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WATER USERS ANNUAL MEETING

Minutes of the meeting of the Water Users on Utah Lake and Jordan River from the pumping plant on Utah Lake to and including the North Jordan Weir near Midvale, Utah.

The meeting was held in the Water Conference Room, State Capitol, January 24, 1969, at 10:00 a.m.

Those present and the users represented were as follows:

Donald C. Norseth	Division of Water Rights
David I. Gardner	Commissioner, Utah Lake & Jordan River
David B. Gardner	Commissioner-(Trainee), Utah Lake & Jordan River
C. Rell Swensen	President, North Jordan Irrigation Company
William Gedge	President, Utah Lake Distributing
Vern H. Morgan	President, Utah & Salt Lake Canal Company
Leland Withers	South Jordan Canal Company
Alma Fairbourn	East Jordan Irrigation
Richard R. Pexton	State Engineer's Office
Frank Reese	Controller, State Engineer's Office
C. J. Barber	U.S. Smelting, Refining & Mining Company
Richard Carlquist	Draper Irrigation Company
A. J. Thuli	Kennecott Copper Corporation
Elmer J. Taylor	Utah Power & Light Company
Charles W. Wilson	Salt Lake City Corporation Water Department
John Bene	Deputy State Engineer
Hubert C. Lambert	State Engineer
W. Merrill Madsen	Board of Canal Presidents
S. Bryce Montgomery	Area Engineer, State Engineer's Office
James Lee	Kennecott Copper Corporation

David I. Gardner, David B. Gardner, S. Bryce Montgomery, Donald C. Norseth, John Bene, Richard R. Pexton, Frank Reese and W. Merrill Madsen were present, but had no voice in the voting. The Kennecott Copper Corporation's interest was voted by Mr. A. J. Thuli and Mr. James Lee, and the United States Smelting, Refining and Mining Company's interest was voted by Mr. C. J. Barber.

Donald C. Norseth, Distribution Engineer, from the State Engineer's Office opened the meeting and set out the purpose and the proposed procedure of the meeting. It was determined by canvass of those present that there was a quorum in attendance.

It was moved by Mr. Lee and seconded by Mr. Barber that Mr. Charles W. Wilson act as Chairman of the meeting and Mr. David B. Gardner act as Secretary. There were no objections to these two men holding these positions and they were elected by acclamation, and the motion was carried unanimously.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Charles W. Wilson, Chairman of the Board.

Mr. Wilson ordered the Secretary, Mr. David B. Gardner, to read the minutes of the previous meeting held January 12, 1968. There were no amendments or corrections to these minutes and stand approved as read.

A progress report was made by Mr. Donald C. Norseth on the progress being made by the State Engineer on the determination of the use of water and land under the Upper and Lower Jordan River Systems, being that area between Utah Lake and Great Salt Lake, irrigated from Jordan River and its tributaries.

A report was made by the State Engineer's Deputy, Mr. S. Bryce Montgomery, and with his permission parts of this report concerning the surface water rights in the area is made a part of the minutes.

#### UTAH LAKE & JORDAN RIVER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

##### A. Appropriations

1. There have been no applications approved to appropriate water from streams, springs or drains that are likely tributary to the Jordan River. These applications are held pending until the Jordan River waters have been adjudicated.
2. In the Herriman-Riverton area, only wells for 0.015 sec.-ft. or less for the domestic use of one family and irrigation of .25 acre and/or stockwatering are being approved by this office.
3. In the immediate area of southeast Murray City, applications to appropriate are being held pending because of the alleged Murray City well interference and the resulting court case.

4. Emigration Canyon area was closed by the State Engineer to further appropriations of water as of 3:00 p.m., September 23, 1968. This completes the closing of all the streams on the east side of the valley, which are now considered to be fully appropriated.
5. Elsewhere in the Jordan Valley, applications to appropriate water are being considered and acted upon as to the individual circumstances of the area in which the point of diversion is located.

