

MEETING OF THE OGDEN RIVER WATER RIGHTS ASSOCIATION
WITH UTAH STATE ENGINEER AND HIS REPRESENTATIVES

January 9, 1968, at 3:00 P.M.

The annual meeting with the State Engineer was called to order by State Engineer Hubert C. Lambert at 3:00 P.M. on January 9th. The meeting was held in the Commissioner's Meeting Chambers of the City and County Building in Ogden, Utah.

Mr. Lambert gave a summary of watershed conditions in the area. He stated that the dry November in this area should not cause a water shortage.

The time was turned over to Chairman Edward H. Southwick who explained the representation on the Ogden River System.

Results of election meetings held in Area "A" and Area "B" in December were given. Directors elected were:

Area A - Clarence Smith and Haynes R. Fuller
Area B - Horace Reese and Alvin Robson

Minutes were read by Secretary Haynes Fuller. They stood as read following a statement by Engineer Lambert that the reference to a Richfield area office should be deleted.

Comptroller Frank Reese gave a report of the 1967 financial statement showing expenditures of \$5,080.90. Delinquencies stood at \$52.13. The financial statement was accepted following a duly seconded motion.

The Commissioner's report was given by Floyd Barnett. He explained a delay in getting data for the annual report. Problems on Mill Creek were reported. He noted that the gates at the Old Mill were not serviceable. He also discussed the Causey Canal System which was operated in 1967 for the first time.

Reports on pumping exchange rights were made. Commissioner Barnett also observed that a number of rights in Ogden Valley have never been assessed and that re-used drainage water use has never been assessed when perhaps it should be.

Area Engineer Stan Green then made some remarks. He stated that the Area Engineer is not stationed in Ogden, but the area concept is in use and does improve services.

Exchange or contract on a time for time basis is the procedure met for wells above the mouth of Ogden Canyon. Lower valley wells are being authorized where no interference with

other rights is apparent. Community development is encouraged in towns such as Liberty, Eden and Huntsville. "The best use with the least interference with the existing community development is desirable," he stated.

The importance of recording water rights was stressed by Mr. Lambert who said that adjudication work is being done in Davis County at this time and that similar work will later be done in this area.

The included budget recommendations attached to the minutes were approved. Engineer Lambert expressed approval and saw savings for the system.

A move to retain Commissioner Floyd Barnett for the 1968 season was seconded and unanimously approved; also that the committee would recommend to the State Engineer a Deputy Commissioner to be appointed.

The following committee recommendations which were previously approved by the directors were submitted for approval in this meeting. They were:

- (1) That there be a new class of assessment being the "exchange class." That the minimum be \$5.00 or twice the lower rate per acre foot for each exchange, whichever is more and that the assessment be made to the owner of the right.
- (2) That the principle of 5-year average for assessment purposes be maintained by the commissioner for use by the State Engineer.
- (3) That the Commissioner determine a list of those who are not now included but who might be included by the committee on the assessment rolls. Place them on rolls as they require services of the commissioner in the future.
- (4) That all reservoir water be assessed at the lower user's rate.
- (5) That water users requiring services will be put on assessment rolls.

Motion to approve was made by Wayne Winegar; seconded by Alvin Robson and carried.

Mr. Lambert recommended that exchanges be made as closely as possible to the new use with water users in the immediate area.

Comptroller Reese requested a \$100.00 flexibility to exceed the budget of \$4,885.20 to provide a working leeway as necessary.

Motion by Loren Hardy to provide this flexibility was seconded by Harvey Stone. Motion carried.

Comptroller Reese questioned the 5-year average method for water user assessments. He requested that the necessary 5-year tabulation be made by water commissioners and forwarded to the State Engineer's Office along with the rather complicated assessment formula including the new exchange category.

Chairman Southwick replied that this would be done as it was in 1967.

Mr. Lambert then closed the meeting expressing thanks to those in attendance.

Haynes R. Fuller
Secretary-Treasurer
Ogden River Water Rights Assoc.

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 HELD - JANUARY 9, 1968, AT 3:00 P.M.
 COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S BOARD ROOM

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Edward H. Southwick, Chairman	Ogden River Water Rights Association	1483 Wall Ave. Ogden, Utah
Haynes R. Fuller, Secretary	Ogden River Water Rights Association	Eden, Utah
Angus E. Shaw	Liberty Irrigation Co.	Liberty, Utah Box 544
Charles L. Heslop		Plain City
J. Floyd Barnett	Ogden River Commissioner	
Dwight F. Decius	Pres., Mound Fort #4	Ogden, Utah
Fred L. Coxey	Com. Mound Fort Ditch #3	
Elmer J. Taylor	Utah Power & Light Co.	
Dexter Farr	1340 Marilyn Drive	Ogden, Utah
Harvey H. Stone	Lynne Irrigation Co.	
George M. Mildon	Bertinotti Irrig. Co.	
Wayne M. Winegar	Weber Basin Water Conservation District	Layton, Utah
Orville Graham	Middlefork Irrigation Company	Eden, Utah
Loren J. Hardy	Mt. Canal Irrigation Association	Huntsville, Utah
Ralph H. Hansen	Mt. Canal Irrigation Association	Huntsville, Utah