made to avoid damage.

It is expected that there will be a flood year along the system due to exceptionally high water in Utah Lake. As the flumes on the Associated road become clogged quickly, Mr. Johnson suggested that a ditch be dug to bypass the flumes. Then the lake could be down before spring runoff and avoid flooding.

Mr. Johnson thanked the water users, the system committee, and the government agencies who have cooperated during the past water year.

Motion by O. Wood Moyle to accept the report and to thank the commissioner for his services during the past year. Motion seconded by Ralph Anderson. Mr. Hinckley suggested that the date to be out should be flexible so that unforeseen circumstances can be taken into account. Motion passed unanimously.

Budget for 1976

Motion made by O. Wood Moyle that the budget for 1976 be the same as the budget for 1975 with the exceptions that state retirement be set at \$108.00 rather than \$95.00 and that the assessment be \$4,000.00. Mr. Wright asked that some problems on the system be discussed to see if funds might be needed to handle them. On Goggin Drain it was determined that the dam commission is to take care of the matter. On the skimmers, County Flood Control is to install them when they are financially able. On the Husted Dam gates, the clubs involved are responsible. The motion made by O. Wood Moyle was seconded by Ralph Anderson and passed unanimously.