

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 8, 2001. The meeting began at 10:00 a.m. Those present and the Companies they represent are as follows:

Bill Marcovecchio	East Jordan Irrigation Company
Jeff Niermeyer	Salt Lake City Corporation
LeRoy Withers	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

Those members excused were:

Nelson Peterson	Utah & Salt Lake Canal
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Those present without voting powers are:

Lee Sim	Division of Water Rights
David B. Gardner	Commissioner
Jim Riley	Division of Water Rights
John Larsen	Division of Water Rights
Gertrudys Adkins	Division of Water Rights
Eric Millis	Department of Water Resources

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. Withers, 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 10, 2000. After the reading of the minutes a motion was made by Mr. Niermeyer, seconded by Mr. Hansen, with noted corrections, that these minutes be accepted. Voted and passed unanimously.

Mr. John Larsen then submitted a Sno-Tell report covering the Utah Lake & Jordan River Distribution System and basically showed our drainage area was at 61% of average. He indicated that the long range forecast for this area should reach normal before irrigation season starts.

Mr. Marcovecchio then asked Mr. Sim to review the Financial Report as prepared by his Department. After the reading of the Financial Report, Mr. Sim noted that there were no delinquent accounts in our system. A motion was then made by Mr. Hansen, seconded by Mr. Withers, that the Financial Report be accepted as read. Voted and passed unanimously.

Mr. Marcovecchio then indicated the next order of business was the review of the proposed Budget for 2001. Mr. Sim then went over the line items of the Budget that was expended in 2000. After some discussion with the members present, a motion was made by Mr. Niermeyer, seconded by Mr. Bryant, that a Budget of \$127,312.00 be adopted and an assessment to the District be made of \$124,000.00. Voted and passed unanimously.

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

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

The water year 2000 was, what I would consider, basically a normal operation year. We started the water year on October 15, 1999 with the Lake at a -1.15 feet below compromise and reached peak on March 1, 2000 at a +0.25 feet. The system was operated by gravity flow until June 9 at which time the Lake elevation was -0.80 feet below compromise. From that time forward, we were in a complete pumping mode. We never exceeded 500 c.f.s. pumping and basically used only four of the existing seven pumps. These three non-used pumps are in relatively poor condition, and at some point in time, they need to be renovated or replaced with new pumps. It was necessary that both our exciter and priming motors had to

be repaired prior to the pumping season and some other minor repairs were completed on the outlet pipes of Pumps 1, 2, and 6.

During the rainy season, it was determined that some of the roofs at the Utah Lake facility were in dire need of repair or replacement. Roofing bids were obtained for Perry Smith's home, the Shop, and the west section of the Pump House. As of December 31, 2000 only the Shop had been completed.

Now for the Jordan Narrows area, it was necessary to do some repair work on the river gates and it is my desire that some major work be accomplished in the near future to modernize this distribution control system. This can be taken up with the Board of Canal Presidents at a future date. Other than this minor glitch, everything ran smoothly at this location.

As to our upcoming irrigation season, the most up-to-date figures I have from the Weather Bureau is that Utah is generally at 122% of normal and, hopefully, John Larson can update us via his most recent Sno-Tel report.

The Lake elevation was -2.90 feet on October 15, 2000 and on January 6, 2001, it has reached the elevation of -1.78 feet which is about normal for the Lake during that period. If we continue at this same rate, we will probably not reach compromise, but the long range forecast talks about a wet late winter and early spring. We normally start irrigating on or around May 1 and there is a fair possibility that we may operate under gravity for about a month. All of this is speculation.

A motion was then made by Mr. Withers, seconded by Mr. Hansen, 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. Hansen, that Perry Smith, Greg Lewis, and Kirk Rindlisbach be appointed as Mr. Gardner's Deputy Commissioners for the period from January 1, 2001, through December 31, 2001, 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 10, 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. Hansen, seconded by Mr. Bryant, 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 10:50 a.m.



David B. Gardner, Secretary