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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 12, 1968, at 10:00 a.m.

Those present and the users represented were as follows:

F. E. Seal	Pres., Utah Lake Distributing Company
V. H. Morgan	Pres., Utah & Salt Lake Canal Company
Everett H. Wendel	Vice-Pres., North Jordan Irrigation Co.
Herman C. Nielsen	Pres., South Jordan Canal Company
Alma Fairbourn	Pres., East Jordan Irrigation Company
Richard Carlquist	Pres., Draper Irrigation Company
C. J. Barber	United States Smelting, Refining & Mining Co.
A. J. Thuli	Engineer, Kennecott Copper Corporation
Charles W. Wilson	Supt., Salt Lake City Corp., Water Department
David I. Gardner	Comm., Utah Lake & Jordan River
S. Bryce Montgomery	Area Engr., State Engineer's office
Donald C. Norseth	Distribution Engr., State Engineer's office
John Bene	Deputy State Engr., State Engineer's office
Joe Melling	Engineer, State Engineer's office
Richard Pexton	Finance Division, State Engineer's office
Boyd Strant	Finance Division, State Engineer's office
Frank Reese	Controller, State Engineer's office
Clyde W. Gillam	United States Smelting, Refining & Mining Co.
James B. Lee	Attorney for Kennecott Copper Corporation

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

Donald C. Norseth, Distribution Engineer, 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. Thuli and seconded by Mr. Barber that Mr. Charles W. Wilson act as Chairman of the meeting, and Mr. David I. Gardner act as Secretary, and that if there were no objections to these two gentlemen succeeding themselves to these positions that they be elected by acclamation. There was no objection, 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 I. Gardner, to read the minutes of the previous meeting held January 16, 1967. There were no amendments or corrections, and the minutes were 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. 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.

I. PRESENT WATER RIGHTS POLICIES AND CONDITIONS - STATE ENGINEER

A. APPROPRIATION:

a. Surface water (water that naturally arises to the surface):

Jordan River and its tributaries (seeps, surface drains, springs, and streams) are in question as to unappropriated water. Applications to appropriate water from these sources are held pending until the present adjudication has been completed. Perennial streams tributary to Jordan River are considered fully appropriated.

- B. In cooperation with the U. S. Geological Survey, a study of the water resources in the Jordan Valley is being conducted, and the the planned completion date is sometime in 1970.
- C. The distribution of the Jordan River and Utah Lake is handled by two River Commissioners and a deputy under the direction of this office. From the diversion out of Utah Lake northward to 9400 South, the river is regulated by David I. Gardner and a deputy. From 2100 South northward to the Great Salt Lake, the river is regulated by Paul Maucher.

The water from Big Cottonwood Creek is regulated by a court appointed commissioner, Thomas McDonald.

Most all of the other perennial streams of the valley have court decrees dividing the water and it is distributed under mutual agreement of the owners.

It is anticipated that upon completion of the current adjudication of water rights, distribution of water in the valley will be less of a problem.

- D. The adjudication of the water of Jordan River is proceeding well. Most of the mapping and gathering of Water Users Claims have been completed on the Lower Jordan River. Some mapping is to be completed on the areas served by the North Point Consolidated Canal, and their Water Users Claim is yet to be completed and signed. During this past summer most of the field mapping on the remainder of the Jordan River has been completed. Work will continue on this including the compilation of data on mylar maps, planimentering of irrigated acreage and determination of ownership to lands. The remainder of the water users claims will be gathered and all data tabulated for presentation to the water users and the court. It is planned to have the Jordan River water adjudication by July 1, 1969.

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 1967 report showed as follows:

A. Balance of Distribution Funds January 1, 1967:	\$6,070.04
B. Receipts and Expenditures:	
1. Receipts:	
(a) Regular Assessments	\$12,201.34
(b) Delinquent Collections	1.00
(c) Total Receipts	<u>\$12,202.34</u>

2. Expenditures

\$11,814.09

C. Balance of Distribution Funds

\$6,458.29

The bank balance showed an increase of \$388.25 for the year 1967.

Mr. Nielsen moved that the financial report be approved and ordered filed. Seconded by Mr. Fairbourn. 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. Thuli moved that David I. Gardner be recommended to the State Engineer for the position of Commissioner of Utah Lake and Jordan River, and that Mr. Jack 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, 1968, to December 31, 1968, or until a successor to either or both be appointed and qualified. It was seconded by Mr. Nielsen, and carried unanimously.

At this point, Mr. Norseth, Distribution Engineer, made a statement accepting the two appointees as recommended by the water users assembled, and complimented the Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner for their efficient and trouble free operation of the District.

