

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, 1636 West North Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah, on Wednesday, January 11, 1995. The meeting began at 10:10 a.m. Those present and the Companies they represent are as follows:

Bill Marcovecchio	East Jordan Irrigation Company
N. Jay Wiley	North Jordan Irrigation/Kennecott Utah Copper
Anthony Devecchi	North Jordan Irrigation/Kennecott Utah Copper
Charles W. Wilson	Salt Lake City Corporation
Dale Bateman	South Jordan Canal
Tim Doxey	Salt Lake City Corporation
Norm Bray	Central Utah Water
Jeff Bryant	Salt Lake County Water Conservancy District
Tage Flint	Salt Lake County Water Conservancy District
McKay O. Douglas	Galena Canal

Those members excused are:

Marvin L. Steadman	Utah and Salt Lake Canal
Sherwin Allred	Utah Lake Distributing Company
Wayne Ballard	Draper Irrigation Company

Those present without voting powers are:

Lee Sim	Division of Water Rights
John S. Larsen	Division of Water Rights
Jim Riley	Division of Water Rights
Gertrudys Adkins	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. He then asked Mr. Gardner to introduce all members of the water users.

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. Devecchi, seconded by Mr. Bateman, that Mr. Wilson be elected as Chairman and Mr. Gardner be elected as Secretary. Voted and passed unanimously.

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

Mr. Wilson then asked Mr. Gardner to read the minutes of the meeting held on January 12, 1994. After the reading of the minutes a motion was made by Mr. Bateman, seconded by Mr. Marcovecchio, that these minutes be accepted as read. Voted and passed unanimously.

Mr. Wilson then asked Mr. Sim to review the Financial Report as prepared by his Department. After the review of the Financial Report, Mr. Sim then reviewed the delinquent accounts. He reported that there were only two accounts unpaid, one of them being Mr. Douglas' and at that time, Mr. Douglas asked that Mr. Sim review this account after the meeting. Mr. Sim also indicated that the Galena Ditch Company account shouldn't have been shown. A motion was then made by Mr. Bateman, seconded by Mr. Marcovecchio that the financial statement be accepted as read. Voted and passed unanimously.

Mr. Wilson then indicated the next order of business was the review of the proposed budget for 1995. Mr. Wilson indicated that the itemized budget should be made part of these minutes. A motion was then made by Mr. Devecchi and seconded by Mr. Bateman that the budget be accepted. Voted and passed unanimously.

Mr. Wilson indicated the next order of business was the setting of assessment for 1995. As the budget indicated the total amount of moneys needed was \$112,240. Mr. Marcovecchio made a motion seconded by Mr. Bateman that an assessment be levied at \$110,000. This motion was voted and passed unanimously.

Mr. Wilson then asked Mr. Gardner to read his 1995 Commissioner's Report.

We started 1994 with Utah Lake at a -2.35' below compromise and the outlook for the irrigation season was excellent. By April 1, the lake had risen to a -1.15' and continued on an upward trend to May 5th when we peaked at -1.05'. At the beginning of the irrigation season, we were able to supply our irrigators by gravity flow. This continued until May 9th at which time it was necessary to begin

pumping. During the early part of this season there was approximately 100 c.f.s. more water at the Turner Dam than our pumps indicated we were delivering. I believe this was due to the fact that our pump efficiency is greater at the lower head than when the lake is far below compromise. Our irrigation season went through the extreme hot summer months of July and August without any problems and we had plenty of pump capacity for our irrigation needs. Our normal shut down time is October 15, but due to two heavy rain storms on October 3rd and 4th, we discontinued operation on October 5th. At that time, the lake had receded to -4.45'. Since that closure, the lake has risen to -3.32' on January 1, 1995.

I believe that one of the major factors for Utah Lake being in the excellent condition that it is at this time was the instigation of the Utah Lake Management Plan. This was confirmed by the two meetings that were held in the fall of 1994 with the State Engineer's staff and first the Commissioner's directly involved with Utah Lake and second the general water meeting for all water users under the Utah Lake drainage area and in both cases, there was no disagreements to the plan and no suggestions for any changes.

