

**PROVO RIVER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
HELD JANUARY 11, 2001**

Pursuant to the notice from the office of the State Engineer, and to call by the chairman, the Board of Directors of the Provo River Distribution System convened at 10:00 a.m. on January 11, 2001 in conference room C of the Central Utah Water Conservancy District, 355 West 1300 South, Orem, Utah.

Presiding: Lee Sim, Utah Division of Water Rights
Conducting: J. Edwin Ure, Chairman

Board Members Present:

J. Edwin Ure, Chairman
Sherman A. Giles
Harvey VanWagoner, Vice-Chair
Bart Simons
Boyd Rollins
Jack Jones
Russell O. Brown
Reed Jensen, Sec./Treasurer
Farrell Knight
Daryl Devey

Representing:

Group 1 - Kamas Valley Canals
Group 2 - Upper Provo, East Heber Valley
Group 3 - Upper Provo, West Heber Valley
Group 4 - Provo City Canals
Group 5 - East Provo Canals
Group 6 - Provo Bench Canals
Group 7 - Provo Reservoir Water Users Assn.
Group 8 - Provo River Water Users Assn.
Group 9 - Upper Provo Individual Rights
Group 10 - Central Utah Water Conservancy Dist.

Others Present:

Fred Gummow
Jonathan Clegg
Stan Roberts
Jeff Bryant
Wayne Barnes

Deputy Commissioner, Lower Provo
Provo River Water Users Association
Provo River Commissioner
Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District
PacifiCorp

Present from State Engineer's Office:

John Larsen
Lee Sim
Ben Anderson
Jim Riley
Gertrudys Adkins

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Adoption of Minutes of Annual Meeting held January 13, 2000

No corrections to the minutes were noted. Director Van Wagoner made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Director Giles and it carried unanimously.

2000 Financial Reports

Lee Sim presented 2000 financial reports to the Board. Total receipts for the year totaled \$126,358.31. This amount included a transfer of \$2,069.00 from the Lake Creek area and \$4,138.01 in interest. Expenditures for the year totaled \$14,529.81, which was \$4,570.19 below budget. The fund balance at 12/31/00 was \$53,480.45, which represented an increase from the previous year-end of \$11,828.50.

Director Rollins moved to approve the 2000 financial reports, as presented. The motion was seconded by Director Devey and it carried unanimously.

Commissioner's & Deputy Commissioner's Report - 2000 Operations

Deputy Commissioner Giles' report:

SUMMARY OF THE 2000 IRRIGATION SEASON FOR THE HEBER AND KAMAS VALLEYS

There was very little precipitation in the fall months of 1999. The snowfall was below normal through the winter with almost no precipitation in the spring of 2000, resulting in much below normal for the 2000 irrigation season.

There was an earlier than usual snow melt on the lower watershed. The Provo River did not have a high runoff flow at any time. The river also peaked earlier than usual on the 26th of May, at less than 3,000 CFS with the Duchesne Tunnel and the Weber Diversion shut off.

The 17th class water rights were cut off on June 16. The river went down to 70% of the first class water rights on July 14, and to 40% on July 27. The river operated at 40% of the first class rights until August 29. Due to some good rainfall, the river was brought up to 60% of first class rights for the balance of the irrigation season.

In the Heber Valley, the Extension Irrigation Company with a 14th class water right and some storage in the Jordanelle Reservoir, was shut dry on July 13. The Timpanogos Irrigation Company, with a 14th class water right and some storage in Jordanelle, bought some water from Beaver and Shingle Creek Company in the Kamas Valley, and were able to run their canal until July 29 when it was shut dry. With the shortage of water and very little rainfall, the crops and pastures were very poor and much below normal in the Heber Valley.

When Deer Creek Reservoir was built, people in the Kamas Valley had the foresight to buy rights in the Reservoir. The South Kamas and Washington Irrigation Companies were able to run 50 CFS of water in their canal until August 22, which is near the end of their irrigation season.

Needless to say, with the shortage of water, it was not the easiest season to administer the water along the Provo River. Most water users were cooperative, but some users thought they had better water rights than the decree said. All in all, I think we did pretty well with what we had to work with.

I enjoyed the cooperation of the Provo River Water User's Association, the Central Utah people, and the State Engineer's Office personnel and the assistance and advice of Commissioner Roberts.

Commissioner Roberts' report:

PROVO RIVER SUMMARY 2000

Work was completed on the canal portion of the Wasatch Efficiency Project. This included new diversion and control structures and new measuring flumes for the Timpanogos, Wasatch and North Field canals. Work remains on the pressurized part of the project. However, it is anticipated to be operational this next irrigation season.

A new measuring device, ramp flume was installed on the Midway River ditch. It functions well and will serve as a model for future measuring devices on the system. There are several small measuring devices that still need attention.

For the first time in several years, water was not plentiful. Deer Creek and Jordanelle Reservoirs did not fill and secondary rights on the lower Provo did not last long. Class A Rights were delivered as follows:

Up to July 19	100%
July 20 to July 26	80%
July 27 to Aug. 31	60%
Sept. 1 to Sept. 15	70%
Sept. 16 on	100%

The Upper Lakes filled and those rights were fully met, with the exception of Provo City's low priority right.

A motion to accept the Deputy Commissioner's and Commissioner's reports, as presented, was made by Director Knight seconded by Director VanWagoner, and it carried unanimously.

2001 Budget

The 2001 budget was presented by Director Jensen, as approved in the Provo River Distribution System meeting held January 9, 2001. The total budget for 2001 was set at \$129,400.00.

Director Jones moved to adopt the budget. The motion was seconded by Director Van Wagoner and it carried unanimously.

2001 Assessment

Because of the large balance in the fund at 12/31/00, the Board kept the assessment the same as last year, \$122,100.00, \$2,000.00 of which would be assessed to the Lake Creek area.

Director Giles made the motion to accept the assessment of \$122,100.00; seconded by Director Brown and carried unanimously.

Recommendation of Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner

Chairman Ure reported the Board would recommend that Stanley H. Roberts, Jr. be Provo River Commissioner for the next four years. Sherman A. Giles and J. Fred Gummow were also recommended to serve as Deputy Commissioners for 2001.

Director Devey made the motion to accept these recommendations; seconded by Director Jones and carried unanimously.

Other Business

There was a discussion about change applications and exchanges, and the fact that no assessment was being levied on them except for CUWCD. A committee was established by the Board, consisting of Director Ure, Director Devey and Director Brown to establish a method to assess these change applications and exchanges, and determine how to monitor them.

Adjournment

At 11:45 a.m. Director Van Wagoner moved adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Director Knight and it carried unanimously.