It was moved by Mr. Carlquist and seconded by Mr. Nielsen, 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. Carried unan-

imously.

It was moved by Mr. Nielsen and seconded by Mr. Carlquist that the salary of the Deputy Commissioner be set at \$4,200.00 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. Said automobile expense shall be approved by the Utah Lake Commissioner. Carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Thuli and seconded by Mr. Barber that the same committee from the Water Users be elected to serve as representatives for the Water Users of the District in transacting any business with the State Engineer on behalf of the District for the ensuing year.

Mr. Charles W. Wilson, Mr. Richard Carlquist, Mr. Herman C. Nielsen and Mr. David I. Gardner were members of the previous committee who were to serve for the ensuing year, and Mr. Charles W. Wilson was to act as Chairman and Mr. David I. Gardner as Secretary. The motion was amended with the consent of the second that Mr. A. J. Thuli's name be added to this committee to serve for the ensuing year. Carried unanimously.

The next order of business was the setting of the budget for the year 1968. At this particular point Commissioner, David I. Gardner, reported to the Board that he was planning to retire at the end of 1968, and recommended that the District consider employing someone to succeed him at the end of the year. He also recommended that the man the District selected should be appointed at the beginning of the irrigation season, or about May 1st, and serve on a part-time basis in order to become acquainted with the principal features that a person would have to know in order to properly distribute the water of the system, and also become acquainted

with the various rights, controversies, records and methods of operating the District. There was a lengthy discussion as how best to accomplish this recommendation. It was finally moved by Mr. Nielsen and seconded by Mr. Carlquist that an item of \$2,500.00 to pay the salary and expense of the trainee be included as an extra item in the budget for 1968.

WATER COMMISSIONER OF UTAH LAKE	
Salary	\$ 5,800.00
Travel	600.00
Telephone	120.00
Social Security Matching	255.20
State Retirement	232.00
DEPUTY WATER COMMISSIONER OF UTAH LAKE	
Salary	\$ 4,200.00
Travel	150.00
Social Security Matching	184.80
State Retirement	168.00
NEW EQUIPMENT	100.00
BONDS AND INSURANCE PREMIUMS	75.00
COMMISSIONER'S REPORT	250.00
OFFICE SUPPLIES	100.00
CONTINGENCY EXPENSE AVAILABLE FOR DEFICIENCY FUNDS	25.00
OFFICE RENT	240.00
PAY OF TRAINEE - TO BE SELECTED	<u>2,500.00</u>
TOTAL	\$15,000.00

Further, that the State Engineer be authorized to assess the water users so as to produce \$15,000.00 as set up in the budget for operation and maintenance, and that the difference between the budget and the amount to be collected be made up from the now existing bank balance, and that the minimum assessment to any water user be \$1.00, and that the State Engineer be authorized to use any surplus or bank balance remaining

to the credit of the association on December 31, 1967, to meet expenses until such time as the 1968 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 used as a basis for setting the assessment for 1968 be the same as was set up to determine the 1967 assessment ie that the first years water use prior to the assessment be the basis for establishing the assessment rate in the succeeding year. Moved by Mr. Carlquist and seconded by Mr. Morgan that Mr. Reese's recommendation be followed. Carried unanimously.

The Commissioner was asked to make a report of the outlook for the coming year of the water supply for Utah Lake. The report was as follows:

On December 31, 1967, the Utah Lake elevation was - 2.66 feet below compromise with 654,600 acre feet in storage as compared with - 2.50 feet below compromise on the same date in 1965, with a storage of 668,800 acre feet, or 14,200 acre feet less at the end of 1965 than at the end of 1967. These are the two highest years since 1954.

Deer Creek had in storage on December 31, 1967, 108,000 acre feet with only 42,000 acre feet to go to fill the reservoir.

The present Snow Survey shows that the snow cover on the Provo sheds averages between 85 per cent and 103 per cent of normal. So, it looks like another good season for 1968.

It is proposed to call the Utah Lake and Jordan River Dam Commission together Monday, January 15, 1968, for their deliberation on the operation of the gates at the head of Jordan River. This will be the same membership that has served for several years past on the Dam Commission.

It was moved by Mr. Barber and seconded by Mr. Wendel that the Utah Lake Water Users approve the Utah Lake and Jordan River Dam Commission as selected. Carried unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was moved by Mr. Wendel that the meeting adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Gardner. Carried unanimously.

Charles W. Wilson
/s/ Charles W. Wilson
Chairman

David I. Gardner
/s/ David I. Gardner
Secretary