

**PROVO RIVER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
JANUARY 11, 1995**

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 11, 1995 in Room L-700 of the Utah County Administration Building, 100 East Center, Provo, UT.

Presiding: 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
passed away
~~Jack M. Gardner, 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:

Reed Jensen
~~Richard Poulson~~
Keith Denos
Stanley H. Roberts Jr.
Jonathan Jones
Ernie Giles
Harley Gilman

Provo River Water Users Assn.
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Provo River Commissioner
U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
East Heber Valley
Provo River Water Users Assn.
Provo Reservoir Water Users Co.
Central Utah Water Conservancy District

Chairman Ure called the meeting to order and noted the agenda had been sent to each director.

Adoption of Minutes of Annual Meeting held January 12, 1994.

After a brief discussion of the minutes, Director Carl Carpenter moved that the minutes be approved as presented, seconded by Director Harvey VanWagoner, and it carried unanimously.

Election of Officers

Secretary Gardner indicated he would not be continuing as a Board member representing the Provo River Water Users Association. He indicated that Reed Jensen was selected by the Provo River Water Users Association to represent them on the Board. Chairman Ure expressed his appreciation to Secretary Gardner for his many years of service as did the other Board members.

Director Knight then motioned that the officers remain the same except for Reed Jensen replacing Jack Gardner as Secretary - Treasurer. The motion was seconded by Director Devey, and it carried unanimously.

1994 Financial Reports and Delinquent Accounts

Chairman Ure requested that former Secretary-Treasurer Gardner present the 1994 financial reports of the River Systems Operation as prepared and submitted by the State Engineers Office, since Secretary-Treasurer Jensen was unfamiliar with them. Mr. Gardner indicated the 1994 budget was \$96,677.00, and the amount expended was \$95,474.80, leaving \$1,202.20 unspent. The 1994 System assessment was \$106,345.00 and the delinquent assessments totaled \$7,825.91. The balance in the Distribution Trust Fund on 12/31/94 was \$16,796.18. It was noted the State Engineer would like an ending balance of \$21,000.00 so as to see the System through the first few months of the next year until the new assessment payments are received. If the large delinquent amount of \$4,773.03 from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation as collected, the ending fund balance would be above the \$21,000.00 desired. Director Devey indicated he would work on collecting that amount.

Commissioner Roberts pointed out some minor errors in the reports which were noted.

Director Giles made the motion to approve the financial reports as reported with correction of the minor errors. The motion was seconded by Director Jones and it carried unanimously.

Commissioner's and Deputy Commissioner's Report - 1994 Operation

Chairman Ure turned the meeting over to Commissioner Roberts who in turn called upon 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 18, 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.

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

Nomination of Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner for 1995

After a short discussion, Director Devey made the motion to recommend to the State Engineer that Stanley H. Robert Jr. be retained as Provo River Commissioner for 1995.. The motion was seconded by Director VanWagoner and it carried unanimously.

Commissioner Roberts recommended that Director Sherman Giles be retained as Deputy Commissioner for 1995. Whereupon, Director Knight moved that Sherman Giles be recommended to the State Engineer to be Deputy Commissioner for 1995. The motion was seconded by Director Carpenter and carried with Director Giles abstaining.

Budget and Assessment, 1995

The salaries of Commissioner Roberts and Deputy Commissioner Giles were briefly discussed, after which Director Jones moved the salaries remain the same for 1995, seconded by Director Knight, and the motion carried unanimously.

Other budget items were discussed and the following adjustments were made:

<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

Director Brown made a motion to accept the 1995 budget at \$101,000, seconded by Director Carpenter, and it carried unanimously.

Following the approval of the 1995 budget, a lengthy discussion ensued concerning the method of assessment. Because of the time constraints the Board was under, Director Jones made the following motion; (1) adopt the same assessment method as 1994, and (2) appoint a sub-committee to review the current method of assessment and make recommendations for the future levy of assessment and have their recommendations completed within approximately three (3) months. This motion was seconded by Director Carpenter, and it carried unanimously.

Other Business

Chairman Ure again expressed to Jack Gardner his appreciation for his many years of service and presented him with a pen and pencil set. He requested that Commissioner Roberts have the set engraved with Jack's name on the set.

Director Giles made a motion to have a Resolution of Appreciation prepared to recognize

Jack Gardner. The motion was seconded by Director Carpenter, and it carried unanimously. Chairman Ure asked Director Jensen to have a resolution prepared.

Chairman Ure reminded everyone of the meeting tomorrow, January 12, 1995 at 10:00 a.m. with the State Engineer.

Adjournment

There being no further business and upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.