

Annual Meeting of the State Engineer, with the  
Water Users of the Weber River System,  
(exclusive of the Ogden River)  
Fourth Floor, South City Court Room, Ogden, Utah.  
January 13, 1953

**ANNUAL MEETING** Pursuant to the Call of the State Engineer, a meeting of the water users of the Weber River system (exclusive of Ogden River) was held in the South City Court Room, 4th Floor, Municipal Bldg., Ogden, Utah, on January 13, 1953. Called to order at 1:00 P.M. by Chief Deputy State Engineer, L.C. Monson. Mr. Monson stated that he desired the water users to take charge of the meeting, inasmuch as this has been the procedure followed in past years, and therefore appointed D.D. Harris to act as Chairman of the meeting. Chairman Harris then appointed M.H. French to act as Secretary of the meeting. The Chairman requested the Secretary to read the Call of the Meeting, which is as follows:

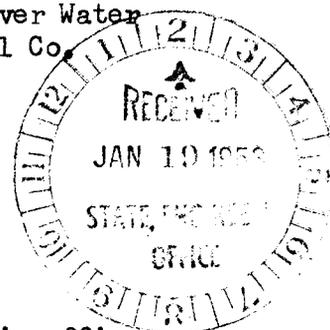
**TO THE WATER USERS OF WEBER RIVER SYSTEM:**

Notice is hereby given that in compliance with Title 100, Chapter 5, Utah Code Annotated, 1943, a meeting of water users of the Weber River System will be held in the Courtroom, Fourth Floor of the Municipal Building, Ogden, Utah, Tuesday, January 13, 1953, at 1:00 p.m. for the purpose of: (1) Hearing the financial report for 1952; (2) Making recommendations to the State Engineer as to the appointment of Water Commissioners for the 1953 season, and as to their duties; (3) Preparing a budget of salaries and other necessary expenses of distribution and (4) Transacting such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

JOSEPH M. TRACY, State Engineer

Attending the meeting, and representing the following, were:

D.D. Harris, - Weber River Water Rights Committee, Weber River Water Users Assn., and Davis & Weber Counties Canal Co.  
Heber Sargent, - Upper Weber River Water Users Assn.  
C.E. Staker, Wilson Irrigation Co.  
A.F. Richards, Upper Weber River Water Users Assn.  
W.S. Franson, New Field and North Bench Irrigation Co.  
Chas. L. Heslop, Plain City Irrigation Co.  
Alvin East, Warren Irrigation Co.  
P.H. Sorensen, Water Commissioner  
L.C. Monson, Chief Deputy State Engineer  
T. Vinton Smith, Assistant Chief Accountant, State Engineer's office.



The roll call showed that the Weber River Water Rights Committee, together with other water users present, represented 95% of all water on the Weber River.

APPROVAL The Secretary read the Minutes of the last meeting held on Janu-  
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MINUTES ary 8, 1952. Heber Sargent moved the minutes be approved as read. Seconded by Chas. L. Heslop, and upon vote carried unanimously.

D.D. Harris stated that the Rights Committee had held its Annual Meeting at 10:00 a.m. January 13, 1953, and discussed and approved the Proposed Budget of the Weber River Water distribution expenses, the appointment of a Commissioner and three Deputy Commissioners, their salaries and expenses for the year January 1, 1953 to December 31, 1953, and had also considered the State Engineer's Financial Statement for 1952 and approved of same.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT The State Engineer's Financial Statement was then read by T.  
STATE ENGINEER Vinton Smith, Assistant Chief Accountant from the State Engineer's office. The Statement was discussed and D.D. Harris complimented the State Engineer's office for the splendid showing made in the collection of assessments. The Statement showed there was a total of only \$128.15 uncollected. L.C. Monson stated that about \$117.50 will be credited to the Weber River Water Distribution fund, received from the sale of decrees. After full discussion, Heber Sargent moved the 1952 Financial Statement of the State Engineer be approved and ordered filed. Seconded by C.E. Staker and upon vote, carried unanimously. Chas. L. Heslop moved that the action of the Executive Committee of the Weber River Water Rights Committee in authorizing the payment of \$205.50 as the Employers FICA tax payment for the years 1951 and 1952 for the benefit of the

Commissioner and Deputy Commissioners of the Weber River system, be approved.  
 Seconded by C.E. Staker and upon vote, carried unanimously.

PROPOSED The Secretary then read a Proposed Budget of expense for Water Dis-  
 BUDGET tribution for the Weber River System, (exclusive of the Ogden River)

for the year January 1, 1953 to December 31, 1953, which is as follows:

PROPOSED BUDGET OF EXPENSE FOR WATER DISTRIBUTION, FOR THE  
 WEBER RIVER SYSTEM, (EXCLUSIVE OF OGDEN RIVER), FOR THE  
 YEAR JANUARY 1, 1953 to DECEMBER 31, 1953.

