

THE WATER COMMISSIONER REPORT

Clemont Adams and Lorenzo Luke had a misunderstanding as to the place of the meeting so they came late. Mr. Norseth ask Clemont to read his report. The material is found in the 1968 Water Commissioner report to the State Engineer.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Water Commissioner made three recommendations.

No. 1. Old Fort and Old Field Irrigation Company install a large wheel on their inlet gate.

No. 2. North Field, East Extension, Union Field, and Bulldog Field install a large wheel on their north sluice gate if they wish the commissioner to use it.

No. 3. Purchase a duplicating machine to print the annual report, such as a Thurmafax Secretary for \$389.00 or some other.

He stated he could not get together with the record at the U.S.G.S. station so he had to set up his own determination on the total flow of the creek at 27,000 acre-feet in comparison to an average of 16,000 acre-feet. The pumpers pumped 23,000 acre-feet.

He explained recent snow storms have left a good pack of snow on the mountain which may come fast during a warm period. There may be more debris so get headgates ready for the flow and they may clog with timber and other debris.

Clemont resigned and said he would continue if the group would approve his recommendations so he could do his work. He handed out 21 reports and explained it took the typist 50 hours at \$1.50 per hour to type the reports.

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Richard T. Harris made a motion to purchase the duplicating machine from the reserve in the budget. J. S. Prestwich seconded the motion and it was approved.

RECOMMENDING A WATER COMMISSIONER

J. S. Prestwich made a motion we recommend Clemont Adams for Water Commissioner. George Grimshaw seconded the motion and it was unanimous.

Donald Norseth said, We will accept the recommendation of Clemont Adams and appoint him for Water Commissioner.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO COORDINATE WITH THE STATE ENGINEER

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Committee*
Lewis Webster made a motion to retain the same committee for another year. Ivan Matheson seconded the motion and it was unanimous.

Thurman Higbee inquired as to what had been done to check the underground water. Gerald Stoker stated there would be a

report some time this next April or May. Ivan Matheson said the water table was one foot lower.

Lewis Webster explained that some permits had been moved into the Old Cedar Valley area where wells were closed and he wanted to know why other farmers could not drill a well on their property. Lorenzo Luke wanted to know who determined that wells from the lower area of the valley could be moved to the upper or old area, which is south of the Midvalley road. Gerald Stoker contended it was up to the farmer to take action against wells being moved in to his area and if he wanted a well he should buy an existing permit and move it to his farm.

Lorin Jones said some water had been moved out of the old area. Ivan Matheson had a question, who is stealing whose water when the crops in the lower area dried up?

Dr. J. S. Prestwich explained there was a problem in the South Field. For 28 years or maybe 50, the people on the head of the ditch had used water in the day time while the fields on the lower part of the ditch had consumed it at night. Now the water last year was changed to night and day turns. Donald Norseth and Gerald Stoker expressed the opinion that an irrigation company, an incorporation had control over the delivery of the company water.

- Thurman Higbee explained he had been granted a 600 gallon per minute well for so many months while some farms have 4 acre-feet. Someone explained the court made a decision on 4 acre-feet in 1957 to be sufficient water for one acre of land and priority and flow come in to make determinations.

The meeting adjourned and the following members were present.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>
Kenward H. McKinney	Asst. Area Engineer
Donald C. Norseth	Distribution Engineer
John Bene	Deputy State Engineer
Gerald W. Stoker	Area Engineer, Cedar City
Lorenzo F. Luke	Chairman & East Extension Ditch
George D. Grimshaw	California Pacific Utilities Co.
Loren A. Whetten	Cedar City Corporation
Lewis Webster	Cedar City Corp. & Bull Dog Field
Rulon S. Wood	Fres. South & West Field Irr. Co.
Moroni Perry	South & West Field Irr. Co.
Thelmer Stratton	Sec. Old Fort & Old Field Irr. Co.
Stanley R. Bryan	Old Fort & Old Field Irr. Co.
Max Heap	North Field Irr. Co.
Elmo Heap	North Field Irr. Co.
Jack F. Miller	North Field Irr. Co.
Ray Melling	North Field Irr. Co.
Neil Boyter	North Field Irr. Co.

NAMEREPRESENTING

Rue Gene Rollo	North Field Irr. Co.
Jerry Bryant	Pres. Coal Creek Irr. Co.
Kenneth G. Jones	Coal Creek Irr. Co.
Cressel Sherratt	Coal Creek Irr. Co.
Henry L. Jones	Coal Creek Irr. Co.
Lehi M. Jones	Coal Creek Irr. Co.
Thurman Higbee	Coal Creek Irr. Co.
John Beal	Pres. Cedar Valley Pumpers
Lorin C. Jones	Cedar Valley Pumpers
Ivor D. Jones	Cedar Valley
John Pace	Pump Well
Dennis Lee Bauer	Pump Well
George & Vernie Roper	Pump Well
Grant Hunter	Pump Well
Brent Hunter	Pump Well
J.M. Palmer	Pump Well
George Vandenberghe	Pump Well
Ivan Matheson	Pump Well
Henry B. Heaton	Pump Well
Ramon Prestwich	Pump Well
J.S. Prestwich, M.D.	Kanarra Irrigation Co.
Sheldon Grant	College of Southern Utah
Richard T. Harris	Rush Lake Area
Clemont B. Adams	Commissioner

Thelmer Stratton
Secretary