

**PROVO RIVER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM  
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
HELD JANUARY 17, 1997**

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 17, 1997 in Conference Room C of the CUP Completion-Administration Building, 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-Chairman  
Carl H. Carpenter  
Boyd Rollins  
Jack Jones  
Russell O. Brown  
Reed Jensen, Sec./Treasurer  
Ferrell 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 Co.  
Group 8 - Provo River Water Users Assn.  
Group 9 - Upper Provo Individual Rights  
Group 10 - Central Utah Water Conservancy Dist.

**Others Present:**

Keith Denos  
Jonathan Clegg  
Richard Tullis  
Stan Roberts  
Bart Simons  
Jeff Bryant

Provo River Water Users Association  
Provo River Water Users Association  
Central Utah Water Conservancy District  
Provo River Commissioner  
Provo City Canals  
Salt Lake County Water Conservancy District

**Present from State Engineer's Office:**

John Larsen  
Lee Sim  
Gertrudys Adkins  
Ben Anderson  
Jim Riley

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## Adoption of Minutes of Annual Meeting held January 11, 1996.

No corrections to the minutes were noted. Director Carpenter made the motion to approve the minutes as written. Director Van Wagoner seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

## 1996 Financial Reports

Lee Sim reviewed the 1996 financial reports with the Board. The decision was made to delete the inactive individuals from the water assessment and spread the assessment over the active members.

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

## Commissioner's & Deputy Commissioner's Report

### **Deputy Commissioner Giles' Report:**

#### SUMMARY OF THE 1996 IRRIGATION SEASON IN THE HEBER & KAMAS VALLEYS ON THE PROVO RIVER

Up until January 15, 1996, the snow pack on the Provo River water shed was around 60% of normal. It snowed for a week starting January 15<sup>th</sup>, and 48 inches of snow was reported in the west end of Heber Valley. Prior to this time, the valley floor was bare of snow.

The snow pack increased to around 130% of normal for the winter season. We had above normal temperatures and the snow melt was earlier than usual. The river peaked on May 18<sup>th</sup> which was at least two weeks early, compared to average. The Heber Valley water storage rights in the reservoirs at the head of the Provo have all been transferred to Jordanelle. These companies received 100% of their rights. We had some secondary or high water until the 28<sup>th</sup> of July. We had a hot, dry summer, with little rain fall. The temperature was hotter than normal.

In the upper valleys the First Class rights were cut to 75% on August 9<sup>th</sup>, 1996, and remained at 75% through August and September. The Timpanogos and Extension Canals have a 14<sup>th</sup> Class River right with some storage. They were shut dry on the 6<sup>th</sup> of August.

### Summary II

With Jordanelle in operation, it was not necessary to put rock dams in the river in the Heber Valley. The 125 cubic feet of water going past the upper Midway Bridge made it possible to get the water in the canals without rock dams in the river. There was a problem with a gravel bar in

front of the intake of the South Kamas and Washington Canal. The Provo River Water Users Association took care of the problem.

I think we had one of the better irrigation seasons on the river. I enjoyed the cooperation of all the water users, along with the State Engineers Office, Commissioner Roberts, Provo River Water Users Assoc. and the Central Utah people. Crop-wise, I thought it was a good season in the upper valleys. They were green the whole season.

**Commissioner Roberts' report:**

PROVO RIVER SUMMARY 1996

Irrigation season started on April 24<sup>th</sup> in Utah Valley and extra allotment followed on April 29<sup>th</sup>. Due to weather conditions, the Provo River peaked on May 18<sup>th</sup> at 5,167 acre feet. Jordanelle Reservoir filled June 9<sup>th</sup> and after a 30-day hold was released from new filling criteria. Deer Creek Reservoir filled and peaked on June 30<sup>th</sup>. Reservoir use started July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Construction within the system this year included more stabilization on some of the small reservoirs at the head of the river, and completion of the dam at Lost Lake. Big Elk is the only operating reservoir left to be rebuilt or moved. The Central Utah Water Conservancy District is progressing with the installation of its SCADA system and part of it will be in use during 1997.

Accounting for the water from the upper reservoirs is now done in Jordanelle Reservoir and correlated with the filling of Washington Reservoir and water right priority. The three-day averaging method used in calculating the contents of Deer Creek and Jordanelle reservoirs was discontinued as of October 31<sup>st</sup> and direct numbers are now used in all calculations.

Water rights in Utah Valley were limited to 75 percent between August 22<sup>nd</sup> and September 5<sup>th</sup>.

A motion to accept the Deputy Commissioner's and Commissioner's report was made by Director Jones, seconded Director Carpenter. It carried unanimously.

**1997 Budget**

Director Jensen presented the 1997 budget, as approved. He indicated the total budget increased \$2,500.00 to a total of \$108,500.00. The increase included a 3% salary increase for Commissioner Roberts and Deputy Commissioner Giles, plus an increase in social security and retirement contributions. There was a \$90.00 decrease in miscellaneous expense.

Director Knight made the motion to adopt the budget. Director VanWagoner seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

### **1997 Assessment**

The State Engineer's office was instructed to levy the assessment based on the budget of \$108,500.00.

A motion to that effect was made by Director Jones, seconded by Director Van Wagoner and it carried unanimously.

### **Recommendation of Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner**

Chairman Ure advised Mr. Sim that Stanley H. Roberts, Jr. had been nominated as the Provo River Commissioner and Sherman A. Giles as Deputy Commissioner for 1997.

Director Devey made the motion to appoint Stanley H. Roberts, Jr. as Provo River Commissioner and Sherman A. Giles as Deputy Commissioner. The motion was seconded by Director Carpenter and it carried unanimously.

### **Other Business**

There was considerable discussion about Daniels, Center and Lake Creek, and the State Engineers' desire to have Commissioner Roberts take readings and collect data on these streams. There was considerable concern over Commissioner Robert's time and the fact that he has trouble delivering reports on a timely basis with his present workload. There was also talk about hiring an additional Deputy Commissioner to help on the lower Provo and also to help get reports out timely. It was decided to let Commissioner Roberts assume these additional duties, but because of the concern to receive reports on a timely basis, the following schedule was adopted: Reports would be faxed every Monday morning for the week ending the previous Sunday. (In other words, the report is due 8 days after the week ends.)

The water users on these three creeks will be assessed \$3,500.00 plus \$200.00 for travel expenses for 1997.

### **Adjournment**

At 11:20 a.m. a motion to adjourn was made by Director Jones and seconded by Director Van Wagoner. The motion carried unanimously.