

Lower Jordan River Distribution System Annual Meeting  
Room 219, State Capitol  
January 26, 1971, 10:05 a.m.

Chairman Edwin J. Skeen opened the meeting and introduced Mr. Donald Norseth who reported on the lack of progress in negotiations to consolidate Lower Jordan River System with Utah Lake and Jordan River System. Mr. Norseth also reported on the distribution of the system during 1970 by cooperative agreement. Mr. Whitney hired a fellow to work the diversion at 21st South, and North Point Consolidated's water master operated the North Point diversion. Mr. Norseth spent some time on the system last year and found the following critical points: 1- Brighton-North Point Diversion, 2- 21st South Diversion, 3- North Point Consolidated Canal Diversion from the surplus canal, 4- Goggin Drain, 5- Heusted Dam, and 6- Jordan River-Burnham Dam. He felt that records for points inbetween these should be obtained. The biggest problem during the year was the drying up of the river by Salt Lake City on the day before the opening of duck season. This was remedied by the cooperation of water users in the Utah Lake and Jordan River System in turning down water to fill the ponds.

Mr. Frank Reese of the State Engineer's Office then reported on the financial status of the system, indicating that the balance of the distribution trust fund on December 31, 1970, stood at \$9,746.79.

Mr. Paul Cannon moved that the river system committee members remain in their positions in the forthcoming year. The motion was seconded by Mr. Knorr and carried unanimously. The members of the committee asked to meet after the water users' meeting to discuss matters of organization. Later in the meeting, a motion was made by Ed Whitney to add Ralph C. Anderson, 1430 Cheyenne St., Salt Lake City, Utah (Executive Secretary of Brighton-North Point Canal) to the committee. It was seconded by Paul Cannon and carried.

After discussion of the probabilities of a good water year and possible problems on the system, Mr. Norseth suggested employment of a commissioner who would be available for 12 months at a lower salary but who would actually work full-time only about 3 months and be on call the rest of the time. July, September, and October would likely be the months of full-time work. Discussion then centered on interference problems and flood-control problems. Mr. Lambert indicated that it would be desirable to have good records by an impartial party in good years as well as bad to straighten out controversies in the future. He also stated that it would be advisable to have one commissioner administer the whole stream at such time as the priority schedule can be made available. It was decided to await further information on the water supply forecast before electing to have a commissioner. The committee will meet and will report to the State Engineer by March 15 regarding the selection of a commissioner, the designation of his workload, and the making of a budget.

Mr. Moyle made the motion that for the water year 1971 the allocation of water be on a 50%-50% basis between the lower river and the surplus canal. The motion was seconded by M.T. Wilson and passed unanimously.

Mr. Stanley Green, the new area engineer in the State Engineer's Office for Utah Lake and Jordan River, reported that seven unsigned claims remain before completion of the priority schedule. The parties involved are: North Point Consolidated (awaiting change application and certificate), Utah Lake Distributing Company, Utah State Fish and Game, Beckstead Irrigation Company, Sandy City, Draper Irrigation Company, Robert R. Badertscher, and Keith W. Martin. The mapping in the Salt Lake basin is complete except for the canyon areas. Claims were taken on the Jordan River and underground water west of the river and as far south as 21st South. There is one man working on the Kennecott Copper claims alone. There are over 250 with 100 ready for signature. Some mapping is necessary in the area, particularly at the plant. This work is being handled by six full-time and part-time people working on the adjudication. Mr. Green also reported on policies in Salt Lake, Utah, and northern Juab Counties regarding applications for appropriation of water and proving up on these applications. A Salt Lake County resource study covering 500 to 600 pages has been prepared in conjunction with the Division of Water Resources and is presently being processed for printing. It will be available in late summer or early autumn.

Mr. Norseth asked for a motion for or against investment of funds kept in trust or open account for the river systems. Investments would be made through the State Treasurer and Investment Committee. It would be on treasury notes, time certificates, etc. M.T. Wilson moved that the State Engineer's Office be authorized to invest the surplus funds. It was seconded by Willard Knorr and passed unanimously.

Mr. Norseth notified the representatives at the meeting that there is a bill before the House of Representatives concerning: 1- adding recreation as a beneficial use of water, and 2- requiring approval from the State Engineer before changing or improving channels (possibly altering the ecology). He felt that the water users should be aware of the bill and its possible effects.

The meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Those present were:

E.J. Skeen, West Side Duck Clubs  
Milton T. Wilson, Committee Member  
Dee F. Anderson, Rudy Duck Club  
Jack Thomson, Lake Front Duck Club  
Edwin Whitney, Brighton-North Point Canal & North Point Cons. Irrigation Company  
Paul B. Cannon, North Point Cons. Irrigation Company  
Willard Knorr, Farmers  
J. Golden Haight, Utah Power & Light Company  
Frank Reese, Controller, Division of Water Rights

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Donald C. Norseth, Distribution Engineer, Division of Water Rights  
Hubert C. Lambert, State Engineer  
Mergie Tempest, Secretary, Division of Water Rights  
P.D. Durrant, Lakefront Duck Club  
William L. Burton, Assistant Area Engineer, Division of Water Rights  
Stanley Green, Area Engineer, Division of Water Rights  
David O. Hinckley (Tom Jeremy), Black Hawk Duck Club  
J.E. Johnson, Jordan Fur & Rec. Company  
O. Wood Moyle III, Jordan Fur & Rec. Company