

WATER USERS ANNUAL MEETING

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The minutes of the Utah Lake and Jordan River Distribution System, including the Jordan River and its tributaries.

The meeting was held at the Salt Lake City Water Development, 1530 South West Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah, on January 21, 1981 at 10:00 a.m.

Those present and the users represented were as follows:

David R. Bird	Parsons, Behle & Latimer
Keith L. Hansen	Kennecott Corporation
C. Rell Swensen	North Jordan Irrigation Co.
Alma Fairbourn	East Jordan Irrigation
Donald C. Norseth	Division of Water Rights
Arthur V. May	Division of Water Rights
Charles W. Wilson	Salt Lake City Public Utilities Dept.
John R. Sutton	Utah and Salt Lake Canal
Dale Bateman	South Jordan Canal Company
David B. Gardner, Commissioner	Utah Lake and Jordan River

Those present but with no voting powers were David B. Gardner, Water Commissioner, and Donald C. Norseth and Arthur V. May of the State Engineer's Office. It was determined by canvass of those present that there was adequate qualified representatives to form a quorum; therefore, the meeting was considered official.

Mr. Donald C. Norseth of the Division of Water Rights called the meeting to order. He then introduced Mr. Arthur V. May, of his office, to those present. He then reported that his office has had problems in obtaining addresses of companies that are connected with this District. After reviewing with Mr. Gardner and other Canal Company Presidents, this matter was completed. He then reviewed the precipitation outlook and reservoir capacity for all of Utah indicating that reservoirs in the Southern parts of the state were 90 to 95% of normal to this date. Reservoirs in this mid-region were below normal; those being reported were Rockport - 66%; Strawberry - 78%; and Deer Creek - 66%. He also indicated that we shouldn't worry at this time due to the fact that 80% of the precipitation comes after January 15th.

Mr. Norseth then indicated the next order of business was the selection of a Chairman and Secretary for this meeting. Motion was made by Mr. Swensen, seconded by Mr. Fairbourn, that Charles W. Wilson act as Chairman and David B. Gardner act as Secretary. No other nominations, a vote was taken and passed unanimously. The meeting was then turned over to Mr. Wilson, who then asked all members present to review the minutes taken January 21, 1980. As there were no corrections or deletions of these minutes, Mr. Wilson then indicated they stand approved as read.

Mr. Wilson indicated the next order of business was the review of the Financial Statement submitted to the membership. Mr. Norseth of the State Engineer's Office reviewed this statement with the members. He noted that there were no delinquent assessments. Motion was made by Mr. Fairbourn, seconded by Mr. Swensen, that the financial statement, as submitted, be approved and made part of these minutes. Voted and passed unanimously.

UTAH LAKE AND JORDAN RIVER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM
1980
FINANCIAL STATEMENT

A.	Balance of Distribution Trust Funds - January 1, 1980:	\$ 4,762.38
B.	Receipts and Expenditures:	
	1. Receipts	
	(a) Regular Assessments	\$ 34,566.12
	(b) 10% Delinquent Penalties	6.78
	(c) Total 1980 Receipts	34,572.90
	2. Expenditures (See Attached)	33,787.68
C.	Balance of Distribution Trust Funds - December 31, 1980:	<u>\$ 5,547.60</u>

Mr. Wilson indicated the next order of business was the election of a Water Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner for the recommendation to the State Engineer. A motion was made by Mr. Hansen, seconded by Mr. Bateman, that David B. Gardner be recommended for the position of Commissioner of the Utah Lake and Jordan River and that Jack B. Rindlisbach be recommended as his Deputy Commissioner for the period of January 1, 1981 through December 31, 1981, or until a successor be appointed or qualified. A second motion was then made by Mr. Swensen, seconded by Mr. Sutton, that the Commissioner's

salary be set at \$10,000 per year, payable in twelve equal monthly installments for such portion of his time as is necessary to properly distribute the water of said System and to file with the State Engineer's Office an annual report of said distribution system. In addition to the above salary, the District shall pay \$35 per month telephone expense, \$60 per month office rent, and automobile expenses of \$.20 per mile while on official duty. The Deputy Commissioner's salary was set at \$12,600 per year, payable in twelve equal monthly installments. The District shall pay an automobile expense of \$.20 per mile while on official duty. Mr. Rindlisbach, Deputy Water Commissioner, shall be granted two weeks of vacation. All vacation time must be approved in advance by Commissioner Gardner. Mr. Rindlisbach shall also be allowed some weekends off during the summertime; these dates also to be approved by Commissioner Gardner. In addition, the District shall pay the entire retirement contribution from the District's fund for both the Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner to the maximum allowed by law. Voted and passed unanimously.

Mr. Wilson then indicated the next order of business was the election of a Committee to represent the Water Users of said District and to transact any business with the State Engineer's Office on behalf of the Water Users for the year 1981. The Committee so selected is as follows:

Charles W. Wilson	Dale Bateman	Alma Fairbourn
Keith L. Hansen	David B. Gardner	

A motion was made by Mr. Sutton, seconded by Mr. Swensen, that these men act as the Committee. Motion voted and passed unanimously.

