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**PROVO RIVER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF WATER RIGHTS
HELD JANUARY 13, 2000**

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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 13, 2000 in the board room 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
Keith Denos
Stan Roberts
Jonathan Jones
Darrel Kinyon
Tage Flint
Wayne Barnes

Deputy Commissioner, Lower Provo
Provo River Water Users Association
Provo River Commissioner
U. S. Bureau of Reclamation
Provo River Water User's Association
Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District
PacifiCorp

Present from State Engineer's Office:

John Larsen
Lee Sim
Ben Anderson
Jim Riley

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Commissioner Roberts' report:

PROVO RIVER SUMMARY 1999

Progress on the Provo River Restoration Project in Heber Valley was significant this year. Land and rights of way were purchased and construction started on the channel above the Wasatch Diversion. The river banks were cut down and the channel was made into a meandering pattern. This section is to serve as a pilot project for the river through the rest of the valley. As part of this project, the United States Bureau of Reclamation has taken over the responsibility for maintenance of the river between the two reservoirs.

The Wasatch Efficiency Project is presently in the middle of construction. The Timpanogos Diversion Dam and outlet structure is being replaced, as well as the Wasatch Diversion Dam and outlet structure. Also, work is progressing on new measuring structures for the Wasatch Canal and Northfield Canal. It is planned that all of the construction will be completed such that there will be no conflict with the irrigation season; however, a lot of work remains to be done for this to happen.

The measuring device on the Midway River Ditch has not been replaced yet, but is planned for next Spring.

Work was completed this year on the stabilization of Wall Lake Dam. All of the dams on the upper lakes now have been rebuilt for use or stabilized.

With the proposed development around Jordanelle Reservoir, considerable activity has revolved around the Ontario Drain Tunnel. A water treatment facility is presently under construction and some water exchange applications are pending.

Water was delivered this past summer to Highland City's secondary system. Central Utah Project facilities were used to do this with the possibility that the Murdock Canal may be used sometime in the future.

Water was plentiful this year, but not as much as in 1998. Extra allotment for Deer Creek stockholders was available from May 27 through June 29, and secondary water remained throughout the season, but in diminished amounts at the end.

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

2000 Budget

The 2000 budget was presented by Director Jensen, as approved in the Provo River Distribution System meeting held January 11, 2000. The total budget for 2000 was set at \$122,100.00, which included \$3,000.00 for the Lake Creek area.

Director VanWagoner moved to adopt the budget. The motion was seconded by Director Rollins and carried unanimously.

2000 Assessment

The Board set the assessment to cover the budgeted expenditures for 2000, which was \$122,100.00, \$3,000.00 of which should be assessed to the Lake Creek Area.

Director Devey made the motion to accept the assessment of \$122,100.00; seconded by Director Simons 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 2000. Sherman A. Giles and J. Fred Gummow were also recommended to serve as Deputy Commissioners for 2000.

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

Other Business

As requested in last year's meeting, John Larsen from the State Engineer's Office made a list of exchanges on the Provo River not being assessed. Several errors were noted, and the list will be refined during the next year. Also, it was requested that a list of change applications be prepared for next year's meeting.

Stan Roberts requested he be notified if a contract is cancelled.

No decision was made concerning assessing those exchanges.

Tage Flint, from the Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District, requested a few minutes to talk about the June Sucker. He indicated the biological opinions on this endangered species have been prepared. A Recovery Implementation Plan (RIP) group is being formed. Keith Denos and Tage Flint are part of this group being formed. Tage will be the representative of the water users and he should be contacted about our concerns. In the near future, letters will be sent out to all water users explaining the organization of this group and requesting comments and concerns. Tage encouraged each of us to respond.

Lee Sim commented about the Provo River. He indicated it is the most watched river in the State, and reporting on the river is the most challenging. He suggested a committee be formed to study compensation for the river commissioner in the form of, perhaps, an incentive bonus. This was just an idea the committee will need to examine. Director Devey and Director Jensen volunteered to serve on the committee.

Adjournment

At 11:50 a.m. Director Van Wagoner moved adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Director Rollins and it carried unanimously.