

MINUTES OF ANNUAL WATER USERS' MEETING  
LOWER JORDAN RIVER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

Thursday, January 22, 1976, 1:00 p.m. - 3:10 p.m.  
Room 122, State Capitol, Salt Lake City, Utah

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1975 Meeting Minutes

The 1975 meeting minutes were read by Donald Norseth. Motion made by Oscar W. Gray that the minutes be accepted. Motion seconded by O. Wood Moyle. Mr. Hinckley mentioned that the \$500.00 increase in the miscellaneous and travel expense allotments was the \$500.00 he had not been paid in 1974. Motion to accept minutes passed unanimously.

1975 Committee Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the committee meeting held April 24, 1975, were read and made a part of the record for the Lower Jordan River Distribution System.

1975 Financial Statement

The financial statement for 1975 was read by Edward Feldt.

A. Balance of Distribution Trust Funds January 1, 1975:	\$ 881.95
B. Receipts and Expenditures:	
1. Receipts	
a. Regular Assessments	3841.17
b. Delinquent Collections	4.00
c. Total Receipts	<u>3845.17</u>
2. Expenditures	
a. Commissioner's Salary	2000.00
b. Matching Social Security Tax	117.00
c. Matching State Retirement	108.00
d. Commissioner's Travel Expense @ \$70.00/month	840.00
e. Commissioner's Annual Report (1975)	0
f. Bonds and Insurance Premiums	28.69
g. Secretary Expense	0
h. Committee Expense	0
i. Miscellaneous and Engineering Expenses	0
j. Total Expenditures	<u>3093.69</u>
C. Balance of Distribution Trust Funds December 31, 1975:	\$1633.43

The total budget for 1975 was \$4,177.00 with a total assessment levied of \$4,177.00. Of this amount \$3,093.69 was expended in 1975. It was noted that \$95.00 was allocated for matching state retirement and that \$108.00 was expended due to an increase in the rate to 6.05% as of July 1, 1975. The following water assessment accounts were delinquent as of January 14, 1976:

Black Hawk Gun Club (\$356.82), Robert Sharp (\$22.67), Alma Baldwin (\$8.68), Rulon C. Ashworth (\$8.57), Eddie W. Ernst (\$1.00), A. H. Miller (\$10.00), K. P. and A. A. Mackay and L. L. and L. S. Karren (\$5.00), George A. Knorr (\$10.00), Department of Transportation (\$5.00), Grace W. Back (\$10.00), Edwin Y. Bolton (\$5.00), Ralph W. Farrar (\$9.00), Melvin and Mae Callister

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(\$5.00), Leonard W. M. Carlson (\$5.00), Brockbank Realty (\$5.00), H. Gordon and Barbara J. Johnston (\$10.00), William A. Bouck (\$10.00), Henry B. Parry (\$19.00), Walter O. Bouck (\$10.00), Roelof Steenblik (\$5.00), and Leroy and Gwen M. Baker (\$5.00). The total amount of delinquent accounts was \$525.74.

Mr. Hinckley has not been paid the \$350.00 set out in the committee meeting of April 24, 1975, because he has not submitted a voucher. Mr. Hinckley wanted to make the situation clear. He stated that he was hired for three months during the duck season which he thought was not sufficient time to handle the job. He also stated that it is not possible to notify everyone when the boards had to be dropped on the Husted Dam. Notification was given to the clubs such as Rudy who had to make adjustments or be flooded out. Mr. Moyle said that the item had been dropped from the budget as a separate expense but that the operation was to be handled by the commissioner with funds in the miscellaneous fund and was to be contracted out when necessary with the approval of the committee. Ralph Anderson said that the committee only has authority from year to year and cannot bind a future board by making commitments during one year for future work. The discussion then centered on the confusion concerning the hiring of Mr. Hinckley in 1974 and the decision made by the committee at the meeting of April 24, 1975.

Brighton and North Point Irrigation Company Assessment

Donald Norseth recommended to the group that a change be made in the method of assessment. The assessments on the Lower Jordan River System have been levied on a weighted unit basis as follows:

1. Rights diverting from the Jordan River proper to be assessed 55.4% of the budget.
2. Rights diverting from the surplus canal to be assessed 44.6% of the budget.
3. Minimum assessment to be \$4.00.

Mr. Norseth recommended that a division be made for 21st South up the river with an assessment that would amount to a half-weighted unit. In discussing the work up the river with the commissioner, Mr. Norseth found that it involves only a few trips. He recommended that the assessment be levied on a weighted unit basis as follows:

1. Rights diverting from the Jordan River proper to be assessed 55.4% of the budget.
2. Rights diverted from the surplus canal to be assessed 44.6% of the budget.
3. Rights diverting above 21st South be assessed 5% of the annual assessment levied against the lower Jordan River group.
4. Minimum assessment to be \$4.00.

