

PROVO RIVER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
January 10, 1978

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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 10, 1978 in Room 311 of the Utah County Courthouse.

Chairman Edwin Ure presided.

On roll call, the following Board members were present:

J. Edwin Ure, Chairman	Group 1 Kamas Valley Canals
Sherman A. Giles	Group 2 Upper Provo, East Heber Valley
Harvey Van Wagoner	Group 3 Upper Provo, West Heber Valley
Merrill Bingham	Group 4 Provo City Canals
Stanley H. Roberts	Group 5 East Provo Canals
Niels Anderson, Vice Chairman	Group 6 Provo Bench Canals
Franklin K. Stratton	Group 7 Provo Reservoir Water Users Co.
Jack M. Gardner, Secty-Treas.	Group 8 Provo River Water Users Assn.
Ernest Knight	Group 9 Upper Provo Individual Rights

Also present were:

Stanley Roberts, Jr.	Provo River Commissioner
Hugh A. McKellar	Provo River Water Users Assn.
Randall Honaker	Applicant for River Commissioner
Verdell Black	Provo City
Cyril M. Hicken	Wasatch Irrigation Co., Heber, Utah

CORRECTION AND ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING HELD
JANUARY 11, 1977:

At the request of the Chairman, Secretary Gardner read the minutes of the annual meeting, held January 11, 1977: the following correction was made to these minutes:

Page 4, Sixth paragraph, "Commissioner" was revised to read "Deputy Commissioner."

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 1978:

Chairman Ure advised that the next order of business was to nominate and elect officers for the ensuing year.

By ballot and majority vote the following officers were elected:

Edwin Ure - Chairman
Niels Anderson - Vice Chairman
Jack Gardner - Secretary-Treasurer

1977 FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS:

At the request of Chairman Ure, Secretary Gardner presented the last year's financial statement of the River System's operation, noting that the assessment was set at \$24,000 and there were receipts from assessments of \$23,631.74 and receipts of delinquent accounts of \$69.77 for a total receipt of \$23,701.51. The expenditures during the year were \$24,939.36. That the Distribution Trust Fund as of December 31, 1977, had a balance of \$4,750.97 and that \$25,300 had been budgeted as against the actual expenditure of \$24,939.36.

Delinquent assessments were noted in the amount of \$503.24 and it was agreed to discuss the delinquent Assessments with the State Engineer at the meeting to be held Thursday.

After due discussion, Director Bingham moved that the Financial Report be accepted, seconded by Director Van Wagoner and carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT ON 1977 OPERATION:

Commissioner Roberts noted that the 1977 annual report was not yet completed, that it would be published shortly after May 1, as the U.S.G.S. records are not available until the end of April. He then presented four pages of records of four U.S.G.S. gaging stations on the Provo River as an addendum to the 1976 report and further stated that he had some 1976 reports that included these records.

Whereupon Commissioner Roberts called upon Deputy Commissioner Giles for his report of operations on the Upper Provo for the year 1977:

Deputy Commissioner Giles reported on the water situation noting that the 1977 season water yield from the Provo River natural flow was the worst since 1934. That on the First of February, 1977, there were 2.9" of water at Trial Lake which was 19% of normal. March 1st had 5.1", 25% of normal. The irrigation season began in the Middle of April with only water for the first class users of the Upper Provo. For only about a week in May there was a little water available over and above the first class rights. The head of the river storage reservoir held only about 10% of their capacity at the First of May. In the latter part of May, there were some heavy storms that brought this storage to about 45% or 4807 acre feet. The river at its low point was down to 15% of the river. With the help of the storms, he was able to deliver 60% of the river from June 14 to June 26, 55% through July and 44% through August.

Deer Creek Reservoir allocated 99% to its stockholders and Washington Kamas were able to exchange 192 acre feet of their Deer Creek storage water.

Deputy Commissioner Giles then noted that because of the cooperation that had been extended by the Board, Commissioner Roberts, the State Engineer's office, the Provo River Water Users Association and the Water Users that he was able to deliver water in under the drought conditions with a minor amount of problems and extended his appreciation for this cooperation.

