

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE  
OGDEN RIVER WATER USERS

January 10, 2001 - Ogden, Utah

The annual meeting of the Ogden River Water Users convened in the Pine View Water Users offices located at 471 West 2nd Street, Ogden, Utah, at 10:00 A.M. on January 10, 2001.

Those in attendance at the meeting were the following:

Lee Sim	Utah Division of Water Rights
John Mann	Utah Division of Water Rights
John S. Larsen	Utah Division of Water Rights
Gertrudys Adkins	Utah Division of Water Rights
E. Blaine Johnson	Ogden River Distribution System
Terel Grimley	Ogden River Water Rights
Jimmie A. Papageorge	Ogden River Water Rights
James Randall	Ogden River Water Rights
Ivan W. Flint	Ogden River Water Rights
Norman Montgomery	Ogden River Water Rights
Thomas C. Wikstrom	Glenwood Ditch Company
Dexter D. Farr	Farr Family Properties
Joseph N. Hill	North Ogden Irrigation Co.
Marvin Zaugg	Ogden City Water Utilities
Jonathan B. Jones	U. S. Bureau of Reclamation
F. M. Warnick	L. D. S. Church
A. Welling MacFarland	Enoch Farr Ditch Company

The meeting was called to order by Terel Grimley of the Ogden River Water Rights Committee. The minutes of the January 12, 2000 meeting were read by E. Blaine Johnson. A motion to approve the minutes was presented by Jammie Papageorge and seconded by James Randall. This motion was approved by those present.

The 2000 Financial Statement was presented by Lee Sim. It was pointed out that the delinquent water assessments on the Ogden River System are among the lowest in the State. There was a motion made by Marvin Zaugg and seconded by Jimmie Papageorge that the 2000 Financial Statement be accepted. All present voted in favor.

In his Commissioner's report, E. Blaine Johnson stated that he appreciated the help and support of officers and ditch riders of various irrigation companies, the diligence of his two deputies, Michael Scott and Lee G. Andersen, in distributing the water to the irrigation companies, and for the help of Utah Power and Light Company and the Utah State Engineer's office in taking care of all other things necessary to make the River System run properly. Commissioner Johnson went on to state that stream flow on the Ogden River for the year 2000 was low and did not come up

to expectations. The April 1 snow water contents on the snow courses varied from 72 - 92 percent but the inflow to Pineview Reservoir only produced 43 per cent of average. After all the run-off had occurred Pineview filled to 80,060 acre feet on May 17, 18 and Causey filled to 6870 acre feet. By prudent use of the water there was still some water left over at the end of the irrigation season. (Pineview 18,000 acre feet and Causey 1,400 acre feet)

The dates when priorities were cut were as follows:

May	7	Weber Basin began using exchange water.
May	18	Pine View water users began using storage.
June	1	Upper Valley began using Causey Storage.
June	5	Cut lower river rights to low.
June	7	Cut 1862 rights off on lower river.
Aug.	1	Cut 25% 1858 rights off on lower river.
Sept.	22	Put on 1858 rights on lower river.

End of year storage credits:

Causey	1,400 acre feet
Pine View	10,050 acre feet
Weber Basin Pine View	7,950 acre feet

As of January 10, 2001, the snowpack on the Weber-Ogden watershed is at 67% which is not enough snow for a near normal run-off year. If the snowfall comes at a near normal rate for the rest of the season it will still bring a below normal runoff season.

Motion to accept the Commissioner's report was made by Ivan W. Flint and seconded by Dexter Farr. Motion approved by all present.

Mr. Terel Grimley reported on a meeting of the Ogden River Water Rights Association held December 6, 2000. At this meeting Terel Grimley was elected Chairman and Ivan W. Flint Vice-Chairman with E. Blaine Johnson elected as Secretary-Treasurer. This group formulated a budget of \$20,328.52 for the Ogden River System for 2001 which was presented to the Utah State Engineer. It was moved by Terel Grimley and seconded by James Randall that the assessed budget of \$20,328.52 be prorated to the water users as in previous years. All present voted in favor and the Utah State Engineer's representative accepted.

The Ogden River Water Rights Committee recommended that E. Blaine Johnson be appointed by the Utah State Engineer as Water Commissioner on the Ogden River for the year 2001 - 2004 to comply with the new state law. This motion was made by Terel Grimley and seconded by James Randall. This was approved by all present and accepted by the Utah State Engineer's representative.

Lee Sim reported that there is no legislation pending in the state legislator that has a bearing on the State Engineer activities.

Other business was reported on by Terel Grimley who told of concerns of water users in northern Utah. One of the bills has to do with water rights on trust lands. Another bill that affects water users is partial abandonment of water rights within a company. This bill should be structured so as not to hurt the company. Terel also reported on the drilling of Pineview Dam and the 2001 construction program.

Ivan also reported on activities of the NWRA and the appointment of Utah's Jim Hansen to Chairman of a key House Committee in the U. S. Congress. Ivan also announced the Utah Water Users Workshop in St. George in March. This year it will be held in the Dixie Center because the attendance is getting too big for the previous location.

There being no further business, Terel Grimley adjourned the meeting at 10:50 A. M.

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E. Blaine Johnson, Secretary