

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 14, 1955, 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	
W. L. Latshaw	Galena Canal, U.S.S.R; & M. Co.	P.O. Box 1980 Salt Lake City, Utah
Wm. H. Woodbury	Pres., North Jordan Irrig. Co.	3790 S. 3600 West Salt Lake City, Utah
Richard Carlquist	Pres., Draper Irrigation Co.	Box 232, Draper, Utah
Olaf Olson	Pres., East Jordan Irrig. Co.	Box 36, Route #1 Sandy, Utah
John W. Labrum	Pres., South Jordan Canal Co.	5460 S. 1300 West Murray, Utah
Wm. J. Leak	Pres., Utah & Salt Lake Canal Co.	RFD#2, Riverton, Utah
Charles W. Wilson	Salt Lake City Corporation Department of Water Supply and Waterworks	City and County Bldg. Salt Lake City, Utah
A. Soderberg	Kennecott Copper Corporation	Mail to: L. C. Jones, Chief Engr. 714 Kearns Bldg., Salt Lake City, Utah
Frank Reese	Chief Accountant, State Engineer's Office	
David I. Gardner	Comm., Utah Lake & Jordan River	Midvale, Utah

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



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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. Labrum and seconded by Mr. Olson 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.

Mr. Woodbury moved that Mr. Gardner be elected secretary of the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Labrum 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 15, 1954. 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. Leak moved and Mr. Woodbury seconded a motion that the financial report be approved and ordered filed. Carried unanimously.

There was some discussion of the delinquent assessments for 1954. 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. Woodbury moved and Mr. Olson 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, 1955, through December 31, 1955, 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, 1955, through December 31, 1955, 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. Carlquist moved and Mr. Leak seconded a motion that the total budget for the year 1955 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
MISCELLANECUS EXPENSE	125.00
OFFICE RENT	<u>240.00</u>
TOTAL BUDGET	\$ 8,800.00

Mr. Woodbury 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, 1954, to meet expenses until such time as the 1955 assessment is collected. Seconded by Mr. Olson and carried unanimously.

Mr. Gardner reported that the elevation of Utah Lake was minus 1.50, on January 1, 1954, with a storage of 687,900 acre-feet, and on January 1, 1955, the lake was minus 3.93, with a storage of 477,000 acre-feet, or a loss over last year in the total storage of 210,900 acre-feet. Deer Creek Reservoir, on the same date in 1954 had 96,000 acre-feet and this year only 70,000 acre-feet, or a loss in storage in the reservoir of 26,000 acre-feet for the year. The weather report for the major water stations tributary to Utah Lake and Jordan River indicates that there is only 60% of normal in storage as of January 1, 1955. He also reported that the Utah Lake and Jordan River Dam Commission has ordered that the lake gates be closed and all the water stored in Utah Lake until such time as they shall meet again in approximately 45 days to decide what effect the weather condition has had upon the elevation of the lake.

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. ~~Latshaw~~ and seconded by Mr. Leak that the meeting adjourn.

Charles W. Wilson
 Chas. W. Wilson, Chairman

David I. Gardner
 David I. Gardner, Secretary