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PROVO RIVER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM  
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD  
January 11, 1979

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Pursuant to the Notice from the office of the State Engineer, and to call by the Chairman, the Board of Directors of the Provo River Distribution System convened at 10:00 A.M. in Room 311 of the Utah County Courthouse.

Chairman Edwin Ure presided.

On roll call, the following were present:

J. Edwin Ure, Chairman	Group 1 Kanas Valley Canals
Sherman A. Giles	Group 2 Upper Provo, East Heber Valley
Harvey Van Wagoner	Group 3 Upper Provo, West Heber Valley
Merrill Bingham	Group 4 Provo City Canals
Stanley H. Roberts	Group 5 East Provo Canals
Niels Anderson, Vice-Chairman	Group 6 Provo Bench Canals
Franklin K. Stratton	Group 7 Provo Reservoir Water Users Co.
Jack M. Gardner, Secty-Treas.	Group 8 Provo River Water Users Assn.
Ernest Knight	Group 9 Upper Provo Individual Rights

Present from State Engineer's Office were:

Edward D. Feldt	Dist. Engineer-Division of Water Rights
Donald C. Norseth	Dist. Engineer-Division of Water Rights
Arthur May	Dist. Engineer-Division of Water Rights

Also present were:

Stanley Roberts, Jr.	Provo River Commissioner
Carly Burton	Utah Power and Light Company
Myron R. Frederick	Utah Power and Light Company
Richard S. Nixson	Utah Power and Light Company
Hugh A. McKellar	Provo River Water Users Association
Cyril M. Hicken	Wasatch Irrigation Company

Mr. Norseth opened the meeting and inquired if there were any change in officers or directors, and was advised that the officers and directors remained the same. He then introduced Edward Feldt and Arthur May, and advised that Mr. Feldt is District Engineer for the Provo River and Utah Lake District and Arthur May would also be working in this District primarily in the distribution of underground water.

Mr. Norseth then presented the agenda of the meeting and followed with a discussion of the installation of Sno-Tell Stations throughout the state by the U.S.G.S. and presented a map showing those presently installed and those proposed to be installed and

explained that by 1980 all the stations would be installed. That by calling the U.S.G.S., current read-outs from the stations now in operation could be acquired. Mr. Norseth then went on to report that from October 1st to January 8th, 1979, that Trial Lake reported 12.5" of precipitation at 124% of normal; Strawberry Divide, 10.7"; Clear Creek 1 and Clear Creek 2, 9.2" and 8.4" respectively; Daniel's Strawberry Divide, 9.7"; Timp Divide, 13.6" at 117% of normal and Beaver Creek Divide, 5.4" at 112% of normal.

Mr. Norseth then advised that there were bills being presented to the legislature that are related to water. One being to have reciprocity with adjoining states to have water transported out of the state; a bill to allow the State Engineer to only hold hearings on request for extension of time to submit proof on water rights on only those that are protested; that under the adjudication only those that have a water right need to be given notice.

Whereupon, Mr. Norseth turned the meeting over to Chairman Ure.

#### CORRECTION, ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING, JANUARY 12, 1978:

At the request of the Chairman, Secretary Gardner read the minutes of the special meeting of the Board of Directors with the State Engineer held on January 12, 1978:

The following corrections were made to these minutes:

Page 3, first paragraph; "to exchange 192 acre feet of their Deer Creek storage water", was amended to read "to exchange 2690 acre feet of their Deer Creek storage water, of which 192 acre feet was Duchesne River water."

Page 3, second paragraph; second to the last line, "in" was deleted.

Page 3, third paragraph; third line, "1939" was amended to "1934". Fifth line; "to have to have" was amended to read "to have to had".

Page 4, BUDGET AND ASSESSMENT, 1977" was changed to read "1978", fifth paragraph; 15th line, "as as" was amended to read "and as".

Whereupon, Director Knight moved that the minutes be adopted, seconded by Director Van Wagoner, and carried unanimously.