Mr. Wilson then indicated the next order of business was the setting of a budget for 1981. The budget so proposed is as follows on the next page:

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<u>Budget Item No.</u>	<u>Description of Budget Item</u>	<u>1981</u>
1.	Commissioner's Salary	\$ 10,000.00
1-C.	Matching Social Security Tax (6.65%)	665.00
1-F.	State Retirement Contribution (14.4%)	1,440.00
2.	Deputy Commissioner's Salary	12,600.00
2-C.	Matching Social Security Tax (6.65%)	837.90
2-F.	State Retirement Contribution (14.4%)	1,814.40
3.	Commissioner's Travel Expense (\$.20/Mile)	700.00
4.	Deputy Commissioner's Travel Expense (\$.20/Mile)	800.00
5.	Commissioner's Telephone Expense	420.00
6.	Equipment Maintenance	1,000.00
7.	Bonds and Insurance Premium	275.00
8.	Commissioner's Annual Report	600.00
9.	Office Supplies	200.00
10.	Fuel Expenses	600.00
11.	Office Rent	720.00
12.	Health Insurance Contribution	2,000.00
13.	Deputy Commissioner's Replacement	2,250.00
	TOTAL	===== <u>\$ 36,922.30</u>

A motion was made by Mr. Sutton, seconded by Mr. Fairbourn, that the budget be set at \$36,922.30. In addition, the State Engineer shall be authorized to use any surplus or bank balance remaining to the credit of the Association on December 31, 1980 to meet expenses until such time as the 1981 assessments are collected, and that the State Engineer be authorized to charge a 10% penalty on all assessment accounts that are sixty days delinquent. Voted and passed unanimously.

Mr. Wilson indicated that the next order of business was to have Mr. David B. Gardner report to the users as to the water outlook for the year of 1980.

That report is as follows:

The Utah Lake and Jordan River System had a very good year in regards to abundance of water in storage at Utah Lake, closing its irrigation season on October 15, 1979 with the lake at a -3.40 feet below compromise and by January, 1980, the lake had risen to a -2.40 feet. The precipitation outlook had greatly improved during the early water season and continued strong through the Spring of 1980. By February 1st, the Utah Lake and Jordan River Dam Commission had determined that serious flooding would occur to the lands around Utah Lake if the gates at Utah Lake and Jordan River were not opened immediately. A meeting was called on February 10th, and orders were given to open the gates on February 11, 1980. At that time, the lake elevation was a -1.50 and the precipitation outlook was extremely good. The gates remained open until July 10th; the following is the excess water discharged through the Jordan River into the Great Salt Lake as waste water: February, 13,700; March, 26,300; April, 29,000; and May, 21,000, for a total of 90,000 Acre Feet. The inflow for this period averaged 124% of normal with the month of May being a "whopping" 211% of normal. The irrigators under this system were able to take advantage of the gravity flow in that the pumps were not started until July 10th, thus cutting their pumping costs, ie, electric power and operators.

Utah Lake elevation peaked on June 1, 1980 at a +1.03 feet above compromise and receded on a normal path until October 15th which closed the irrigation season; the lake elevation was then -0.90 feet below compromise. Again the Dam Commission had met and determined that the gates should be opened immediately following the shut-down of the pumping operation. This was accomplished on October 16th, and from that day, the Jordan River has been flowing in a free-flow state. The total discharge to January 1, 1981 has been 65,000 Acre Feet with an average daily discharge of 430 c.f.s. through the Jordan Narrows. As of January 1, 1981, Utah Lake elevation was -0.25 feet below compromise and is continuing to rise. The United States Weather Bureau reported that the Utah Lake drainage, for the months of October through December, was 50 - 75% of a 15-year normal. They provided a bleak outlook for precipitation for the ensuing months, but even with this outlook, Utah Lake will exceed compromise prior to April 1, 1981. More than adequate water will be in storage for the irrigation under this system for 1981.

DELETE { Don Norseth gave a report to the members present concerning the conditions of the reservoirs throughout Utah. He indicated the reservoirs in the Northern section of Utah are near or above normal for this time of year, while those in the Southern part of the state are below normal. Also, he indicated the stream flows in the Southern most section of the state are also below normal; namely, the Virgin River which is only 22% of a 15-year average. His conclusions are that 1981 would be near normal with the exception of the Southern part of the state.

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Mr. Wilson then reported on the Homestead Power Plant Lease and the fact that this lease had lapsed over a year ago and had not been detected by either the Lessee or Lessor. He recommended that all parties concerned should get involved with the negotiations with Utah Power and Light. He also indicated that the Federal Government would be involved in these negotiations. There was a general discussion regarding this matter, but no definite conclusions were reached by this Board.

Mr. Wilson then asked if there was any other business; there being none, the meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Charles W. Wilson, Chairman

David B. Gardner, Secretary

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