

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

Thursday, January 16, 1975, 1:00 p.m. - 2:55 p.m.
Room 116, State Capitol, Salt Lake City, Utah

Present: E. C. Pitts (Harrison Duck Club), Leo T. Tew (Harrison Duck Club), Sherm Anderson (West Side Clubs), C. R. Pannier (West Side Clubs & Ambassador Duck Club), S. D. Durrant (Lakefront Gun Club), Clyde O. Pannier (Ambassador Duck Club), Glen C. Collett (Salt Lake County Mosquito Abatement District), W. D. Peterson (Lake Front Gun Club), O. Wood Moyle III (Jordan Fur & Reclamation Company), Oscar W. Gray (Lake Front Reclamation Company), E. J. Skeen (Harrison Duck Club), John L. Trayner (Utah Power & Light Company), Duane O. Wright (North Point Fur & Reclamation Company), Carly Burton (Utah Power & Light Company), Willard B. Knorr (Farmers), J. E. Johnson (Commissioner), Ralph C. Anderson (Brighton & North Point Irrigation Company), Dick Henley (Division of Water Rights), Edward Feldt (Division of Water Rights), Wilford M. Burton (Rudy Duck Club), Donald C. Norseth (Division of Water Rights), and Margie Tempest (Division of Water Rights)

Water Outlook

Donald Norseth reported that last year was a good water year, and there is a good holdover of storage water. There is about 650,000 acre-feet in Utah Lake, and compromise will be reached about April 5. The upstream storage facilities on tributaries that drain into Utah Lake and Jordan River have had considerable maintenance and repair work done in 1974. Payson City has done repair work, and many of the reservoirs above Heber City have been repaired. The Lower Jordan River area is about 70% to 73% of normal as of January 1, but we have had 17 inches of new wet snow since then, and it is probably about normal as of the meeting.

Water Bills

Donald Norseth said that there are several new water bills being introduced to the legislature that should be examined as they are of interest to water users.

1974 Meeting Minutes

The minutes were read and approved with the amendment that references to Mr. Wood be changed to Mr. O. Wood Moyle.

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1974 Financial Statement

Copies of the financial statement were distributed. (See attached sheets.) Mr. Norseth said that corrections on the owners and their addresses for the delinquent accounts covering more than one year were needed. After discussion the following actions concerning delinquent accounts were taken: Keith Holbrook (Acct. 3), Ed Sorenson (Acct. 33), Don Taylor (Acct. 34), and Neal Maddox (Acct. 44) were eliminated from the assessment list as no use of water had been made for several years. Salt Lake County Mosquito Abatement was eliminated from the rolls by vote of the committee on a motion by Oscar Gray seconded by Duane Wright. Ed Skeen then explained that the Division of Water Rights would try to collect the delinquent accounts that remained. If this is not successful and if enough money is involved, the accounts would be turned over to the Attorney General to file suit. In the case of some of the accounts on the Jordan River, the water has not been used, and it is lost through non-use after five years. The State Engineer could contact these people to notify them that they have lost their rights. If they contest the loss from non-use and can prove use, they will be subject to payment of their assessments. Donald Norseth said that he would send out notices to them sometime during the summer and indicate that if they are not paid, we will shut the water off. He will contact Mr. Knorr for those in his area. Motion to approve financial statement was made by Oscar Gray and passed.

Commissioner's Report

Mr. Johnson reported that pollution is still one of the major problems on the system with the accumulation at 21st South Street causing improper water distribution at times. Heavy use of water during dry spells has caused some inadequate pump operation. Some of the west side clubs are still having a problem with distribution due to the necessity of several having to dry or lower water levels in their lakes whenever a few do. We are still having constant unauthorized adjustment of the water at 21st South Street by Salt Lake City which sometimes required three or four trips to re-adjust the flow after they close the river gates completely. This has caused wide variations in the United States Geological Survey measurements. Prompt calls from water users have averted serious problems. Mr. Johnson then notified the group that he had changed his residence and employment. Messages can be taken at his home in Farmington at 867-5165. If it is necessary to contact him at work, the number is 322-5878.