#### FINANCIAL REPORT OF 1978 AND DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS:

Mr. Norseth then presented the 1978 Financial Report and delinquent accounts as prepared by the State Engineer and is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

After due discussion and upon motion duly made, by Director Giles, seconded by Director Van Wagoner, and carried unanimously, the Financial Statement was accepted as presented.

It was noted that there were two water rights, Nos. 9 and 48, carried on the assessment rolls of the State Engineer that are abandoned. That a certified letter had been sent to the owners advising that these rights were taken from the rolls.

#### COMMISSIONER AND DEPUTY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:

Commissioner Roberts reported that Trial Lake had 47" of snow and 11.3" of water to date, 110% of normal; Soap Stone Ranger Station had 25" of snow and 6.1" of water, 115% of normal; Beaver Creek Divide had 24" of snow and 5.0" of water, 119% of normal; Smith and Morehouse had 23" of snow and 6.5" of water, 100% of normal.

Commissioner Roberts then called upon Deputy Commissioner Giles for his report of operations on the Upper Provo River for the year 1978.

Deputy Commissioner Giles noted that it had been his experience that, when at the end of the winter months if there was 30" of water at Trial Lake, there would be a good water year. That with 11.3" now there was still the possibility of a below normal water year.

That 1978 was a good water year although there was very little precipitation during the irrigation season. The Upper Provo River was at 100% to July 20th, 65% to August 7th, at which time the river dropped to the point that the river was cut to 7 cfs passing Midway Bridge. On August 8th there was a minus 4 cfs river and the last day any water bypassed the Midway Bridge. Previously, storage releases had been made to maintain 50 cfs bypassing the Midway Bridge. On August 8th the river was cut to 37% to the end of August and then 52% to September 18th and 100% for the remainder of the season.

Deputy Commissioner Giles also noted that 1978 was not a good crop year on the Upper Provo River. There was a late frost in June, no moisture during the irrigation season, and an early frost in August.

Deputy Commissioner Giles expressed his appreciation to the Provo River Water Users Association for its help in constructing dry dams that are required on the Upper Provo River to properly distribute the water during low water periods. Director Van Wagoner expressed the appreciation of the Water Users, Deputy Commissioner, and the Association for the help given in distributing the water on the Upper Provo.

Commissioner Roberts reported that due to the warm winter and rains during the winter that Provo River's natural flow remained above average. Class "A" water was delivered at 100% to August 16 and then to 90% for the remainder of the season.

That Deer Creek Reservoir is at elevation 5388.94 with 90,445 acre feet in storage, that the reservoir filled May 19 and remained full to July 5, and the Duchesne Tunnel was shut off June 1st and turned on from June 26 to July 3.

That the Weber-Provo Diversion Canal was shut off on June 30 and that Utah Lake is 1.5 feet below compromise.

Commissioner Roberts then thanked the Board, State Engineer, Deputy Commissioner and Provo River Water Users Association for the cooperation extended in the distribution of the Provo River in the 1978 water.

#### BUDGET AND ASSESSMENT, 1979:

Chairman Ure advised that at the annual meeting of the Board the budget and assessment had been approved and adopted and asked Secretary Gardner to present the budget and assessment. The budget was presented and it was noted that the 1979 budget was set at \$29,400.00 and that the assessment remained at \$28,000.00 per year. Other changes in the budget were noted.

A copy of the 1979 budget is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

#### STATE ENGINEER ADVISED OF RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMISSIONER AND DEPUTY COMMISSIONER:

Chairman Ure advised Mr. Norseth that at the annual meeting held on the 9th of January, that Stanley Roberts, Jr. had been chosen as the recommended Provo River Water Commissioner and that Sherman Giles be the Deputy Commissioner for the ensuing year.

Mr. Norseth advised that he would take under advisement the recommendations and present the same to the State Engineer.

#### ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business and upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the meeting adjourned at 11:00 A.M.

Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Jack M. Gardner, Secretary