

PROVO RIVER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

Minutes of Meeting held

January 14, 1966.

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. in Room 200 of the Utah County Court House, Provo, Utah.

Chairman Niels Andersen presided.

On roll call the following were present:

J. Edwin Ure	Group 1	Kamas Valley canals
Sherman A. Giles	" 2	Upper Provo, East Heber Valley
Floyd Bonner (Vice Chairman)	" 3	Upper Provo, West Heber Valley
Glen A. Wright	" 4	Provo City canals
Stanley H. Roberts	" 5	East Provo canals
Niels Andersen, Chairman	" 6	Provo Bench canals
Elmer A. Seal	" 7	Provo Reservoir Water Users Co.
Jack M. Gardner	" 8	Provo River Water Users Assn.
Ernest Knight	" 9	Upper Provo individual rights

Present from the State Engineer's office were:

Hubert C. Lambert, State Engineer

Donald C. Norseth, Distribution Engineer.

Frank Reese, Business Manager

Richard Paxton, Assistant Manager

Also present were:

Robert W. Jensen, Utah Water Users Association

Elmer Taylor, Utah Power and Light Company

Wallace R. Wayman, Provo River Commissioner.

Mr. Norseth opened the meeting and advised that the State Engineer's office had revised administration procedures and now had four departments where originally there had been five. The departments and department heads are now as follows:

Distribution Department	-	Donald C. Norseth
Adjudication Department	-	Harold Donaldson
Appropriation Department	-	Donald Stewart
Resource Department	-	Frank Mayo

At the request of the Chairman, Secretary Gardner then read the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Directors of August 17, 1965, which was held for the purpose of considering the resignation of Isaac F. Baum, Deputy Commissioner. There being no corrections offered, the Minutes of the meeting were adopted by all present voting eye.

FINANCIAL REPORT ON 1965 OPERATIONS.

Mr. Reese then took the floor to give his Financial Report on the 1965 operations. He offered the following statement of financial balances, receipts and expenditures:

A. Balance of Distribution Funds January 1, 1965		\$ 8,198.79
B. Receipts and Expenditures:		
1. Receipts		
(a) Regular Assessments	\$ 14,014.06	
(b) Delinquent Collections	<u>91.96</u>	
(c) Total Receipts	\$ 14,106.02	
2. Expenditures	14,687.65	
C. Balance of Distribution Funds December 31, 1965		\$ 7,617.16

Thereafter, Mr. Reese presented and read the following statement of expenditures for 1965.

1965 Budget Item No.:	Description of Budget Item:	Amount Approved for 1965	Total 1965 Expenditures
1	Commissioner's Salary	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
1-A	Matching Social Security	174.00	174.00
1-F	Matching State Retirement	240.00	240.00
2	*Deputy Commissioner's Salary	4,500.00	5,008.34 1/
2-B	Matching Social Security	163.16	181.55 "
2-F	Matching State Retirement	180.00	200.33 "
3	Office Rent	180.00	180.00
4	Travel Expense @ \$.10 per mile	1,800.00	1,605.50
5	Equipment (Field) and Supplies	50.00	7.76
6	Office Equipment and Supplies	150.00	58.02
7	Commissioner's Annual Report (1964)	125.00	85.28
8	Telephone Expense	225.00	210.16
9	Committee Expenses and Allowances	500.00	406.76
10	Bonds and Insurance Premiums	100.00	114.21 2/

- 1/ Consists of salaries and matching social security and matching State retirement for both Sherman Giles and Isaac Baum. (Giles: \$1,633.34, Baum \$3,375.00)
- 2/ Over-expended to pay both Deputy Commissioner's matching Group Life Insurance.

11.	Miscellaneous Expense	50.00	15.74
12.	Contractual Services (Sherman Giles)	<u>200.00</u>	<u>200.00</u>
	Total 1965 Budget	\$ 14,637.16	\$ 14,687.65
	Total 1965 Assessment	13,700.00	

DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS.

Mr. Reese read the list of delinquent accounts totaling \$168.58 for the year and noted that there were few unpaid accounts and they amounted to only a small percentage of the total assessment.

BUDGET AND ASSESSMENT FOR 1966.

Chairman Andersen reported that at its meeting of January 13, 1966, the Board had reserved the finalizing of the Budget until it could be discussed with the State Engineer inasmuch as the Commissioner and Deputy Commissioners' salaries were to be raised, this bringing about an increase in the matching social security payments in each instance, which was further affected as the rate had also recently been changed. The Commissioner's salary was to be raised from \$6,000 to \$6,360 and the Deputy Commissioner's salary from \$350 a month to \$375 a month. Mr. Reese of the State Engineer's office then advised of the percentage of matching social security that would be changed under each. With these figures available, the budget was fixed at \$15,116.12, whereupon Director Seal commented on reducing the assessment for 1966 because of the frost that had occurred doing considerable damage to the fruit grower. In the ensuing discussion, it was concurred that the assessment could be left the same as in 1965, \$13,700.00, inasmuch as there was a reserve fund as shown on the State Engineer's Balance Sheet in the amount of \$7,617.16 as of December 31, 1965.

