

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

Governor's Boardroom, State Capitol
Thursday, January 17, 1974, 2:00 p.m. - 3:10 p.m.

Present: Duane O. Wright and A. W. Marshall (North Point Fur and Reclamation Company), Oscar W. Gray and S. D. Durrant (Lake Front Fur and Reclamation), James R. Atkinson (Rudy Reclamation & Sportsman Club), O. Wood Moyle III (Jordan Fur and Reclamation Company), John L. Trayner (Utah Power & Light Company), R. H. Nebeker (North Point Consolidated Irrigation Company), Clyde O. Pannier (Irvine Ranch and Pet. Company), E. J. Skeen, Leo Tew, and H. Scott Linnell (Harrison Duck Club), J. E. Johnson (River Commissioner), and Donald Norseth, Keith Hansen, and Margie Tempest (Division of Water Rights)

Water Supply

Mr. Norseth reported that the water-supply picture is quite confused. It started out dry, but as of January 1st, we have had higher water levels. The high flows that usually occur early in the season will be much lower. This will necessitate the opening up of Utah Lake at an earlier date.

1973 Meeting Minutes

The minutes were read by Margie Tempest. A correction was made as submitted by O. Moyle Wood in his letter dated April 5, 1973, concerning the definition of low water as 325 second-feet. This correction was made to clarify the minutes concerning his motion on division of low water. The motion was made by Mr. Wood to accept the minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Trayner and passed.

1973 Financial Statement

The financial statement was read by Keith Hansen. (See attached financial statement sheets.) Mr. Wood asked why Item 8 (Mr. Hinckley's services at Husted Dam) had not been expended. The reason was that Mr. Hinckley had not submitted his voucher to the State Engineer or the river system committee. Mr. Skeen indicated that the committee would meet with Mr. Hinckley to resolve the matter. Mr. Nebeker made the motion to accept the financial statement. Mr. Pannier seconded the motion, and it passed.

1973 Commissioner's Report

J. E. Johnson distributed copies of his report to the committee. He reported that there were no big problems on the system during the year except during an approximately nine-day period when Kennecott Copper Corporation did not provide 325 second-feet of water at 2100 South Street,

thereby causing water in the river to be short. Also, Salt Lake City is continuing to drop the river level by opening their gate without notification to the commissioner. Mr. Durrant inquired about the legal responsibility of Kennecott Copper Corporation to provide 325 second-feet of water at 2100 South Street. Mr. Skeen replied that this water had been set out by decree but that enforcement of the decree had been difficult. Mr. Norseth advised Mr. Johnson to contact Brad Gardner (Utah Lake and Jordan River Commissioner) when the level at 2100 South Street was insufficient. He also suggested that Mr. Johnson attend the Utah Lake and Jordan River Distribution System annual water users' meeting. Mr. Skeen suggested that the decree concerning this water be distributed to Mr. Gardner and the system's committee at their annual meeting.

Mr. Wright asked who had complete responsibility for diversion control on both the river and the surplus canal from 2100 South Street to Husted Dam. Mr. Johnson replied that he had this responsibility. Although other parties have access to diversions, all but Salt Lake City have contacted him prior to making diversions. On North Point Canal a watermaster operates the canal with problems arising only during duckhunting season. Gardner Drain is operated by Salt Lake Mosquito Abatement. Mr. Johnson requested a list of the companies' watermasters and their telephone numbers so that he could maintain contact. Mr. Norseth in response to comments on flooding at the lower end of the system suggested that the lower-system parties provide Mr. Johnson with contact men so that flooding as well as water-scarcity situations can be alleviated.

Mr. Gray made the motion to accept the commissioner's report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Durrant and passed.

Mr. Moyle made the motion to thank the commissioner for his past year's services. Mr. Nebeker seconded the motion, and it passed.

1974 Budget

Mr. Nebeker made the motion that the assessment for 1974 be \$3,000.00 and the budget for 1974 be \$3,934.52, the same as last year. Mr. Trayner questioned the amount for Item 8 (Mr. Hinckley's services) being set at \$500.00 again. Mr. Skeen said that the committee should go over the operation of Husted Dam. Mr. Norseth indicated that the \$500.00 covered \$200.00 for 1972 and \$300.00 for 1973, and he suggested an amendment to Mr. Nebeker's motion indicating that Item 8 would be subject to the determination of the committee. The amended motion was seconded and passed. Mr. Norseth said he would arrange a meeting between the executive committee for the system and Mr. Hinckley in his office.

1974 Commissioner

Mr. Wood made the motion that J. E. Johnson be recommended to the State Engineer for the 1974 commissioner's position. Mr. Wright seconded the motion, and it passed. Mr. Norseth commended Mr. Johnson on his responsible handling of the job in the past and his good contact with the State Engineer.

1974 River System Officers

Mr. Wood made the motion that the board members for 1973 be re-appointed for 1974. It was seconded by Mr. Wright, and the motion passed. The chairman will be elected by the committee who will then notify the State Engineer.

Motion Concerning Low Water

Mr. Wood made the motion 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 1974 only and without prejudice to any of the legal rights of the parties involved. The motion was seconded by E. J. Skeen, and it passed.

New State Engineer

Mr. Norseth reported on the appointment of the new State Engineer, Mr. Dee Hansen.

Jordan River Adjudication

Mr. Hansen reported that the status of the priority schedule is the same as last year with no preamble prepared as no petition has been filed by the Jordan River people. The material is ready for printing and is available for public inspection. There are 851 water user's claims filed in the Division of Water Rights' office which are being compiled into the adjudication form for publication.

Jordan River Parkway

Mr. Gray asked how this project is to obtain water. Mr. Hansen and Mr. Norseth replied that they had no water filings of record for this project and that the water would have to be acquired from existing rights. The project will require submission of plans and specifications to the State Engineer prior to construction, and these plans and specifications must include provisions for water.

Copies of Minutes

Mr. Gray asked that copies of the minutes be sent to all parties present at the meeting. Mr. Norseth indicated that this would be done.

The meeting adjourned.

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