#### B. Distribution

1. Jordan River is being distributed by the two commissioners, David I. Gardner and Paul Maucher, with very little complaint from the water users. They do not supervise diversions from the river located between 9400 South and 2100 South.
2. Problems have reoccurred regarding the distribution of water from the Husted Dam located near the end of the Surplus Canal. The State Engineer has scheduled another meeting on the problem to be held Monday, February 3, 1969, at 9:00 a.m. in his office. All interested parties are requested to attend.
3. Waters from Mill Creek and Big Cottonwood Canyon continue to be distributed by the court appointed commissioner, Thomas McDonald, and the waters from Little Cottonwood Canyon continue to be distributed by the court appointed commissioner, Orin Van Valkenburg.

#### C. Resources

1. The cooperative study of the Jordan Valley is progressing in detail. The work is being done by the U.S. Geological Survey personnel with financial assistance and cooperation from the Utah State Engineer's Office.
2. There has been a recent brief publication through this study concerning the thickness of the Jordan Valley alluvial fill. From the result of a Seismic Survey there is reported between 600 to 4800 feet of combined unconsolidated sediments. The thickest section located in the west part of the valley and consisting mostly of Tertiary age sediments. The Quaternary age sediments are thickest in the east side of the valley.
3. Basic Data Report No. 15 published by the State Engineer's Office in cooperation with the U.S. Geological Survey, is now published for Salt Lake County, 1968, giving hydrologic and climatologic data.

D. Adjudication

1. All hydrographic mapping is completed for the valley with the exception of locating and plotting of wells in the valley east of the Jordan River, and the preparation of hydrographic maps of areas located up in the canyons located east of the valley.
2. Land ownership and irrigated acreage planimetry is now being completed.
3. All of the five major canal companies have been contacted and worked with in reviewing the hydrographic maps and the preparation of water users claims.
4. Mr. Joe Melling who is assigned to the Jordan Valley adjudication was to have been here to report in more detail on the adjudication work, but is out of town due to the recent death of his mother.

The Chairman then asked for a financial report which was read and explained by Mr. Frank Reese, a copy of the financial report having previously been furnished to the Secretary for distribution to each of the major users in the District. Among other things, the 1968 report showed as follows:

A. Balance of Distribution Funds January 1, 1968:	\$6,458.29
B. Receipts and Expenditures:	
1. Receipts:	
(a) Regular Assessments	\$15,006.27
(b) Delinquent Collections	<u>4.59</u>
	\$15,010.86
2. Expenditures:	\$14,433.75
C. Balance of Distribution Funds:	\$7,035.40

Mr. Carlquist moved that the financial report be approved and ordered filed. Seconded by Mr. Barber. Motion carried unanimously.

The Chairman declared the next order of business would be the election of a Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner for recommendation to the State Engineer for appointment. Mr. C. Rell Swensen moved that David B. Gardner be recommended to the State Engineer for the position of Commissioner of Utah Lake and Jordan River, and that Mr. Jack B. Rindlisbach be recommended

to the State Engineer for appointment to the position of Deputy Commissioner of Utah Lake and Jordan River, both for the period from January 1, 1969, to December 31, 1969, or until a successor to either or both be appointed and qualified. It was seconded by Mr. Thuli, and motion was carried unanimously.

At this point, Mr. Norseth, Distribution Engineer, acknowledged to the group present that David I. Gardner retired as of December 31, 1968, as Commissioner of Utah Lake and Jordan River, and stated that the State Engineer's Office was proud of the fine service that he had rendered to the State in distributing water throughout Salt Lake County and thanked him in behalf of the State Engineer's Office for the fine service he had rendered in the past thirty-three years and at this time, he accepted the two appointees as recommended by the Water Users assembled.

It was moved by Mr. Lee and seconded by Mr. Fairbourn that the salary of the Commissioner be set at \$5,800.00 per year, payable in 12 equal monthly installments for such portion of his time as is necessary to properly distribute the waters of the system and file a complete report of his work with the State Engineer, and in addition to the above salary, the association shall pay the telephone bill of the Commissioner, he shall receive 7¢ per mile automobile expense while on official duty, and \$20.00 per month shall be paid to the Commissioner for office rent. Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Morgan and seconded by Mr. Thuli that the salary of the Deputy Commissioner be set at \$4,500.00 per year, payable in 12 equal monthly installments, and in addition to the above salary, he shall receive 7¢ per mile automobile expense while on official duty

and 2 weeks vacation with pay, said vacation to be taken only during non-irrigation season and said date or dates be approved 30 days in advance by the Commissioner. Motion was carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Lee and seconded by Mr. Swensen that the committee for the Water Users be represented by the following men: Mr. Charles W. Wilson, Richard Carlquist, Alma Fairbourn, A. J. Thuli and David B. Gardner. These men are to transact any business with the State Engineer's Office on behalf of the Water Users for the ensuing year. Motion carried unanimously.

