

MINUTES OF CEDAR VALLEY DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM
HELD THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1973
7:30 P. M.

The purpose of this meeting was to go over the operation of the system for last year and also to set up the operation schedule for the ensuing irrigation season, to hear the Financial Report prepared by the State Engineer's Office, the Water Commissioner's report and to make a recommendation to the State Engineer for the Water Commissioner for the ensuing year and any other business of interest to the members.

Mr. Donald Norseth of the State Engineer's Office presented the following report:

1. Our area is 180% of normal.
2. The State is generally pretty good. We have a lot of snow in the valleys, but not much in the mountains. It has been a cold winter all winter long. Brighton has 57 inches of snow and the Uintah Mountains have a very heavy load. This is the best year for some time, and particularly on the North side. The area above Enterprise Reservoir is approximately the same as in 1968; the water content is 10 inches as compared to 7 inches in 1968, however. There are 5,000 acre feet in Gunlock Reservoir and 742 acre feet in Baker Reservoir. New Castle was dry last summer, and the lower reservoir is about one-half full at the present time. Utah Lake is one foot lower than last year at this time or approximately 125,000 acre feet.

Orderville and Kanab have a heavy snow pack and the snow pack from the junction is better than usual.

3. Mr. Norseth then turned the meeting to Chairman, Lorenzo F. Luke.

LORENZO F. LUKE:

Mr. Luke read the agenda for the remainder of the meeting, and which was as follows:

1. Hearing of minutes for 1972.
2. Hearing of Financial Report for 1972.
3. Hearing of Water Commissioner's Report for 1972.

THELMER STRATTON, Secretary, read the minutes for the 1972 meeting, after which Jerry Bryant moved that we accept the minutes as read, also the 1970-71 minutes as read. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

A vote of thanks was given to Thelmer Stratton for the fine service he has rendered as Secretary, as he tendered his resignation with the reading of the minutes.

FINANCIAL REPORT: (Copy attached and made a part hereof by reference).

The Financial Report was read by Mr. Donald Norseth. It was

noted that there is a considerable delinquency for this year in the amount of \$420.66 arising from 11 delinquents referred to in the Financial Report. Lehi Jones asked for a copy of the same. Lorenzo F. Luke explained that Clemont Adams, the Water Commissioner, would explain further concerning the expenditures. Keith Smith wondered how we could bring in the delinquencies. Mr. Norseth explained that to collect this we could turn off the wells until the delinquent accounts were paid. However, they will continue to collect, using the procedure they have used in the past, and he noted that most of the delinquencies are current and probably just an oversight. Kay Smith thought that the delinquencies were high compared to Santa Clara. Lehi Jones pointed out that the State Engineer had done a good job of collecting, and he made a motion that the Financial Report be approved. Wesley Bauer seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously.

WATER COMMISSIONERS REPORT:

A copy of this report was given to the heads of the various fields prior to the meeting, and a copy of the same is attached to these minutes and made a part hereof by reference thereto.

Clemont expressed appreciation to Thelmer Stratton and complimented him on the fine service he has rendered over the years. He also thanked him for his help in helping to regulate the water.

Clemont then resigned as Water Commissioner unless the conditions as listed in his report could be met. If conditions remain normal until the 1st of June, there should be 24,000 acre feet of water at Coal Creek, or 175% of normal. The normal is 16,000 acre feet, and during a very good year there is 26,000-30,000 acre feet per year. Webster Flat got 5.05 inches of moisture during the month of January, 15½ inches of moisture to date, or 137% of normal. Urie Flat is above average more than the others. There is more snow at the lower elevations this year than for a long time. The higher elevations have less water and less snow by about 2 inches of water than last year. The lower elevations have about 2 inches more. Lehi Jones asked where the guage at Urie Flat is, and Clemont reported that it is at the Jim Urie ranch.

Mr. Luke then asked if there were any questions on the Water Commissioner's report. He pointed out that the recommendations listed in Mr. Adams' report would be taken care of later. Lewis Webster made the motion that we approve the report, Kay Smith seconded the motion, and it was unanimously passed.

As to the recommendations listed in Clemont's report, Mr. Luke said that he would be responsible for taking care of numbers 5, 6 and 7.

The recommendations were as follows:

1. Regarding travel allowance-- the recommendation was that it be raised to 12¢ per mile. Dr. J. S. Prestwich moved that we

accept this recommendation, and Lehi Jones seconded the motion. It was unanimously passed by the membership present.