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Assessment*

He recommended that the motion approving the financial statement include the amendment of the assessment formula. The assessment for Brighton and North Point Irrigation Company would be about one-half of the previous

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figure and would equitably cover the work done for the upper part of the river. Motion made by Oscar Gary that this assessment formula should not be considered as binding or prejudicial to any of the water rights of the parties involved until changed and should be reviewed in 1977 after being used for 1976. Motion seconded by Duane Wright. Ralph Anderson stated that he could not bind the board to the figure but would present it to the irrigation company. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner's Report for 1975

The main problem in 1975 concerned water distribution for the westside clubs. Whenever one or more of the clubs raise or lower their water, the others must do so also. It is impossible to control the water with Husted Dam in its present condition. Duane Wright has worked out a plan to install mechanical gates inexpensively. Mr. Johnson suggested that a date should be set--possibly September 1st--when all groundwork should be done and equipment removed so that time will be available to fill the lakes for hunting season. He also stated that communication between clubs as to changes that might affect each other should be practiced so that proper preparations can be made to avoid damage.

It is expected that there will be a flood year along the system due to exceptionally high water in Utah Lake. As the flumes on the Associated road become clogged quickly, Mr. Johnson suggested that a ditch be dug to bypass the flumes. Then the lake could be down before spring runoff and avoid flooding.

Mr. Johnson thanked the water users, the system committee, and the government agencies who have cooperated during the past water year.

Motion by O. Wood Moyle to accept the report and to thank the commissioner for his services during the past year. Motion seconded by Ralph Anderson. Mr. Hinckley suggested that the date to be out should be flexible so that unforeseen circumstances can be taken into account. Motion passed unanimously.

Budget for 1976

*same as 1975*

Motion made by O. Wood Moyle that the budget for 1976 be the same as the budget for 1975 with the exceptions that state retirement be set at \$108.00 rather than \$95.00 and that the assessment be \$4,000.00. Mr. Wright asked that some problems on the system be discussed to see if funds might be needed to handle them. On Goggin Drain it was determined that the dam commission is to take care of the matter. On the skimmers, County Flood Control is to install them when they are financially able. On the Husted Dam gates, the clubs involved are responsible. The motion made by O. Wood Moyle was seconded by Ralph Anderson and passed unanimously.

Recommendation for Commissioner for 1976

Mr. Oscar Gray recommended the Salt Lake County Mosquito Abatement District for the commissioner's position. Mr. Don Rees of the District said that they did not seek the job but that the board would consider it if the committee wished to make a change from previous years. The principal problem would be water management. The District would need a document specifying the commissioner's duties and authority. Glen Collett of the District would do the work. Mr. Norseth said that the water laws prohibit appointment of districts, agencies, or companies or individuals specified as employees of such organizations. The commissioner must be an individual who can be bonded and handle the responsibilities as a separate entity. Mr. Gray then amended his recommendation to Glen Collett, subject to any statutory or legal restriction. Mr. Wright suggested that a compromise situation could be arrived at. Mr. Johnson could be appointed and turn over a portion of the system--possibly from 21st South down--to Glen Collett due to the fact that the westside clubs have difference problems from the rest of the system which could warrant the extra work. It was Mr. Wright's understanding that the District is already operating some portion of the system under Mr. Johnson's direction. Mr. Norseth said that the recommendation of the commissioner would be turned over to the committee. They are to submit their recommendation to the State Engineer. Motion made by Oscar Gray to follow this procedure and seconded by Ralph Anderson. Mr. Wright amended the motion with the addition of a submission date of February 23, 1976. The motion passed unanimously.

Election of Committee Members

Motion was made by O. Wood Moyle to re-elect the 1975 committee to the 1976 term with the authority to expand its number of members if necessary. Motion seconded by Ralph Anderson and passed unanimously.

Low Water

Motion was made by Mr. Moyle that in the event of low water this year, low water being defined as below 325 second-feet at the point of diversion, the water is to be divided one-half to the river and one-half to the surplus canal for the water year 1976 only and without prejudice to any of the legal rights of the parties involved. The motion was seconded by Oscar Gray and passed unanimously.

Slides of the Lower Jordan River System

Glen Collett of the Mosquito Abatement District showed slides of the system with particular emphasis on the grates at the surplus canal on 21st South, the trash on the gates at the Second South diversion of North Point Canal (which is pushed on down to Goggin Drain), Goggin Drain with a capacity of 450 to 500 second-feet of water, and Husted Dam which involves 3000 to 4000 man-hours for the District. Motion was made by Ralph Anderson to thank

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the Salt Lake Mosquito Abatement District for the work they have performed on the Lower Jordan River System. Motion seconded by Duane Wright and passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Present at the meeting were:

Oscar Gray (Lake Front Club), John E. Moesser (North Point Duck Club watermaster), Duane Wright (North Point Duck Club President), Norman Hayes (Rudy Duck Club Secretary), Ralph Anderson (Brighton and North Point Irrigation Company Secretary), J. E. Johnson (Commissioner), Leo Tew (Harrison Club President), Hugh Bronson (Ambassador Duck Club President), Bud Sullivan (Ambassador Duck Club Secretary), O. Wood Moyle, David Hinckley (Blackhawk Gun Club), Glen Collett (Mosquito Abatement District), Don M. Rees (Mosquito Abatement District), Stanley Roberts Jr. (Provo River Commissioner), and Donald Norseth, Edward Feldt, and John Bene of the Division of Water Rights

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Copies of minutes sent to all committee members; to Bud Sullivan, Secretary of Irvine Ranch and Petroleum Inc.; and to Leo Tew.