

**LOWER BEAR RIVER WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM  
MEETING OF JANUARY 6, 1989**

The Committee Meeting of the Lower Bear River Distribution System was held at the Logan Office of the State Engineer on January 6, 1989. Those in attendance were as follows:

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| Regan Wheeler        | Cache County            |
| Glen Nelson          | Box Elder County        |
| Carly Burton         | UP&L                    |
| Richard Hixson       | UP&L                    |
| Joe Larsen           | Cache County            |
| Jim Watterson        | Cache County            |
| Bob Fotheringham     | State Engineer's Office |
| Lee Sim <del>X</del> | State Engineer's Office |

The topics discussed at the meeting included selection of a Watermaster, discussion of his duties, formation of a tentative budget, and the basis for assessing water users.

WATERMASTER

The State Engineer received 39 applications for River Commissioner. The Committee reviewed the applications and narrowed the number to five finalists. These finalists were selected based on experience, education, and farming background. The Committee agreed to interview each of the finalists at the January 18 meeting before making a final selection. The finalists include:

Charles J. Shelton  
Terry L. Gnehm —  
David B. Styer  
W. E. Ohlwiler  
Glen A. Israelson —

DUTIES

The Committee recommended his duties to include as a minimum the following:

- . Deliver natural flow by priority to water users.
- . Deliver contract water to Bear River Canal Company.
- . Calculate natural flow delivered.
- . Deliver storage water to users under contract.
- . Prepare annual report.
- . Curtail diversions for users without water rights.

The Committee agreed to hire the Commissioner on a year-round basis to account for winter water use and for future diversions by users with year-round use rights.

BUDGET AND ASSESSMENTS

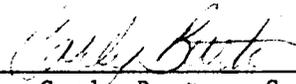
The Committee approved a 1989 budget of \$20,000 of which UP&L would pay 75 percent or \$15,000 for this first year. The 75 percent is based on the proportionate amount of the annual Bear River flow diverted through UP&L's Cutler Plant in an average year, taking into account the other major diversions in Cache and Box Elder Counties.

The Committee agreed to base irrigation assessments at a \$20 minimum charge per diversion plus 10¢ an acre for the acres owned. Assessments should be paid before irrigation season commences in April.

Regan Wheeler and Glen Nelson were nominated as Co-Chairmen, and Carly Burton was nominated as Secretary.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 18, 1989, at 1:00 p.m. in the Logan Area Office of the State Engineer.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_



Carly Burton, Secretary