Whereupon Director Wright moved adoption of the following resolution:

(66) RESOLVED, that the assessment for 1966 be levied at \$13,700.00. Motion was seconded by Director Giles and carried with all present voting aye.

Whereupon Mr. Knight moved adoption of the following resolution:

(67) RESOLVED, That the budget for 1966 be set at \$15,116.12, or the same as the 1965 budget with the exception of Item raising the Commissioner's salary to \$6,360.00 from \$6,000.00; Item 1-A, matching social security from \$174 to \$267.12; Item 2, although the present Deputy Commissioner was given a raise from \$350 to \$375 a month, this figure would remain the same as it represented the \$375 salary heretofore paid to Isaac Baum, now retired; Item 2-B, the matching social security would be raised to \$189.00; Item 11, Miscellaneous Expenses, would be raised from \$50.00 to \$250.00 which might be used for Commissioner trainee or for the purpose of purchasing the recorder for the Vivian Park gaging station; Item 12 to be dropped.

The motion was seconded by Director Ure and carried with all voting aye.

Mr. Reese advised that the U.S.G.S. had some A-35 Stevens Recorders that cost approximately \$225.00 each, and that the State Engineer may have in a few weeks a recorder that he could loan for the measuring station at Vivian Park.

COMMISSIONER AND DEPUTY NOMINATIONS

Chairman Andersen reported that by formal and unanimous vote the Board had nominated Messrs. Wayman and Giles for re-appointment as Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner respectively on the salaries as stated in said budget and recommended their re-appointment by the State Engineer. Mr. Lambert advised that he accepted the recommendations for Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Commissioner Wayman reported that by formal and unanimous vote the Board had elected Niels Andersen Chairman and Director Floyd Bonner Vice-Chairman and that Director Jack M. Gardner had been appointed Secretary-Treasurer to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Hampton C. Godbe.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Wayman gave a summation of his annual report being substantially the same as that recorded in the Minutes of January 13, 1966. State Engineer Lambert then discussed the State Engineer's position with relation to the Diligence Rights of the Riverside Country Club and advised that the State Engineer had no authority to determine this right other than through adjudication; however, in the decision on the change applications, it is possible that these rights could be litigated through proper proceedings.

DISTRIBUTION PROBLEMS OF HEAD OF RIVER STORAGE ABOVE DEER CREEK RESERVOIR

Deputy Commissioner Giles referred to Page 41 of the Commissioner's report wherein he discusses the problem of distribution of the water released from head-of-the-River storage that they are unable to utilize all of the released water since at times when the River is increasing in flow the water released from the reservoirs, plus the flow, will exceed their diversion capacities and part of this water is lost to them yet credited against them. Director Seal advised that they would be glad to work this problem out with the Upper users, probably by utilizing the storage capacity of Deer Creek Reservoir.

PROVO RIVER TRANSMISSION LOSSES

Director Roberts raised the question of increasing the percentage ration of the transmission losses on the Provo River below Deer Creek dam, pointing out that the 1961 Commissioner's Report shows that four percent was not sufficient. Mr. Norseth brought up the question as to whether the four percent represented an average figure, that is, there may be times when the River is a gaining River and there is substantially no loss as against the time that there is low water in the River and the loss would be excessive. He thought that considerable investigation would have to be made to determine the accuracy of the figure and that the State Engineer might look into this matter.

LETTER OF APPRECIATION TO PAST DIRECTOR AND SECRETARY-TREASURER, HAMPTON C. GODBE

Chairman Andersen advised that in the meeting of January 13 the Board had unanimously requested that the Secretary prepare a letter of appreciation to Mr. Godbe for his dedicated services over the past years. State Engineer Lambert requested that the letter include the State Engineer and his staff as concurring in the excellent services rendered by Mr. Godbe. Chairman Andersen requested that the Secretary so include the State Engineer.

STATE ENGINEER'S BRANCH OFFICE

State Engineer Lambert stated that with the coming of the Central Utah Project that undoubtedly adjudication of Utah, Salt Lake and Wasatch Counties will have to be completed; that they proposed to establish an area office, likely in Provo or Heber to effect this.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Andersen expressed the Board's appreciation for the cooperation it had received from the State Engineer's Office and expressed his appreciation to the Board for their full attendance and discussion of issues brought up at the Board Meeting. Their being no further business, the Board adjourned subject to call by the Chairman at 11:45 A. M.

Jack N. Gardner, Secretary.

Niels Andersen, Chairman