

**PROVO RIVER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD
JANUARY 12, 1995**

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 12, 1995 in Room L-700 of the Utah County Administration Building, 100 East Center, Provo, Utah.

Distribution Engineer Lee H. Sim presided.

Board Members Present:

J. Edwin Ure, Chairman
Sherman A. Giles
Harvey VanWagoner, Vice-Chairman
Carl H. Carpenter
Boyd Rollins
Jack Jones
Russell O. Brown
W. Reed Jensen, Sect'y. - 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 Individuals Rights
Group 10 - Central Ut. Water Conservancy
District

Others Present:

Keith Denos
Stanley H. Roberts Jr.
Jonathan Jones
Ernie Giles
Elmer McNeil
Jeff Bryant
Tage Flint
Jack Gardner

Provo River Water Users Assn.
Provo River Commissioner
U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
East Heber Valley
South Kamas Irrigation Company
Salt Lake Co. Water Conservancy District
Salt Lake Co. Water Conservancy District
Provo River Water Users' Association

Present from State Engineer's Office:

Lee Sim
John Larsen
Gertrudys Adkins
Bonnie Duncan
Ben Anderson
Jim Riley

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Chairman Ure called the meeting to order and welcomed those from the Utah Division of Water Rights and others present.

Adoption of Minutes of Meeting held January 13, 1994.

No corrections to the minutes were noted. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Director Rollins, seconded by Director Jones and it carried unanimously.

1994 Financial Reports and Delinquent Accounts.

The 1994 financial statements were reviewed. It was noted that the 1994 budget was \$96,677.00 and the amount expended was \$95,474.80, leaving \$1,202.20 unspent. The balance in the Distribution Trust Fund at 12/31/94 was \$16,796.18. The State Engineer's Office would like an ending balance of \$21,000.00. If the large delinquent amount of \$4,773.03 due from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation is collected, the ending fund balance would be above the desired \$21,000.00.

Director VanWagoner made the motion to accept the 1994 financial reports as presented, seconded by Director Rollins. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner's and Deputy Commissioner's Report.

The meeting was turned over the Commissioner Roberts who in turn called on Deputy Commissioner Giles for his report on the distribution of water in the Wasatch Division during the 1994 water season.

Deputy Commissioner Giles noted the snowpack on the Provo River watershed in the Uinta Mountains was approximately 60% of normal for the winter of 1993-1994. The low snow was gone in March. What runoff there was occurred early in April and May. Wall, Washington, and Big Elk reservoirs at the head of the Provo River did not fill.

Because the natural river was falling so fast the first class rights were cut to 70% on June 19, 1994. The next day, June 19, the first class rights were cut to 50%. The natural river fell away so fast we were not able to deliver these amounts.

There was no rainfall in the upper valleys during June and July. It was well into August before any precipitation was received.

In early August the temperature reached 105 degrees at the Salt Lake Airport. This extremely hot weather cut the natural flow of the Provo River to still lower levels.

The Timpanogous and Extension Canals were out of water and were shut down on July 1. The Washington and South Kamas canals bought 2,900 acre-feet of water which lasted until August 4.

Because of concern among irrigators over measuring devices and calculations on evaporation of the Jordanelle Reservoir, the Central Utah Water Conservancy District agreed to release 3,000 acre-feet of water for use in the Heber Valley. It was decided that 30cfs or 60 acre-feet would be released each day starting the morning of July 19th. This water ran for fifty days or until the morning of September 7.

This extra water helped keep the gardens and pastures going, but it came too late for the grain crops and the second alfalfa crops.

I enjoyed the cooperation of Provo River Commissioner Roberts, the State Engineers Office, the Provo River Water Users Association, Central Utah Water Conservancy District, and all parties concerned along the river.

It is my opinion that we had a very successful irrigation season during a short water year.

Director Devey mentioned that the Wasatch County petition for 12,000 acre-feet of water is close. This will help in the future.

Commissioner Roberts distributed draft copies of the Commissioner's Report. He indicated the first 30-40 pages contained data on the canals. The remainder of the report deals with the Murdock Canal and the operation of the reservoirs. Commissioner Roberts also noted Class A water rights were cut 50% on the lower Provo in 1994. Extra allotment water ran from March 24 through June 5, 1994. 29,449 acre-feet of water was brought through the Weber-Provo Canal and 20,500 acre-feet of water was brought through the Duchesne Tunnel. Also, 129,804 acre-feet of water was used out of Deer Creek Reservoir.

Commissioner Roberts expressed his appreciation for the cooperation he received from everyone the past year. There will continue to be many challenges in the years ahead, an example of which is the Endangered Species Act requiring 5,000 acre-feet of water for the June sucker.

1995 Budget

Director Jensen presented the 1995 Budget, noting the following increases:

<u>Budget Item</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>1995</u>
2-B	Commissioner State Retirement	\$5,496.00	\$5,800.00
2-C	Deputy Commissioner, State Retirement	2,679.00	2,878.00
4	Travel Expense	4,500.00	6,000.00
8	Telephone Expense	900.00	1,400.00
13	Miscellaneous Expense	0	370.00
14	Health Insurance	11,000.00	12,000.00

With the noted increase the 1995 Budget is \$101,000.00 as compared to the 1994 Budget of \$96,677.00.

Director Carpenter made the motion to accept the 1995 Budget at \$101,000.00, seconded by Director Devey and it carried unanimously.

1995 Assessment

Chairman Ure advised that at the annual meeting of the Provo River Distribution System Board held January 11,, 1995 the method of assessment was extensively discussed with no agreement reached. He indicated a motion was made to adopt the same assessment method as 1994 and appoint a committee to review the current method and make recommendations for the future method of assessment.

After further discussion among those present, Director Brown made the motion to (1) retain the 1994 assessment method, (2) establish a committee to review the current assessment method and make recommendations for the future levy of assessments and have their recommendations completed in a 90 day period, seconded by Director Carpenter, and carried unanimously.

The following individuals were selected to serve on the committee:

CHAIRMAN
~~Commissioner~~ Ure
Director Devey
Director Brown
Director Carpenter
Commissioner Roberts
Jack Gardner

The first meeting will be on February 13, 1995 at 10:00 a.m. at the State Engineer's Office.

Recommendation of Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner

Chairman Ure advised Mr. Sim that at the annual meeting Stanley H. Roberts Jr. had been nominated as the Provo River Commissioner and Sherman A. Giles as Deputy Commissioner for 1995.

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

Mr. Sim indicated he would take the motions under advisement and present the same to the State Engineer.

Other Business

It was noted that Reed Jensen was nominated to Represent Group 8 (Provo River Water Users' Association) on the Provo River Distribution Board and was also appointed Secretary/Treasurer of that Board.

Director Devey mentioned the fish kill that occurred last summer in the Heber Valley area. He requested everyone work together to prevent this from happening again in the future. It was requested the Commissioner notify the canal people to advise him when they are going to take water from the Provo River so releases from Jordanelle can be adjusted.

A short discussion ensued on the flow of springs in the Jordanelle area. It was noted that water should be passed through to Heber Valley. Those springs were to be monitored by the BOR for flow numbers before Jordanelle Reservoir was built. Director Devey indicated those studies were completed and the flows were small. It was requested that those natural flows be passed through the reservoir.

Jim Riley from the State Engineer's Office mentioned a water reuse bill was being introduced to the State legislature proposing a different class of water (sewer effluent). Everyone should become familiar with the bill and how it effects each of us.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

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