2. Regarding the hiring of a Deputy to assist Clemont at a salary of \$600.00. Dr. John Beal thought that this increase was appropriate. Dr. J. S. Prestwich then asked if Clemont's salary would remain the same, and Clemont reported that it would. Clemont further explained that a qualified person could not be hired for under \$4.50 per hour. George Vandenberghe commented that if the ditches, gates and buildings weren't fixed, that those responsible should pay. Mr. Norseth stated that the State Engineer's Office would go along with us, and that they would not set policies for us. Mr. Luke pointed out that with the number of wells in the valley now, that Clemont would need some help. Lehi Jones wondered that with the increase in the number of wells in the valley if it would bring in any revenue. Clemont explained that a culinary well would only have to be read twice a year, whereas irrigation wells must be read once a month. If no water is pumped, no fee is assessed, but it takes as much time to get a reading from a well that is not pumped as one that is. Mr. Luke suggested that a committee be set up and work out a recommendation concerning these matters. Clemont explained that the problem comes when people transfer five acre feet or so of water and that they should be metered regardless of how much water is pumped. Donald Norseth explained that we are on an acre feet basis, and he recommended that we put a minimum assessment on similar wells and appoint a committee to set up a good sound assessment base after conferring with Clemont and Lorin N. Sperry, and keep Clemont apprised of any new wells. Lehi Jones moved that such a committee be appointed, and the motion was seconded by Dr. J. S. Prestwich. Mr. Luke asked for a vote to have a committee of three, and the motion was passed unanimously. Mr. Luke then asked if Clemont could take care of things this year with the \$600.00 increase and then take care of it before next year. Kenneth G. Jones asked if Clemont could compile a list of the pumpers that are giving him trouble, and then get on them. Mr. Luke then asked if Dr. John Beal from the Board of the pumper's association could handle it, and Dr. Beal asked if the State Engineer could provide information as to how other systems take care of things such as this. Dr. Beal then consented to take this over and put it through. Dr. J. S. Prestwich moved that we give Clemont an assistant. Jerry Bryant pointed out that we should change the percentage so that gravity water users are not affected. Donald Norseth asked that we set up the committee. Lehi Jones suggested that we let it go for another year and let the committee work out the problems. Jerry Bryant seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously. The committee selected is: Roe Palmer, George Vandenberghe & Don Matthews, Clemont Adam and Lewis Webster moved that Clemont be appointed as the Water Commissioner for 1973; Lehi Jones seconded the motion, and it was unanimously passed. Chrm

Dr. John Beal then asked about No. 4 of the Water Commissioner's report. Mr. Luke said that it would be taken care of when the

committee was functioning. Dr. John Beal wondered if the same rules shouldn't apply to subdivision wells as to irrigation wells. Donald Norseth said that this would come through the State Engineer. Mr. Norseth said that Clemont would be appointed by the State Engineer.

Clemont pointed out that on page 18 of his report, there was an error, and that the correction was penciled in on the date the report was printed. There was 45,000 acre feet of water used in the valley last year, which is about normal. Jerry Bryant asked about putting water in pits to conserve it; Mr. Norseth thought that this was an excellent idea, as this puts the water back into the ground. Jerry Bryant said that they would try and follow through on this.

BUDGET: Mr. Luke asked how we stood so far as the budget was concerned and if we would need any extra money or a larger assessment. Mr. Norseth explained that the budget will go down \$400.00 because the guage repairs will not need to be made this year and even though a deputy will be hired to assist Clemont. However, we will have to add \$112.00 to travel expense. The budget should be ~~\$4,825.50~~, or \$288.00 less than last year. The assessment can be left the same as last year, \$3,800.00, but the budget can be changed. Clemont thought that some money should be kept in reserve to take care of repairs made last year. Mr. Bene of the State Engineer's Office said that there will still be enough money. Mr. Luke said that the repairs made are still working all right, but in time, they will probably have to be reinforced from underneath. Clemont explained that right above the point where the Red Hill guaging station is, that it had filled with gravel and he could not get an accurate reading. Clemont said that he had excavated another sill so that at low flow it will scour out and the reading can be calibrated better. Clemont said that if any trouble develops it will be at the sill. Mr. Luke said that it is dropping off there and cutting deeper into the bank, and that it will have to be repaired eventually. Mr. Luke wondered if the assessment should be raised to \$4,000.00 instead of the \$3,800.00. Jerry Bryant thought that the \$2,500.00 extra would take care of it. Lehi Jones moved that we accept the assessment of \$3,800.00, Dr. J. S. Prestwich seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously.

Donald Norseth thanked Thelmer Stratton and complemented him and expressed appreciation for him and the fine manner in which he had served as Secretary of the organization.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: The members of the committee have been Lorenzo F. Luke, Dr. John Beal, Jerry Bryant, W. K. Smith, Clemont Adams, a representative of the State Engineer and Thelmer Stratton. Mr. Luke asked for a recommendation. Clemont recommended and made the motion that LaRee Garfield be appointed as Secretary to fill the vacancy created at Mr. Stratton's resignation. Lewis Webster seconded the motion if a salary could be agreed upon. Dr. J. S. Prestwich made the motion that the Executive Committee appoint the Secretary and that they follow Clemont's recommendation. Clemont withdrew his motion, and the members voted on Dr. Prestwich's motion.

It was unanimously passed. Dr. Prestwich moved that we keep the same Executive Committee. Clayton Frehner seconded the motion, and it was unanimously passed.

Donald Norseth asked if Sheldon Olds was still representing Bulldog, and he was answered affirmatively, and that Mr. Olds is the Secretary of Bulldog.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

The Executive Committee met immediately following the regular meeting and approved LaRee Garfield as the Secretary, at a salary of \$50.00.

LaRee Garfield
Secretary