Wilford Burton asked if a skimmer could be installed by the county at 21st South Street to alleviate the pollution problem. Mr. Johnson suggested that they should put a big one at the mouth of the surplus canal for the 21st South dam and one at the Brighton Dam. There is a good one at Cudahy Lane. Duane Wright suggested that the State Engineer request action on this problem. Willard Knorr suggested that the Jordan River Parkway people be contacted to see if skimmers could be placed

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on public property with an easement to the river and have the Department of Health maintain them. Motion was made by Wilford Burton that the commissioner contact the city, parkway authority, county, and any other agency concerned for the purpose of getting a skimmer installed above 21st South Street, at Heusted Dam, and at any other points necessary to dispose of debris. Motion seconded by Oscar Gray and passed. Ed Skeen requested the State Engineer to contact Salt Lake City and let them know that they are a part of the system and cannot interfere with the adjustments of the river water without the order of the State Engineer and the river commissioner. Donald Norseth said that another meeting with Salt Lake City representatives is necessary and that committee members were invited to attend. John Trayner of Utah Power & Light Company said that they would definitely like to be notified of such a meeting. Mr. Knorr said that if the city is going to make changes on the system, they should be required to have a man there for the entire period of the change and make sure that the situation is returned to normal before leaving.

Motion was made by Oscar Gray and amended by Wilford Burton that the State Engineer advise Salt Lake City on the situation of changing the gates and that action be taken by the State Engineer to eliminate the problem. The amended motion was seconded by Wood Moyle and passed unanimously.

Mr. Burton asked if work was done on Heusted Dam to make it possible for one man to operate it. Mr. Johnson said that the suggestion had been made but that specific directives had not been given to follow through on the project. Mr. Skeen said that Mr. Hinckley was not appointed last year to regulate the dam and that during the summer he removed the boards with no notice which caused loss of seed and other problems. He thought that it is necessary that different arrangements for the regulation of the dam must be made including the work needed to make it operable by one man and lockable. The cost of such work should be covered by the surplus canal people only. Mr. Burton suggested that a committee with representatives of Harrison Duck Club and Rudy Duck Club be formed to devise a program to get the dam in working operation. Amended motion was made that the State Engineer and his representatives expend the funds necessary to make the dam operable by the commissioner. Mr. Norseth said that a special assessment could be made on the surplus group when the State Engineer is notified of the total cost of the project and the names of the parties to be assessed. He also stated that Heusted Dam would be directly under the commissioner's control. Mr. Moyle suggested that the committee should work out a schedule of when the water is being held and when it is diverted. Mr. Trayner suggested that a letter should be sent from the State Engineer notifying Mr. Hinckley that Mr. Johnson is now regulating Heusted Dam.

Motion made by Mr. Moyle to accept the commissioner's report and to commend the commissioner for the past year's work. Seconded by Oscar Gray and passed unanimously.

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Budget for 1975

Mr. Burton made the motion that the budget be \$4177.00 for 1975 and that the assessment be the same as the budget as the reserves are down. Seconded by Mr. Moyle and passed unanimously. This budget is amended from the 1974 budget by the increases in the commissioner's travel expense (from \$600.00 to \$840.00) and miscellaneous expenses (from \$250.00 to \$750.00). However, the increase in miscellaneous expenses is covered by the elimination of the expense for Heusted Dam contractual services.

Commissioner for 1975

Motion that Mr. Johnson be recommended for commissioner for 1975. Mr. Skeen said that there being no other recommendations, the committee backs the recommendation of Mr. Johnson unanimously. Mr. Norseth said that Mr. Johnson would be appointed for 1975.

Officers for 1975

Motion that with the substitution of Donald Hogle for Ed Whitney, last year's committee be retained for 1975 was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

Low Water

Motion made by Mr. Moyle that in the event of low water this year, low water being defined as below 325 second-feet, the water is to be divided one-half to the river and one-half to the surplus canal for the water year 1975 only and without prejudice to any of the legal rights of the parties involved. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Brighton and North Point Irrigation Company Membership

Ralph Anderson reported that the board of the company has not been whole-heartedly in favor of belonging to the association and that they feel that the assessment is out of alignment for the services that the company receives. The board had not suggested an amended assessment figure. Donald Norseth said that the Division of Water Rights would continue this year as set up and perhaps during the year the company representatives could meet with him and work out the assessment problem. Mr. Anderson said that the company could pay fully this year; then meet with the State Engineer and receive a credit for next year.

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Copies of Minutes

Ralph Anderson suggested that a copy of the minutes be sent to all board members whether they are present at the meeting or not so that they will all be informed of the proceedings. Mr. Norseth said that this would be done.

Meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

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