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A meeting of the Waterusers Association of the Santa Clara River was held at St George, Utah, Jan. 31, 1966.

Donald E. Norseth of the State Engineers Office presided and conducted the meeting.

From the State Engineer's Office the following were in attendance; Donald E. Norseth, Frank Reese, John Dene, Gerald W. Stokes and William Joe Melling. Others in attendance were:

E. S. Gardner President of the association
Cecil Blake St George Seep Ditch Co.
George M. Larson Bloomington Canal Co.
H. Val Hafen St George Seep Ditch Co.
Reed Mathis St George Clara Field Canal Co.
Charles Hafen New Santa Clara Field Canal Co.
Welford Holt Gunlock Irrigation Co.
Walter F. Winsor Ivins Irrigation Co.
George Grimshaw California Pacific Utilities Co.
Ivan H. Hunt California Pacific Utilities Co.
Lewis Bowler Veyo Irrigation Co.
Clyde Gray Central Canal and Irrigation Co.
Rex Gardner Pine Valley Irrigation Co.

A majority of the members of the association and a majority of the rights on the river were represented.

The call of the meeting was read.

The minutes of the meeting held Feb. 1, 1965, were read and approved.

The Financial Report of the Santa Clara River Distribution System for the year 1965 was read and approved. The rules were suspended and Wilford Holt was unanimously elected by accalamation to be recommended to the State Engineer to be the commissoner for 1966 and until his successor is appointed.

Reed Mathis made a motion that a budget of $1500.00 be set up for the year 1966 to be the same as the budget for 1965, that the State Engineer be authorized to apply $300.00 towards the budget from the bank reserve that the association now has and that he be authorized to make an assessment of $1200.00 to raise the balance of the amount set up in the budget. Motion carried.

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Budget for 1966.

Commissioner's Salary	$720.00
Matching Social Security	30.24
Matching State Retirement	28.80
Commissioner's Travel	600.00
Bonds and Insurance	25.00
Annual Report	50.00
Committee Expense	35.00
Miscellaneous Expense	10.96
	$1500.00

A motion was made that the Waterusers Committee now acting be the committee for the year 1966, and act in the same positions they now hold. Motion carried. The members of the committee are:

E. S. Gardner	President	St George, Utah
Reed Mathis	Vice President	St George, Utah
Austin Bracken	Member	Central, Utah
Archie Gubler	Member	Santa Clara, Utah
Ivan H. Hunt	Member	Gunlock, Utah
Charles Hafen	Secretary	[illegible]

Commissioner Wilford Holt stated he felt the irrigators had a successful year in 1965. He recommended that the Seep Ditch and the Bloomington companies put in measuring devices. He stated that according to the Court Decree when the water in the Santa Clara River drops below 100 %, ~~the companies~~ the companies are all to be cut at the same rate. When the water drops to 75 % at Pine Valley, the lower companies do not receive 75 %, and the upper companies would have to be cut so all the companies would be receiving the same percentage of their water. He tried to carry out the suggestion made in the meeting in 1962, that when the water drops to 75 %, the upper companies from Gunlock to Pine Valley inclusive agree to be cut to 50 %, to assure the lower companies a longer period of 50 % use, and the lower companies agree that the upper companies will not be cut below 50 % at any time during the season. He was not very successful.

He felt that there should be a definite agreement by the companies on this problem.

It was decided to call a meeting of the companies at a later date to try to come to an agreement on this matter. It was decided that a representative of the State Engineer's Office will be present.

Meeting adjourned,

Charles Hafen, secretary.

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