

OGDEN RIVER WATER RIGHTS ASSOCIATION

January 11, 1972

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STATE ENGINEER WITH  
OGDEN RIVER WATER RIGHTS ASSOCIATION FOR 1972.

The meeting was called to order by Engineer Don C. Norseth who, with Rex Larson, represented State Engineer Hubert C. Lambert.

Meeting began at 3:05 p.m. in the City Chambers of the Ogden City and County Building on Tuesday, January 11, 1972.

Following opening remarks by Mr. Norseth the meeting was turned over to Chairman Edward H. Southwick of the Ogden River Water Rights Association. He called for the minutes of the last meeting of January 12, 1971, which were read by Secretary-Treasurer Haynes R. Fuller. They were approved.

Results of the Area A and Area B elections were reported. The four directors were retained for 1972. Mr. Southwick also reported that the Board of Directors sustained the same officers for 1972.

WATER COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:

Commissioner Floyd Barnett recalled that Pine View Reservoir had readily filled in spite of the draining in the fall of 1970 to allow for the Ogden City's collection pipe to be laid under the North arm.

July and August were dry months but in general the water year was 200% above normal.

Assessments are based upon five-year averages for the various member-organizations.

Mr. Barnett observed that in his 30 years as Commissioner, individual interest in various water organizations has diminished. This observation was borne out in the meeting today.

Water Commissioners are now expected to be officers and judges where, in fact, their job is primarily checking flows and determining rights.

The measuring structure suggested last year below Pine View Dam was reported operating and a great improvement.

Chairman Southwick pointed out that the aforementioned structure was a good buy for the money, thanks to the joint efforts of Weber Basin Water Conservancy District, Ogden River Water Users Association, and the Ogden River Water Rights Association.

BUDGET FOR 1972:

Mr. Norseth reported that the majority of the river systems chose not to have their funds invested on the state level. As a result a motion by Director Horace Rhees was made to exceed the assessed budget of \$5,024.58 by \$500.00 to reduce our reserve and place it with association funds on a local level until the need for it arises. The motion, seconded by Clarence Smith, carried.

RECOMMENDATION FOR WATER COMMISSIONER:

A motion by Horacæ Rhees, seconded by Harvey Stone, for the appointment of Floyd J. Barnett as the 1972 Ogden River Water Commissioner with Leonard Berghout as deputy commissioner carried, following recommendations by Board of Directors January 10, 1972.

Mr. Norseth then announced approval by the State Engineer's Office and commended the work of the District's two commissioners.

Meeting adjourned at 4:20.

Respectfully submitted,

Haynes R. Fuller  
Secretary-Treasurer