

**PROVO RIVER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
JANUARY 12, 1999**

Pursuant to the Articles of Association, as amended by the Provo River Distribution System, and due notice having been given to all members, the Board of Directors of the Provo River Distribution System convened at 10:00 a.m. on January 12, 1999 in Conference Room C of the CUP Completion-Administration Building, 355 West 1300 South, Orem, Utah.

Presiding: J. Edwin Ure, Chairman

Board Members Present:

J. Edwin Ure, Chairman
Sherman A. Giles
Harvey VanWagoner, Vice-Chairman
Bart Simons
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 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:

Stanley H. Roberts, Jr.
J. Fred Gummow
Jonathan Clegg
Jeff Bryant

Provo River Commissioner
Deputy Commissioner, Utah Valley
Provo River Water Users Association
Salt Lake County Water Conservancy District

Adoption of Minutes of Annual Meeting held January 13, 1998.

No corrections to the minutes were noted. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Director VanWagoner; seconded by Director Knight and carried unanimously.

Election of Officers

Director Giles moved that the rules be suspended and that the same officers be retained. The motion was seconded by Director Brown and it carried unanimously.

1998 Financial Reports and Delinquent Accounts

Commissioner Roberts reviewed the 1998 financial reports with the Board. Total expenditures for the year totaled \$110,770.13, which included \$2,500.00 - for the Lake Creek,

Center Creek and Daniels Creek area. This compares to a budget for the same period of \$117,750.00. The year-end balance in the Provo River District System Fund (PRDS) was \$47,162.88, plus \$4,900.00 plus interest which the State Engineer's Office needs to transfer to the PDRS Fund from the Lake Creek area fund.

The Lake Creek fund had a balance of \$8,089.24 less \$4,900.00 less interest.

The delinquent accounts were reviewed. The Board agreed to write-off certain accounts due to uncollectability.

Director Jones made the motion to approve the financial reports. The motion was seconded by Director Devey and it carried unanimously.

Commissioner's & Deputy Commissioner's Report - 1998 Operations

Deputy Commissioner Giles' report:

SUMMARY OF THE 1998 IRRIGATION SEASON FOR THE HEBER AND KAMAS VALLEYS

The winter of 1997-98 was fairly mild on the Provo River water shed. There were some good storms. Rain in the valleys and snow in the mountains during the Spring months kept the precipitation above normal for the water shed.

The runoff of snow melt was fairly normal for the months of April, May, and June. However, a snowstorm on the night of June 16th put a reported three feet of new snow at Trial Lake. We had some good rains every month of the irrigation season, which resulted in the natural flow of the river holding up throughout the entire season.

In the Heber and Kamas valleys, we had 100% of the first class water rights, and also some secondary water during the entire irrigation season. The Jordanelle Reservoir has been a big help in the distribution of water to the upper valleys.

The 1998 irrigation season was by far the best irrigation season in the 38 years I have worked on the Provo River. I have enjoyed the cooperation of all parties concerned with the waters of the Provo River during 1998.

Commissioner Roberts' report:

PROVO RIVER SUMMARY 1998

This water year on the Provo River proved to be challenging in different ways than past years. There was more water than required to meet the needs throughout the full season. However, other activities such as the Wasatch County Water Efficiency Project and the Provo River Restoration Project took considerable time.

The Efficiency Project will require new diversion dams and intake structures for the Timpanogos and Wasatch diversions. Design plans for the Wasatch diversion had to be modified and are not completed yet. Further study on them will be required.

This project will also require adaptation in the water accounting system to handle the water that will be delivered to Utah Valley in place of return flows that have historically come from Heber Valley. Considerable work has been done on this, but much more will be needed. Also, a plan remains to be made to address change applications made on some of the Heber canals under the Efficiency Project.

The Restoration Project is still in the design phase. It calls for major channel changes on the river through the Heber Valley and has some effect of the Efficiency Project.

Efforts have been made to improve measuring devices when such were found to be defective. As part of the Efficiency Project, new devices will be installed on the Timpanogos, Wasatch and North Fields Canals. In addition, I have been promised that the weir on the Midway River Ditch will be replaced with a ramp flume, hopefully this Spring. Several small measuring devices in the Lake Creek and Center Creek systems will need attention in the near future.

Steps have been taken to improve the way in which exchanges for wells are handled. The State Engineer's Office has agreed to supply additional information to help facilitate this. Well owners that do not keep their exchange active will have their well right terminated.

Change applications continue to increase in numbers. Most of these are from canals where farm land has been taken out of production. In reviewing these, it appears that some kind of annual review is in order with those canal companies where these changes occur. Note that change applications are now advertised in the newspaper for the area where the water is to be used. This may be a different paper from the one in the area where the water was formerly used.

The irrigation season in Utah Valley began on April 23rd, however, use of the Murdock Canal was delayed approximately one month. This delay was due to a slide in the Pleasant Grove area and required extensive repair work.

Extra allotment for users of Deer Creek water was available from May 30 until July 13, and secondary rights were filled throughout the season. This is the first time I have seen this happen. A new Deputy Commissioner, Fred Gummow, was hired to help in the lower Provo area.

A motion to accept the Deputy Commissioner's and Commissioner's reports, as presented, was made by Director Van Wagoner seconded by Jack Jones and it carried unanimously.

Nomination of Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner for 1999

Director Devey made the motion to recommend to the State Engineer that Stanley H. Roberts, Jr. be retained as Provo River Commissioner for 1999. The motion was seconded by Director Simons and it carried unanimously.

Commissioner Roberts recommended that Sherman Giles be retained as Deputy Commissioner for the upper valleys, and Fred Gummow be retained as Deputy Commissioner for Utah Valley. Director Brown made the motion to accept this recommendation. The motion was seconded by Director Knight and it carried unanimously.

1999 Budget

The budget was reviewed in detail, and the following adjustments were made:

1. Director VanWagoner made a motion to increase the Commissioner's & Deputy Commissioner's salaries by 3%. The motion was seconded by Director Jones and carried unanimously.
2. Social Security was increased in accordance with the salary increase.
3. The retirement contributions for Commissioner Roberts and Deputy Commissioner Giles were adjusted to \$7,300.00 and \$3,600.00 respectively.
4. Travel expense for Commissioner Roberts was reduced by \$300.00 to \$2,200.00.
5. Bonding expense was eliminated.
6. Telephone expense was reduced to \$1,000.00.
7. Committee expense was reduced to \$2,100.00.
8. Annual Reports expense was dropped to \$800.00.
9. Deputy Commissioner Gummow's travel expense was increased to \$500.00.
10. Miscellaneous expense was set at \$1,520.00.
11. All other expense items remained the same.

With these changes, the 1999 budget was set at \$118,000.00, which represents an increase of only \$250.00 above the 1998 budget. Director Jones made the motion to approve the budget, as outlined. Director Simons seconded the motion and it carried unanimously..

Because our trust fund balance at December 31, 1998 was over \$50,000.00, Director Jensen made the motion to set the assessment at \$100,000.00, as compared to the previous year assessment at \$108,500.00. The motion was seconded by Director Devey and it carried unanimously.

Other Business

Director Jones made a motion to allow Commissioner Roberts and Chairman Ure to attend the Utah Water Users Workshop in St. George. The motion was seconded by Director Brown, and it carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Director Devey made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:50 a.m. It was seconded by Director VanWagoner and it carried unanimously.