1.	Commissioner's salary, P.H. Sorensen, 12 months at \$425.00 per month, to begin Jan. 1, 1953, to end Dec. 31, 1953	\$5,100.00
2.	Commissioner's expense:	
	a. Automobile hire - 15,000 mi. @ 6½¢ per mi.	\$975.00
	b. Subsistence	125.00
	c. Office expense, telephone, etc.	<u>185.00</u>
		1,285.00
3.	Deputy Commissioner, A.F. Richards, at Oakley - salary 5 months at \$300.00 per month, to begin May 1, 1953 to end Sep. 30, 1953	1,500.00
	a. Automobile hire - 7,000 mi. @ 6½¢ per mi.	<u>455.00</u>
		1,955.00
4.	Deputy Commissioner R.H. Giles at Morgan - salary 5 months at \$300.00 per month, to begin May 1, 1953 to end Sep. 30, 1953	1,500.00
	a. Automobile hire - 6,000 mi. @ 6½¢ per mi.	<u>390.00</u>
		1,890.00
5.	Deputy Commissioner Wm. E. Cornia at Uintah - salary 5 months at \$160.00 per month, to begin May 1, 1953 to end Sep. 30, 1953	800.00
6.	Annual Report for 1952	300.00
7.	Bonds and insurance for Commissioner and Deputies	85.00
8.	Expense of State Engineer's Office	250.00
9.	New equipment and repairs to old equipment	45.00
10.	Miscellaneous expense	50.00
11.	F.I.C.A. for Commissioner and Deputies for 1953	111.00
12.	Expense of Commissioner's attendance at N.R.A. Convention	100.00
13.	Weber River Water Rights Committee	<u>250.00</u>
	Total Proposed Budget	\$12,221.00

Chairman Harris called attention to the total proposed budget in the sum of . . . . . \$12,221.00 and stated that the Weber River Water Rights Committee, at its meeting on January 13, 1953 had recommended that the 1953 assessment be levied on the basis of . . . . . \$11,221.00 and that the remaining . . . . . \$ 1,000.00 be drawn from the unencumbered balance of \$5,301.22 on hand in the State Engineer's Weber River Distribution System fund, whereupon W.S. Franson moved the approval of the Proposed Budget of Expenses, including the expenses for the year 1953 of water distribution of the Weber River, and the appointment of the Commissioner and three Deputy Commissioners, their salaries and expenses as shown in the budget, and that the State Engineer shall levy an assessment against all the water rights on the Weber River system, in an amount of . . . . . \$11,221.00 and that there shall be drawn from the Weber River Distribution system fund . . . . . 1,000.00 making the total of . . . . . \$12,221.00 for the distribution expenses for the year 1953, and that the same is recommended to the State Engineer. Motion seconded by Alvin East, and upon vote, carried unanimously.

**AUTHORIZATION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE W.R.W.RIGHTS COMMITTEE TO ACT FOR ALL USERS ON THE WEBER RIVER SYSTEM BETWEEN MEETINGS** Chas. L. Heslop moved that the Executive Committee, of the Weber River Water Rights Committee, consisting of D.D. Harris, Ed Sorenson and Morgan J. Davies, shall act for and on behalf of all of the water users of the Weber River system, for the year 1953, in matters pertaining to water distribution, and shall confer with the State Engineer in all matters as occasion shall require, with full authority to act. Seconded by W.S. Franson and upon vote carried unanimously.

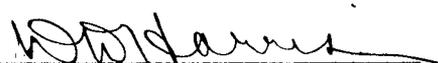
REMARKS BY Chairman Harris asked Chief Deputy State Engineer, L.C. Monson  
L.C. MONSON

for any suggestions or advice for the water users in relation to the distribution of the water of Weber River. Mr. Monson stated that the State Engineer's office was very happy to have such cordial and friendly relations as exist between the State Engineer and the water users on the Weber River, and complimented the users on the handling of their affairs in such a splendid manner. Mr. Monson stated that the statement of Chairman D.D. Harris as to the small amount of uncollected assessment levied for 1953, showed the splendid response of the users on the entire system, and their desire to cooperate, and congratulated the Weber River Water Rights Committee for the work it is doing.

APPRECIATION Heber Sargent moved that the water users on the Weber River  
EXTENDED TO system, extend to the State Engineer and his assistants,  
STATE ENGINEER'S OFFICE appreciation for the fine and friendly cooperation of his  
OFFICE office. Motion seconded by C.E. Staker and upon vote, carried unanimously.

RE: POLLUTION C.E. Staker asked if there was anything that could be done by  
OF the State Engineer to correct the pollution of the lower Weber  
WEBER RIVER River by oil being dumped into the river. P.H. Sorensen, Water Commissioner, stated that the oil was coming from the yards of the Union Pacific, and that a few years ago, at the request of the State Engineer's office the U.P. had installed a trap, which should eliminate the trouble, but that during the past year, the trap had evidently not been functioning properly. L.C. Monson stated that the Utah State Board of Health will propose a pollution bill, and suggested that recommendations be made to the State Legislature so that a proper bill be drafted. Mr. Monson stated that he would request that copies of the proposed bill be sent to the water users.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the meeting,  
upon motion duly seconded the meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

  
Chairman