The next order of business was the setting of the budget for the year 1969.

WATER COMMISSIONER OF UTAH LAKE	
Salary	\$5,800.00
Travel	600.00
Telephone	120.00
Social Security Matching	278.40
State Retirement	232.00
DEPUTY WATER COMMISSIONER OF UTAH LAKE	
Salary	\$4,500.00
Travel	200.00
Social Security Matching	216.00
State Retirement	180.00
NEW EQUIPMENT	100.00
BONDS AND INSURANCE PREMIUMS	75.00
COMMISSIONER'S REPORT	300.00
OFFICE SUPPLIES	100.00
MISCELLANEOUS FUND	25.00
OFFICE RENT	240.00
MATCHING HEALTH INSURANCE CONTRIBUTION FUND	<u>400.00</u>
<u>TOTAL BUDGET</u>	\$13,366.40

Motion was carried by Mr. Carlquist and seconded by Mr. Thuli that the Contingency Expense Available for Deficiency Funds be changed to read "Miscellaneous Fund", and that a new item Matching Health Insurance Contribution Fund be made part of the budget. The motion was carried unanimously.

At the end of the budget report, Mr. Carlquist made a motion, seconded by Mr. Gedge that the annual budget be set at \$13,366.40, and further that the State Engineer be authorized to assess water users so as to produce \$11,366.40, and the difference between the budget and the amount assessed (\$2,000.00) be made up from the now existing balance in the bank account and that the minimum assessment to any user be set at \$1.00, and also, the State Engineer to be authorized to use any surplus or bank balance remaining to the credit of the association on December 31, 1968, to meet expenses until such time as the 1969 Assessment is collected and that the State Engineer be authorized to charge a 10% penalty on all accounts that are over 60 days delinquent. The motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Reese, the Controller from the State Engineer's Office, proposed that the same method be used as a basis for setting the assessment for 1969 be the same as was set up to determine the 1968 assesment, i.e., that the <sup>past</sup> ~~first~~ years water use prior to the assessment be used.

David I. Gardner, Commissioner for the year 1968, was asked to make his report, and that report is as follows:

The elevation of Utah Lake as of the 23rd of January, 1969 was 1.03 feet below compromise. The gates of the lake are fully opened, and anticipating the high water of Utah Lake, the gates were opened immediately upon the shutting down of the pumps and have remained opened since that time.

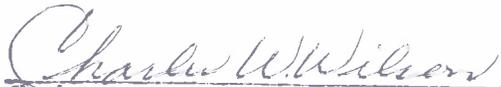
The flow of water from the lake is about 350 c.f.s. and it will increase to about 512 c.f.s. when the lake reaches compromise elevation. This will occur according to my computations between March 15th and March 30, 1969.

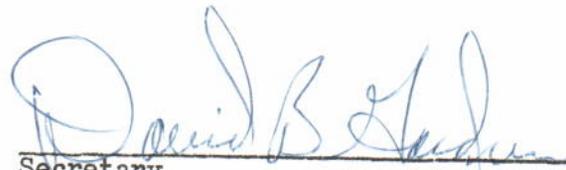
The Dam Commission have met and the Utah County Delegates have talked of various schemes to see if they cannot relieve the threatened lake rise above compromise. It appears to me that the only thing they can do is to leave the gates open as they are and permitting the water to flow freely.

I feel that the pumping season will be delayed in starting at perhaps a month or more this spring.

It was moved by Mr. Thuli and seconded by Mr. Morgan that the Utah Lake Water Users approve the Utah Lake and Jordan River Dam Commission as selected.. Motion was carried unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was moved by Mr. Thuli that the meeting adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Barber. Motion was carried unanimously.

  
Charles W. Wilson  
Chairman

  
David B. Linder  
Secretary