Commissioner Roberts then exhibited a chart showing the natural flow on the Provo River in the years 1934, 1961, and 1977. This chart demonstrated that in 1939 the natural flow was slightly lower than in 1977, with both years having no appreciable runoff. The year 1961 was demonstrated to have considerable runoff. Also a chart was shown showing that Deer Creek had less water in storage at the end of the irrigation season in 1961 than in 1977.

It was also noted that the Provo River Water Users Association had withheld some 35,521 acre feet of surplus water on the Provo River under its perfected Application No. 16642 and through exchange of its return flow to Utah Lake under Application No. 12144. 10,000 acre feet were stored under the "Power Contract" which provides for compensation to Utah Power and Light by debiting the Association's "power balance" and the remainder of the water stored was stored under an agreement with Utah Power and Light Company wherein the Association compensated the Power Company at a \$1.94 per acre foot. The storing of this water was possible as Utah Lake was higher than average and had ample water to satisfy its rights. Had it not have been for this, Deer Creek would have had less water in storage then in 1961.

Commissioner Roberts then noted that the Lower Provo River delivered to Class "A" users 50%, beginning April 4, and dropped to 35% for a short period. There was no secondary water available during any time of the year.

Water was delivered periodically through the Provo Reservoir Canal to the 8th of June, due to the timely rains. After that, a small flow was delivered to Orem and Pleasant Grove. Due to the small flow, the seepage loss was high.

The U.S.B.R. has installed measuring stations at the mouth of Snake Creek, on the Provo River just above Deer Creek Reservoir, and at the damsite at Jordanelle. There are to be gauges installed on Ross Creek and on the Provo River above Jordanelle Reservoir.

The Duchesne Tunnel was shut off at the end of April with 4786 acre feet having been diverted to the Provo, and the Weber-Provo Diversion Canal delivered Weber River water from June 2nd to the 10th in the amount of only 770 acre feet.

Commissioner Roberts then thanked the Board, State Engineer, Deputy Commissioner and Provo River Water Users Association for the cooperation extended in the distribution of the Provo River in the 1977 water year.

NOMINATION OF WATER COMMISSIONER AND DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOR 1978:

Stan Roberts, Jr. and Randall Honaker were nominated for Commissioner and by majority ballot vote, Stan Roberts was nominated as the Commissioner to be recommended to the State Engineer for the Commissioner of the Provo River for the 1977 year.

Commissioner Roberts then recommended Deputy Commissioner Giles to be the Deputy Commissioner for the ensuing year.

Whereupon Director Bingham moved that Sherman Giles be nominated as the Deputy Commissioner to be recommended to the State Engineer as Deputy Commissioner for the ensuing year.

The motion was seconded by Director Knight and carried with Director Giles abstaining from voting.

BUDGET AND ASSESSMENT 1978:

Chairman Ure called for a discussion of the budget and assessment for the following year. Chairman Ure then asked Secretary Gardner to read the items of the 1978 budget for consideration by the Board.

The first item of the budget, the salaries of the Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner, were brought before the Board and after due discussion the following resolutions were adopted unanimously:

RESOLVED that the Commissioner's annual salary be increased by \$500 and that the Deputy Commissioner's annual salary be increased by \$600. The State Retirement was adjusted accordingly under items 1-F and 2-F; Item 3, office expense was raised \$60.00; Item 4, the travel expense was adjusted to \$230.00; as items 4-A and 4-B, was raised from 18¢ a mile and 23¢ a mile to 20¢ a mile and 25¢ a mile respectively, Item 8, telephone expense was increased \$150.00; and Item 13, miscellaneous expense was set at \$36.35. The total budget for 1978 was \$27,400.00.

The assessment for 1978 was discussed and after due discussion the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

RESOLVED that the budget and assessment for 1978 be set at \$27,400.00 and \$28,000.00 respectively.

MEETING WITH STATE ENGINEER:

Chairman Ure called attention to the following letter dated December 30, 1977:

NOTICE TO PROVO RIVER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM WATER USERS:

Notice is hereby given that in compliance with Title 73, Chapter 5, Utah Code annotated 1953, a meeting of the water users of the Provo River Distribution System and representatives of the