

PROVO RIVER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD
January 12, 1984

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 311 of the Utah County Courthouse.

Chairman J. Edwin Ure presided.

On roll call, the following were present:

J. Edwin Ure, Chairman	Group 1	Kanab Valley Canals
Sherman A. Giles	Group 2	Upper Provo, East Heber Valley
Harvey Van Wagoner, Vice-Chair.	Group 3	Upper Provo, West Heber Valley
Jesse Robinson	Group 4	Provo City Canals
Stanley H. Roberts	Group 5	East Provo Canals
Kenneth R. Gillman	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.
Ferrell Knight for Ernest Knight	Group 9	Upper Provo Individual Rights

Present from State Engineer's Office were:

Edward D. Feldt	Dist. Engineer-Division of Water Rights
Earl M. Staker	Dep. State Eng.-Division of Water Rights
Jerry L. Bronicel	Dist. Engineer-Division of Water Rights

Also present were:

Stanley H. Roberts, Jr.	Provo River Commissioner
Carly Burton	Utah Power & Light Company
Richard S. Hixson	Utah Power & Light Company
Warren Peay	Utah Power & Light Company
Ted R. LaBeau	Utah Power & Light Company
Hugh A. McKellar	Provo River Water Users Association

Mr. Staker opened the meeting and inquired if there were any changes in officers or directors, and was advised that the officers and directors remained the same. That Ferrell Knight was acting in behalf of Ernest Knight. He then introduced Edward D. Feldt and Jerry L. Bronicel, and advised that Mr. Feldt is District Engineer for the Provo River and Utah Lake District and Mr. Jerry L. Bronicel would also be working in this District primarily in the distribution of underground water.

Mr. Staker presented the agenda of the meeting and then turned the meeting over to Chairman Ure.

CORRECTION, ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING, JANUARY 13, 1983.

At the request of the Chairman, Secretary Gardner presented the minutes and advised that at the special meeting of the Board of Directors with the State Engineer held on January 15, 1981 that a resolution was adopted that inasmuch as the minutes were published, that the reading of the minutes be waived.

Whereupon there being no corrections, Director Van Wagoner moved that the minutes be adopted, seconded by Director Giles and carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF 1983 AND DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS:

Mr. Staker then presented the 1983 Financial Report and delinquent accounts as prepared by the State Engineer. The Financial Report is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

It was noted that delinquent assessments were \$349.93. Director Ure advised some accounts were delinquent because of change of address and that he would look into it and inform Commissioner Roberts of the proper addresses.

Whereupon motion duly made, by Director Van Wagoner, seconded by Director Roberts and carried unanimously, the Financial Statement was accepted as presented.

COMMISSIONER AND DEPUTY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:

Commissioner Roberts that the 1983 annual report would be available within two weeks.

Whereupon Commissioner Roberts called on Deputy Commissioner Giles for his report of distribution of the Wasatch Division during the past irrigation season.

Deputy Commissioner Giles noted that the 1983 irrigation season in Heber Valley began May 1st and that the Head of the River reservoir filled. That the natural flow of the river is over twice what it normally is with 200 c.f.s. at Midway gauge.

Deputy Commissioner Giles then noted that as of January 1, 1984 that the water content and % of normal of certain measuring stations on the Provo River and Weber River drainages were as follows:

<u>STATION</u>	<u>SNOW OF DEPTH</u>	<u>WATER CONTENT</u>	<u>% OF NORMAL</u>
Trial Lake	61"	19.2"	179
Beaver Creek Divide	30"	8.2"	222
Daniels-Strawberry Summit	42"	13.5"	237
Current Creek	31"	9.6"	246
Smith & Morehouse	39"	11.6"	219
Soapstone	42"	11.4"	211

Deputy Commissioner Giles presented a summary of the 1983 irrigation season as follows:

We received above normal precipitation for the winter of 1982-83. In Heber Valley 5 inches of moisture fell in the months of September and October 1982. The snowpack on the Provo River Watershed was above normal. The 1983 irrigation season proved to be the best in the 25 years that I have served on the river.

We had some flooding in Heber Valley from the Canyons to the East namely--Lake Creek, Center Creek and Daniels Creek. Lake Creek flooded Heber City for about two weeks during the high runoff in June. The Provo River peaked on May 31, (Decoration Day) at 3085 c.f.s.

Because of the extreme high runoff from the canyons to the East of the valley we could not fill the Wasatch and Timp canals from the Provo River through the months of May and June. These canals were used to carry some of the runoff water away from Heber City.

Because of the canals were used for flood waters, the amount of water diverted from the Provo River will be less for 1983 in the Commissioner's Report.

We had so much rainfall during the irrigation season that much of the hay crops were spoiled during harvest. We were able to deliver 100% of the first class rights and had some secondary water through the entire irrigation season. Too much water can be detrimental as was evidenced in Utah County and other parts of the state in 1983.