During 1994, there was a committee formed to investigate the possibility of reusing effluent water from the two major sewage treatment plants on the Jordan River. Said plan was to pump this effluent south along Redwood Road to 90th South and from there distribute the water into the canal systems both east and west of 90th South. The engineers submitted their proposal to the Board of Canal Presidents and in turn these canal companies submitted the proposal to their Board of Directors. At subsequent meetings it was determined that this effluent needed to be commingled with water from Utah Lake at a source closer to Utah Lake i.e. possibly at the Jordan Narrows or even as far back as Utah Lake itself. At the present time this plan seems to be on hold, but I feel that before long a plan such as this will be put to use.

In early October, I was asked to attend a meeting in Utah County concerning the Utah Lake Task Force. This particular Task Force was to recommend to Governor Leavitt a management plan on Utah Lake. This Task Force committee was represented by only Utah County people and had no representation from the parties who actually own the water in Utah Lake. Some of their grandiose plans included the creation of a Utah Lake Commission, establish lake boundaries, then leasing the bottom of Utah Lake to Utah County, stabilize the lake's level, improve water quality, enhance native wildlife habitat, increase recreational opportunities and improve transportation access. Some of their other plans were the diking of Utah Lake, the building of giant recreational facilities in the middle of Utah Lake, the removal of all Carp from the lake and the irradiation of all Tamarack on the shore of the lake. At the end of this meeting, I asked the chairman if I could speak in behalf of the water users from Salt Lake County at which time I explained to the body that I felt it was necessary to have water users represented on this committee, but as of this date, there has been no correspondence or appointments made by this

Task Force. Even if the governor allows this Task Force to become a legal entity, I foresee that it would simply be a body without any real authority mainly because their plans all have one deficiency and that is the monetary backing necessary to fulfill these plans.

Now as to the water supply outlook for the irrigation season 1995, it is not quite as good as 1994, though it is only January and who knows what mother nature will provide. Nevertheless, we will have plenty of water for our irrigational needs for the upcoming season.

Mr. Wilson then indicated that the next order of business was the selection of a Water Commissioner and Deputy Water Commissioners be recommended to the State Engineer for the 1995 appointment. A motion was made by Mr. Bateman and seconded by Mr. Marcovecchio that Mr. Gardner be appointed as Utah Lake and Jordan River Commissioner for the period from January 1, 1995 through December 31, 1995 to use that portion of his time as is necessary to properly distribute the water of said System and to file with the State Engineer's Office an Annual Report of said Distribution System; also that Mr. Jack B. Rindlisbach, Mr. Perry Smith and Mr. Greg Lewis be recommended as Mr. Gardner's Deputy Commissioners for that same period of time. Voted and passed unanimously.

Mr. Wilson indicated the next order of business was the selection of a Committee to represent this District and transact any business in its behalf. Mr. Wilson 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. Devecchi, seconded by Mr. Bateman, that this procedure be adopted. Voted and passed unanimously.

Mr. Bateman then addressed the members concerning the exchange of water from normal irrigation use back into Utah Lake and then from there transferred into underground wells. This would constitute a change of point of diversion application through the State Engineer's office. Mr. Bateman indicated the one major problem which he foresaw was the metering and reporting of the water from these wells. He asked that when these wells were drilled and completed that the State Engineer's office put some muscle into their memorandum decisions. Mr. Riley reported that they would review the way that these are handled at the present time and he promised to make sure that each and every well was properly documented. Mr. Sim then indicated that he felt that the parties using the water from the wells should pay for the time spent by the Commissioner and/or his deputies in obtaining these meter readings and reporting of same. He felt that future budgeting should be set aside for these payments.

Mr. Wilson 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 11:10 a.m.

Mr. Sim asked the members if there were any problems or questions. There being none, he called for adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 11:17 a.m.

Charles W. Wilson, Chairman

David B. Gardner, Secretary