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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
OGDEN RIVER WATER USERS

January 12, 1998 - 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 12, 1998.

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
Karen Peisley	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
Norman J. Montgomery	Ogden River Water Rights
Ivan W. Flint	Ogden River Water Rights
Rudolph Gamble	Lynn Irrigation
A. Welling Macfarlane	Enoch Farr Ditch
Joseph N. Hill	North Ogden Irrigation
Vern D. Hancock	North Ogden Irrigation
Thomas C. Wikstrom	Glenwood Ditch Company
Boyd Barrow	Farr Ditch
Gerald R. Hansen	Farr Family Properties

The meeting was called to order by Terel Grimley of the Ogden River Water Rights Committee. The minutes of the January 9, 1997 meeting were read by E. Blaine Johnson. A motion to approve the minutes was presented by James Randall and seconded by Jimmie Papageorge. This motion was approved by those present.

The 1997 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 Norman Montgomery and seconded by Ivan W. Flint that the 1997 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 streamflow run-off on the Ogden River was heavy and that the rights were cut

later than normal which meant that the water users had ample supply to carry them through the summer and that much carry-over was left at the end of the summer.

The dates when priorities were cut were as follows:

June 25	Pine View water users began using storage.
July 1	Weber Basin began using exchange water.
July 14	Cut rights to low water and 1870 off.
July 21	Upper Valley began using Causey Storage.
Aug. 1	Cut 1867 rights off on lower river.
Sept. 17	Cut Weber Basin exchange.
Sept. 18	Put 1867 rights on.

End of year storage credits:

Causey	5,470 acre feet.
Pine View	26,816 acre feet.
Weber Basin Pine View	38,894 acre feet.

As of January 12, 1998, the snowpack on the Weber-Ogden water shed is at 84% which is enough snow for a near normal run-off year if the snowfall comes at a near normal rate for the rest of the season. This shows an increase of 20% over last Monday.

January 10, 1998 Storage Balances:

Causey storage	2,740 acre feet.
Pine View balance	26,560 acre feet.
Weber Basin balance	18,280 acre feet.

Pine View is in the process of selling ~~back~~ ^{carry-over} to U. P. & L. Company 15,000 acre feet of water to recover some of the money they spent in previous years buying water to fill the reservoir.

Motion to accept the Commissioner's report was made by Jimmie Papageorge and seconded by Vern Hancock. Motion approved by all present.

Mr. Terel Grimley reported on a meeting of the Ogden River Water Rights Association held December 8, 1997. 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 \$18,909.18 for the Ogden River System for 1998 which was presented to the Utah State Engineer. It was moved by Joseph Hill and seconded by Ivan W. Flint that the assessed budget of \$18,909.18 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

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Commissioner on the Ogden River for the year 1998. This motion was made by Terel Grimley and seconded by Jimmie Papageorge. This was approved by all present and accepted by the Utah State Engineer's representative.

Welling McFarland asked that the minutes show a commendation to the Commissioner and his deputies for the way they distributed the water rights of the Ogden River during the past summer for a job well done.

Gerald R. Hansen asked about the status of the Power Plant below Causey reservoir. Ivan W. Flint gave a brief history of the construction of the power plant and that it is ready to operate when some replacement parts are installed. There will be an open house when everything is working properly.

Terel Grimley gave an explanation of the reasons for the sale of water to the U. P. & L. Company.

Lee Sim outlined proposed legislation that the State Engineer is proposing to the Legislature this coming session. He asked for the support of the water users in getting those measures passed. Other legislative proposals were outlined by Terel Grimley including the present Blue Stake law which is detrimental to utility and water companies. Under certain conditions the present law could be very costly to those involved.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Terel Grimley and seconded by Norman Montgomery. Meeting adjourned at 11:10 A.M.

E. Blaine Johnson, Secretary