A meeting of the Waterusers Association of the Santa Clara River was held at St George, Utah, Feb. 1, 1965.

Donald C. Norseth of the State Engineer's Office presided.

President E. S. Gardner conducted.

The following were in attendance:

Donald C. Norseth, Earl M. Stakee and William Joe Mellin of the State Engineer's Office.

E. S. Gardner, President of the Waterusers Association.

Charles Hafen, Secretary.

Ivan H. Hunt, representing California Pacific Utilities Co.

Reuben Ence, St George and Santa Clara Bench Irr. Co.

Archie H. Gubler, Waterusers Committee member.

J. Cland Frei, New Santa Clara Field Canal Co.

Rodney Leavitt, Gunlock Irrigation Co.

Cland Braswell, Veyo, Utah.

Kumen Gardner, Cedar City, Utah.

Lewis Bowler, Veyo Irrigation Co.

M. B. Cottam, Veyo, Utah.

Frank Kimball, Bloomington, Utah.

Henry Bowler, Gunlock, Utah

Le Roy Larson, Bloomington Canal Co.

Reed Mathis, St George Clara Field Canal Co.

William Snow, St George Clara Field Canal Co.

Rex Gardner, Pine Valley Irrigation Co.

George M. Larson, Bloomington, Utah.

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. 17, 1964, were read and approved.

The Financial Report of the Santa Clara River Distribution System for the year 1964 was read and approved.

Mr. Norseth gave a summary of the Commissioner's Report for the year 1964.

Reed Mathis made a motion that Wilford Holt be elected, to be recommended to the State Engineer for commissioner for 1965. Motion carried.

The rules were suspended and Wilford Holt was elected unanimously by acclamation to be recommended to the State Engineer to be the commissioner for 1965 and until his successor is appointed.

Reed Mathis made a motion that a budget of $1500.00 be set up for the year 1965, to be the same as the budget for 1964, that the State Engineer be authorized to apply $500.00 towards this budget from the bank reserve that the company has and that he be authorized to make an assessment of $1000.00 to raise the balance of the amount set up in the budget. Motion carried.

1965-B assessment

Budget for the year 1965.

Commissioner's salary	$720.00
Matching Social Security	26.10
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	15.10
	1500.00

Ivan H. Hunt reported that Vaughn Jones stated he would not be able to act as a member of the Waterusers Committee and wished to be released.

Rex Gardner made a motion that Vaughn Jones be released as a member of the Waterusers Committee and Ivan H. Hunt be appointed to the position on the Waterusers Committee made vacant by the release of Vaughn Jones and that the other members now acting act in the same positions on the committee for 1965. 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, Santa Clara, Utah.

committee

Mr. Norseth stated that the State Engineer's Office had make a study of the rights on the Santa Clara River, had set up a trial basis for assessment of the different rights, had made out an assessment list of owners with the amounts that each should pay on this basis. Several owners had been listed who had not previously been assessed.

On this trial basis, the 1890 unit base was 9 per c.f.s., subsequent to 1890 unit base 3 per c.f.s. storage within basin .03 unit base acre feet, transmountain diversion .003 unit base acre feet, and for some rights where there was less need for the services of the commissioner a special unit

base per c.f.s.

Charles Hafen commented on the ratio of these rates. He stated that the assessment on all the companies that had been previously assessed should be less on this list than they were in 1964, due to the additional amount that would be paid in by those who had not been previously assessed. The 1890 rights with a unit base of 9 were assessed less, but the subsequent to 1890 rights with a unit base of 3, were assessed more. As an example the St George Clara Field Canal Co's assessment in 1964 was $270.06. On this trial assessment it is $222.02, a decrease of $48.04. The St George and Santa Clara Bench Irrigation Co's assessment in 1964 was $167.29. On this trial assessment it is $222.07, an increase of $54.78. This indicates a 9-3 ratio is not correct. It should be some other ratio.

Mr. Hafen also stated that he felt that the St George and Santa Clara Bench Irrigation Co.'s storage right of 1000 acre feet deserves special consideration on this assessment list. The company's reservoir holds 480 acre feet. In order to store 1000 acre feet, the company would have to fill it and then add water a number of times during the season. The water has never been available.

Comments made by Kumen Gardner E.S. Gardner and M.B. Cottam were that their Grass Valley rights were such that there was no need for the services of a commissioner and they should not be assessed. Similiar comments were made with reference to the

rights on the Magotza. Henry Bowler said that years ago the Waterusers Association had decided that these rights on the Magotza did not need the services of a commissioner and should not be assessed.

Mr. Norseth asked those present if they thought that the Grass Valley and Magotza rights should be assessed. No one voted that they should be assessed.

Mr. Norseth stated that a further study of the basis for an assessment on the rights on the Santa Clara River would be made. The State Engineer's Office desires to have a basis of assessment that the Santa Clara River Waterusers Association approves and wants.

Meeting adjourned.

Charles Hafen, secretary.

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