

PROVO RIVER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD

January 13, 1972

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 Courthouse, Provo, Utah.

Chairman Niels Andersen presided.

On roll call, the following were present:

J. Edwin Ure, Vice Chairman	Group 1	Kamas Valley Canals
Sherman A. Giles	" 2	Upper Provo, East Heber Valley
Irwin O. Bowden	" 3	Upper Provo, West Heber Valley
Bert Fisher	" 4	Provo City Canals
Stanley H. Roberts	" 5	East Provo Canals
Niels Andersen, Chairman	" 6	Provo Bench Canals
Jack M. Gardner, Secy-Treas.	" 8	Provo River Water Users Assn.
Ernest Knight	" 9	Upper Provo Individual Rights

Absent:

John W. Gillman	Group 7	Provo Reservoir Water Users Co.
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Present from State Engineer's Office were:

William L. Burton	Assistant District Engineer
Donald C. Norseth	Distribution Engineer

Also present were:

Hugh A. McKellar	Provo River Commissioner
John L. Trayner	Utah Power and Light Company
Carl H. Carpenter	Central Utah Water Conservancy District

Mr. Norseth opened the meeting, noting the present storage conditions of several reservoirs in the state: Baker Reservoir on the Santa Clara River was full due to an early thaw; Gunlock in its first year is filling too fast with now only 18 feet to fill; Enterprise Reservoir had no early melt; Newcastle is filling and will spill; water has been released from Starvation to take the peaks off the spring run off on the Duchesne River. Thereupon, he turned the meeting over to Chairman Andersen.

CORRECTION, ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING, JANUARY 14, 1971:

At the request of the Chairman, Secretary Gardner read the minutes of the special meeting of the Board of Directors with the State Engineer held on January 14, 1971. Director Roberts noted that on page 5 in the last paragraph that it states that it was his opinion and that this opinion was based on Commissioner Wayman's 1961 report. The secretary advised that the official minutes would be so corrected. There being no further corrections, Director Giles moved that the minutes be adopted; seconded by Director Bowden and adopted unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF 1971 AND DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS:

A copy of the 1971 budget expenditures may be found on page 3.

The delinquent accounts were discussed and it was noted that at the annual Board of Directors meeting that a resolution was passed whereby it was resolved that any accounts over \$20.00 should be turned over to the Attorney General for collection. Mr. Norseth advised that this had already been done; whereupon, motion was duly made, seconded and carried that the Financial Statement be accepted as presented.

COMMISSIONER AND DEPUTY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner McKellar reported that 43,725 acre feet of water had been diverted from the Weber River and 20,565 acre feet diverted from the Duchesne River into the Provo River water shed during the 1971 water year; that Deer Creek Reservoir filled June 1 and free water was available to July 8; that Deer Creek Reservoir, having storage space, took off the peaks on the spring run-off preventing excessive flooding on the lower Provo; that Utah Lake only slightly exceeded Compromise Elevation. It was further stated that the water situation on the Provo looks good at this time with Trial Lake at 155% of normal at the end of December, and with Deer Creek needing only about 40,000 acre feet to fill.

Mr. McKellar advised the State Engineer that he had been water Commissioner for four years and was resigning as of April 1, 1972 as he had taken the job as Superintendent of the Provo River Water Users Association and that he appreciated the consideration and cooperation that had been extended by the Board, State Engineer and Deputy Commissioner, Sherman Giles. He further advised that Stanley Roberts, Jr. had been elected for recommendation as the new commissioner, and that he would devote what time was necessary to help the new commissioner to become acquainted with the Provo River Distribution and the problems connected therewith.

Deputy Commissioner Giles noted that the Upper Provo had stayed at 100% river with the exception of part of the month of August when it was necessary to cut to 72%; that there were some 82 wells proposed on the Upper Provo with considerable land development taking place; that the commissioner's job was continually requiring more application due to these developments. Commissioner Giles noted that the approving of exchanges in the woodland area where there are dry dams below could have an adverse effect on the prior rights on the Upper Provo.

Commissioner Giles expressed his appreciation to Commissioner McKellar for the fine association that had existed during the four years that Mr. McKellar was commissioned and wished him much success with his new appointment. He also noted his appreciation to the State Engineer for the visits to his area during the year.

Whereupon, Director Ure moved acceptance of the Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner's report; seconded by Director Roberts and carried unanimously.

BUDGET AND ASSESSMENT, 1972:

Chairman Andersen advised that at the annual meeting of the Board that a budget and assessment had been approved and adopted and asked Secretary Gardner to present the budget and assessment. The budget was presented and it was noted that the 1972 budget was set at \$17,000.00 which included Commissioner McKellar's salary for three months to April 1, 1972, in the amount of \$1758.75 and the new commissioner's salary for 10 months at \$5,000.00. The Deputy Commissioner's salary was raised from \$5565.00 to \$6,000.00 per year. The 1972 assessment was set at \$16,000.00 per year, the overdraft of about \$1,000.00 depending on actual expenditures to be drawn from the reserve fund, as of December 31, 1971 of \$5,653.83.

A copy of the 1971 budget may be found on page 5.

STATE ENGINEER ADVISED OF RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMISSIONER AND DEPUTY COMMISSIONER:

Chairman Andersen advised Mr. Norseth that at the annual meeting held on the 11th of January that Stanley Roberts, Jr. had been chosen as the recommended Provo River Water Commissioner and that Sherman Giles be the Deputy Commissioner. Mr. Norseth advised that he accepted the recommendations on behalf of the State Engineer's Office and complimented Commissioner McKellar on his handling of the Provo River distribution during his four year term, noting that his resignation would become effective March 31, 1972. He noted that he appreciated Mr. McKellar's cooperation in assisting Mr. Roberts after his resignation. He also expressed appreciation to Deputy Commissioner Giles for his distribution of the Upper Provo.

Stanley Roberts, Jr. thanked the Board and the State Engineer for the opportunity to act as Water Commissioner on the Provo River.

DISCUSSION BY MR. NORSETH:

Mr. Norseth advised that the two gauges, one to be installed at Vivien Park and the other on South Fork, had been located and that Provo City could now install these gauges. Mr. Norseth noted that the State Treasurer was after the reserve funds remaining in trust after April 1 to be invested; that the assessment would be mailed out early to be able to determine this; that ordinarily it is May 1 before the assessments are due. 2

Mr. Norseth asked Mr. McKellar to transfer all records and equipment of the distribution system to the new commissioner and to make an inventory so the distribution system may have a record of its equipment.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business and upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Jack M. Gardner, Secretary