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WATER COMMISSIONER'S ELECTION

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 Utah State Engineer's Office, State Capitol Building, January 16, 1956, at 2:00 P.M.

Those present and the users represented were as follows:

Joseph M. Tracy	Utah State Engineer	State Capitol Bldg.
L. C. Monson	Chief Deputy, State Engineer's Office	State Capitol Bldg.
Wm. H. Woodbury	Pres., North Jordan Irrig. Co.	3790 South 3600 West Murray, Utah
Richard Carlquist	Pres., Draper Irrigation Co.	Box 232, Draper, Utah
Olof Olson	Pres., East Jordan Irrig. Co.	Box 36, Route #1 Sandy, Utah
Wm. J. Leak	Pres., Utah & Salt Lake Canal Co.	Route 2, Riverton, Utah.
Charles W. Wilson	Salt Lake City Corporation Department of Water Supply and Waterworks	City and County Bldg. Salt Lake City, Utah
Frank Reese	Chief Accountant, State Engineer's Office	State Capitol Bldg.
F. E. Seal	Pres., Utah Lake Dist. Co.	Riverton, Utah
David I. Gardner	Comm., Utah Lake & Jordan River	Midvale, Utah

John W. Labrum requested to be excused from meeting because of illness.

Joseph M. Tracy, State Engineer, Frank Reese, L. C. Monson and David I. Gardner were present but had no voice in the voting.



The meeting was called to order by Mr. Joseph M. Tracy, who read the notice of the meeting, and called for the election of a chairman for the meeting. It was moved by Mr. Olson and seconded by Mr. Leak that Charles W. Wilson be elected chairman of the meeting. Carried unanimously. Mr. Wilson took the chair and called for nominations for a secretary of the meeting.

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Mr. Woodbury moved that Mr. Gardner be elected secretary of the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Carlquist, and carried unanimously.

It was determined that a majority of the water users of the district were present; that there was a quorum, and that business could proceed.

The secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting held January 14, 1955. There were no amendments nor corrections and the minutes were approved as read.

The chairman then asked for the financial report, which was read and explained by Mr. Frank Reese. Mr. Seal moved and Mr. Leak seconded a motion that the financial report be approved and ordered filed. Carried unanimously.

There was some discussion of the delinquent assessments for 1955. It was decided without formal vote, that the commissioner should talk with the delinquent accounts and urge the water users to make payment so as to clear the record books.

The chairman declared that the next order of business would be the selection of a commissioner and deputy commissioner for recommendation to the State Engineer for appointment.

Mr. Olson moved and Mr. Seal seconded a motion that David I. Gardner be recommended to the State Engineer for appointment to the position of Water Commissioner of Utah Lake and Jordan River for the period from January 1, 1956, through December 31, 1956, or until a successor is appointed and qualified, and that his salary be fixed at \$4,000.00 per year, payable in twelve (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 commissioner shall receive 7¢ per mile automobile expense while on duty and the district shall pay the telephone bill of the commissioner; and that \$20.00 per month be paid to the commissioner for office rent. They also recommended that Fred C. Wanlass be recommended to the State Engineer as Deputy Commissioner at a salary of \$3,000.00 per year for the period from January 1, 1956, through December 31, 1956, or until his successor is appointed and qualified, and in addition to the above salary he shall receive 7¢ per mile automobile expense while on official duty. Said automobile expense to be approved by the Lake Commissioner. Carried unanimously.

Mr. Woodbury moved and Mr. Leak seconded a motion that the total budget for the year 1956 be set at \$8,800.00, distributed in the various accounts as follows:

WATER COMMISSIONER OF UTAH LAKE:

Salary . . . . .	\$ 4,000.00
Travel . . . . .	450.00
Telephone . . . . .	120.00
Social Security Matching . . . . .	80.00

DEPUTY WATER COMMISSIONER OF UTAH LAKE

Salary . . . . .	\$ 3,000.00
Travel . . . . .	175.00
Social Security Matching . . . . .	60.00
NEW EQUIPMENT . . . . .	100.00
STATE ENGINEER EXPENSE . . . . .	150.00
BONDS AND INSURANCE PREMIUMS . . . . .	50.00
COMMISSIONER'S REPORT . . . . .	150.00
OFFICE SUPPLIES . . . . .	100.00
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE . . . . .	125.00
OFFICE RENT . . . . .	<u>240.00</u>
TOTAL BUDGET	\$ 8,800.00

Mr. Carlquist moved that the State Engineer be authorized to assess the water users in the proportion fixed by the agreement sufficient to produce \$8,800.00, that the minimum assessment to any water user be \$1.00; and that he be authorized to use any surplus or bank balance remaining to the credit of the district on December 31, 1955, to meet expenses until such time as the 1956 assessment is collected. Seconded by Mr. Woodbury, and carried unanimously.

Mr. Gardner made a short report as to the water outlook for 1956. He reported that as of January 1, Utah Lake was minus 4.58, with a total available storage of 424,300 acre feet, as compared with a gage of minus 3.93 and a storage of 477,000 acre feet on the same date last year. He also reported that snow conditions on the higher water sheds tributary to Jordan River and Provo River are about 100% better than the 15 year average on any of the stations, and above average on all of the stations, and although there is very little snow in the valleys it appears that the outlook is more favorable than would appear from the looks of the water sheds at present. He reported further that in his opinion there would be an ample water supply in Utah Lake for 1956.

The secretary was instructed to send a copy of the minutes and a copy of the financial statement to each of the major water users prior to next season's election.

There being no further business to come before the meeting it was moved by Mr. Leak and seconded by Mr. Woodbury that the meeting adjourn.

  
Charles W. Wilson, Chairman

  
David I. Gardner, Secretary