

UTAH LAKE & JORDAN RIVER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

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WATER USERS ANNUAL MEETING

The Minutes of the Utah Lake and Jordan River Distribution System
Including the Jordan River and its Tributaries

The Annual Meeting was held in the Department of Natural Resources Building, Conference Room #214, 1594 West North Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah, on Monday, January 7, 2002. The meeting began at 10:00 a.m. Those present and the Companies they represent are as follows:

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| Bill Marcovecchio | East Jordan Irrigation Company |
| Jeff Niermeyer | Salt Lake City Corporation |
| Dale Bateman | South Jordan Canal Company |
| Keith L. Hansen | North Jordan Canal Company |
| Richard Bay | Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District |
| Jeff Bryant | Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District |
| Rick Tullis | Central Utah Water Conservancy District |
| Nelson Petersen | Utah & Salt Lake Canal Company |
| Larry Trimble | Kennecott Utah Copper |
| Scott Holbrook | Utah Lake Distributing Company |

Those present without voting powers are:

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| David B. Gardner | Commissioner |
| Lee Sim | Division of Water Rights |
| Jim Riley | Division of Water Rights |
| John Larsen | Division of Water Rights |
| Eric Millis | Department of Water Resources |
| Milo Barney | Division of Water Resources |
| Ben Anderson | Division of Water Rights |

It was determined, by canvass of those present, that there was an adequate, qualified representation to form a legal quorum; therefore, the meeting was considered official

Mr. Sim introduced himself and the other representatives from the Division of Water Rights to the members present and indicated he would be conducting the meeting.

Mr. Sim then indicated the first order of business was the selection of a Chairman and Secretary for the water users. A motion was made by Mr. Niermeyer, seconded by Mr. Hansen, that Mr. Marcovecchio act as Chairman and Mr. Gardner be elected as Secretary. Voted and passed unanimously.

Mr. Sim then turned the meeting over to Mr. Marcovecchio for the balance of the agenda.

Mr. Marcovecchio then asked Mr. Gardner to read the minutes of the meeting held on January 8, 2001. After the reading of the minutes a motion was made by Mr. Bateman, seconded by Mr. Petersen that these minutes be accepted. Voted and passed unanimously.

Mr. John Larsen then submitted a Sno-Tell report covering the Utah Lake & Jordan River Drainage Area. He indicated that the high water precipitation was near or slightly below normal (Trial Lake). He also read other Sno-Tell stations and his total report is made a part of these minutes. No action was taken by the Board.

Mr. Marcovecchio then asked Mr. Sim to review the Financial Report as prepared by his Department. This particular Financial Report was a preliminary figure due to the fact that the interest earned by the District had not yet been calculated, but the expenditures in the draft were correct. He told the Board Members that he would submit to Mr. Gardner a final Financial Report and Mr. Gardner could then disburse this data to each of the members present. A motion was then made by Mr. Niermeyer, seconded by Mr. Hansen to accept this draft of the Financial Report as read. Voted and passed unanimously.

Mr. Marcovecchio then indicated the next order of business was the review of the proposed Budget for 2002. Mr. Sim then went over the line items of the Budget that was expended in 2001. The Budget for 2002 was set at \$137,360 with an Assessment to the District of \$133,000. After some discussion with the members present, a motion was made by Mr. Niermeyer, seconded by Mr. Bryant, that the Budget and Assessment to the District be adopted. Voted and passed unanimously.

Mr. Marcovecchio then asked Mr. Gardner to read his Commissioner's Report.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

The 2001 began with Utah Lake at -1.83 feet below compromise and with an outlook for the upcoming irrigation season fairly bleak. With the trend that a drought cycle is imminent, irrigators were skeptical as to whether or not they would have adequate water for the irrigation season. I indicated in later meetings with the Canal Presidents that unless we have a very severe drought, we should

finish the irrigation season with adequate water. Also, in these meetings, I indicated that it would be advantageous if they could cut back their normal supplies and conserve as much water in storage it at all possible. By April 1, the Lake had risen to a -0.98 feet which gave us some time for the system to be run by gravity flow. With some optimism, I felt that we would be able to run to June 1 by gravity, but on May 1 and 2, strong north winds had dropped Utah Lake elevation to -2.50 feet and thus putting us in a situation where to satisfy the irrigation needs, it was necessary to start the pumps. The balance of the irrigation season ran smoothly with very little inflow from our drainage area. In late September, the Board decided that little would be accomplished to discontinue irrigation season early, thus, we finished the season on October 15 with the Lake elevation at -4.50 feet. The months of October and November were basically without major precipitation until the last week of November, when areas like Alta and Brighton received over 100 inches of snow. From that time to January 1, 2002, we have had numerous snow storms which have greatly improved our outlook for a major drought season. Point of interest - the month of November, our drainage area was 204 percent of normal. We ended the year with the lake elevation at a -3.40 feet, which is 1.57 feet lower than 2001. The United States Weather Bureau had not calculated the December percent of normal, nor where we were on January 1. Hopefully, John Larsen will bring us up to date at this meeting.

On August 2, our Superintendent, Perry Smith, called and indicated that our culinary water system had gone dry. The common knowledge was that the pumps at Saratago Springs had been drilled and was drawing heavily on the underground aquifer where our water came from. We first felt that we could force Saratoga into discontinuing their pumps to bring our water system back to normal, but after some investigations, it was determined that artesian water did not have priority. At that time, negotiations were made with the City of Saratoga Springs to supply the pump house area with their culinary water system. We then constructed a 6" PVC line to the pump house compound supplying water to both homes and the pump house, which was a great improvement over the quality of water that was available from years past.

Now as to our upcoming irrigation season. Even though we are lower in elevation from the year 2001, I believe that if a conservative program in instigated, we will be able to supply adequate water for our irrigators.

A motion was then made by Mr. Hansen, seconded by Mr. Petersen, that the Commissioner's Report be accepted as read. Voted and passed unanimously.

Mr. Marcovecchio then indicated that the next order of business was the selection of the Deputy Water Commissioners be recommended to the State Engineer for the next year's appointment. Those Deputy Commissioners being Perry Smith, Greg Lewis, and Kirk Rindlisbach. A motion was made by Mr. Niermeyer, seconded by Mr. Bateman, that Perry Smith, Greg Lewis, and Kirk Rindlisbach be appointed as Mr. Gardner's Deputy Commissioners for the period from January 1, 2002, through December 31, 2002, to use that portion of their time as is necessary to properly distribute the water of said System. Voted and passed unanimously. (It is noted that the Utah Lake & Jordan River Commissioner (David B. Gardner) was appointed for a four-year term at the meeting held on January 7, 2000.)

Mr. Marcovecchio indicated the next order of business was the selection of a Committee to represent this District and transact any business in its behalf. Mr. Marcovecchio also suggested that all members of the District be part of the Committee and by majority rule any business could be transacted for the District. A motion was made by Mr. Niermeyer, seconded by Mr. Bateman, that this procedure be adopted. Voted and passed unanimously.

Mr. Marcovecchio then turned the meeting back over to Mr. Sim at which time he asked if there were any other business to come before this body. There being none, the meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.



David B. Gardner, Secretary