I enjoyed my work as Deputy Commissioner on the Provo in 1983 and would like to thank the people who worked with me. The water users on the Provo River, the Provo River Distribution System, Commissioner Stanley H. Roberts, the State Engineer's Office and the Provo River Water Users Association for their help in building rock dams along the river.

Sincerely,

Sherman A. Giles
Deputy Commissioner
Provo River

Commissioner Roberts presented a "Summary of the Provo River Natural Flow" in mean c.f.s., for the years 1948 thru 1983, April thru October.

It was noted that in May of 1952 the mean for the month was 2266 c.f.s. and was the highest of record in the 35 years period prior to 1983. That in June of 1983 the mean for the month was 2500 c.f.s. That the total acre feet during the seven month period was 396,602 acre feet in 1952, 403,015 in 1969 and 429,454 in 1983 with 1983 being again the record year.

Commissioner Roberts advised that as of December 31, Deer Creek Reservoir had 133,642 acre feet in storage. That 6127 was Utah Power and Light Company's Tertiary storage and that it was being drawn out. This would leave approximately 127,5000 acre feet in storage with approximately 25,000 acre feet of storage space in the reservoir. That on March 31, 1983, the reservoir was declared full. That no water is being diverted from the Duchesne Tunnel and only a small amount thru the Weber-Provo Diversion Canal. Director Gardner advised that Beaver Creek water which normally is tributary to Weber River has no longer a natural channel and it is brought over and it is essentially less than the Salt Lake Aqueduct takes into Salt Lake County.

Commissioner Roberts expressed his appreciation to the Board for their cooperation in the 1983 season.

BUDGET AND ASSESSMENT, 1984.

Chairman Ure advised that at the annual meeting the budget and assessment had not been finalized as Secretary Gardner was to contact the state and get information as to rates and benefits of its group health insurance as the Commissioners can be covered under this health insurance plan.

Whereupon Secretary Gardner advised that Richard Pexton of the State Engineer's office had advised him that Commissioner Roberts could be covered under the family plan for \$2100 being about 90% of the premium paid by the employer and about 10% to be paid by the employee. That Deputy Commissioner Giles could be covered under the two-party plan for \$1600 paid by the employer plus the 10% paid by the employee. Mr. Staker advised of the benefits under the plan.

Secretary Gardner advised that he had prepared two budgets, one with the 5% salary increase and the other leaving the salaries as is and the Distribution System paying the insurance premiums as heretofore discussed and submitted the latter to the Board and Commissioners for their review. Secretary Gardner also advised that Mr. Pexton would send them application forms and that they could be covered as soon as the applications were approved if they elected to go for the State health insurance coverage.

Whereupon the Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner advised that they would take the insurance coverage in lieu of the 5% salary increase.

Secretary Gardner then advised Mr. Staker of the changes in the budget that had been made at the annual meeting and that the amount budgeted for 1984 amounted to \$42,000 and the assessment was recommended to remain the same as last year at \$40,000 with the difference to come from the Trust Fund.

Whereupon Director Giles moved that the budget and assessment for 1984 be set at \$42,000 and \$40,000 respectively, seconded by Director Van Wagoner and carried unanimously.

A copy of the 1984 budget is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

STATE ENGINEER ADVISED OF RECOMMENDATION OF COMMISSIONER AND DEPUTY COMMISSIONER.

Chairman Ure advised Mr. Staker that at the annual meeting held on the 10th day of January that Stanley H. Roberts, Jr. had been chosen as the recommended Provo River Commissioner and Sherman A. Giles as Deputy Commissioner for the ensuing year.

Mr. Staker stated he would take the recommendations under advisement and present the same to the State Engineer.

Chairman Ure noted that at the annual meeting they had directed Secretary Gardner to prepare a resolution to be sent to the Utah Water Users Association stating the Distribution System's views in opposing legislature affecting water rights and distribution of water on the Provo River System.

Whereupon Secretary Gardner read the resolution.

Director Giles moved that the resolution be approved and Director Knight seconded the motion and it carried unanimously and is made a part of these minutes.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business and upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Date Approved: _____

Jack M. Gardner
Secretary

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RESOLUTION OF THE
PROVO RIVER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Provo River Distribution System represent all the water users, either individually or as entities, diverting water from the Provo River System.

WHEREAS, the waters of the Provo River have been distributed to the water users successfully and fairly under the present water laws of the State of Utah since their conception.

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Provo River Distribution System are concerned that legislation will be passed that will disturb and interrupt the present procedures and practices in water appropriation and distribution to the detriment of the water users.

WHEREAS, the Utah Water Users Association have in the past monitored the passage of such legislation and to which the Provo River Distribution System contributes funds to continue such activities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Provo River Distribution System that:

1. The Utah Water Users Association be commended for it's past action in making ineffective, legislation that would otherwise be contrary to the best interests of the water users.
2. The Utah Water Users Association continue to screen out such undesirable legislation and advise the Provo River Distribution System of the same in order that the Provo River Distribution System may give it's support to the elimination of such legislation.

By order of the Board of Directors of the Provo River Distribution System this 12th day of January, 1964.

J. Edwin Ure, Chairman