

Frank Reese

Minutes of the 1961 Annual Meeting
Upper Bear River Distribution System
March 7, 1961 Tuesday-9:30 a.m.
Rich County Courthouse, Randolph, Utah

SUMMARY:

The joint meeting of the water users of the Upper Bear River above Bear Lake met at 9:30 a.m. in the Rich County Courthouse at Randolph. These water users from the Bear River, Woodruff Creek, Otter Creek and Meadowville Creek, met with representatives of the State Engineer's Office to prepare for the 1961 Distribution Season. A budget of \$2200.00 was adopted by the water users, and they voted to assess themselves \$2200.00 to cover distribution costs for 1961. Mr. Roger Telford, Randolph, Utah, was recommended at a later date to be River Commissioner for the Upper Bear River Distribution System for 1961. An executive committee was selected with Mr. Frank H. Jackson, Randolph, Utah, chairman; and Mr. Samuel Rex, Randolph, Utah, secretary.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Donald C. Norseth, Distribution Engineer, Utah State Engineer's Office, conducted the meeting and discussed the below average runoff that had been forecast for the tributaries of the upper Bear River area. Mr. Norseth stated that with the expected shortage of water for 1961, the commissioner's duties would be more rigorous and more regulation would be needed. He discussed the 10% delinquency penalty and said that so many of the usual delinquent accounts throughout the state are being paid on time, that the job of collecting assessments has been made much easier. He pointed out that all money collected on delinquencies in a particular system are kept within the system and so serve to cut expenses for the following year. Mr. Norseth then turned the meeting over the Upper Bear River chairman, Mr. Frank H. Jackson.

Mr. Jackson thanked Mr. Norseth and the other members of the state engineer's staff for the services that they offer the water users and he expressed appreciation for the manner in which the various accounts were being handled by the finance department of the state engineer's office.

Mr. Jackson called for the reading of the 1960 minutes. The minutes were read by Mr. Samuel Rex, secretary. Supplemental minutes were read by Clarence E. Erickson, Jr., distribution engineer, covering the individual meetings of the four groups as they were held in 1960. The minutes were approved as read.

The 1960 financial report was presented by Frank Reese, Comptroller, Utah State Engineer's Office. The report showed \$214.61 balance for 1961, with a total delinquency of \$410.78. The financial report was approved as read.

1960 Commissioner's Report:

In the absence of Raymond Anderson, 1960 Upper Bear River Commissioner, who was now teaching school at Salt Lake City, the water commissioner's report was presented by Clarence E. Erickson, Jr., Distribution Engineer. He stated that Mr. Anderson had kept a good account of the waters of the Upper Bear River, and that a report had been filed with the state engineer, along with maps and some

data collected on water distribution during 1960. Mr. Erickson pointed out that the maps would be of great value to a new commissioner and to the water users in explaining to the commissioner what would be expected of him.

Mr. Norseth discussed the qualifications for water commissioner; the ability to make reports, keep water records, work but problems with water users, understand how to make water measurements and to divide the water according to court order, agreements, and other water rights.

1961 RIVER COMMISSIONER

After some discussion the water users decided to wait for a few days before making a final recommendation for the job of 1961 River Commissioner for the Upper Bear River Distribution System. The water users said that they would have this recommendation ready by the 16th of March when the Rich County water users would meet in Randolph.

Glen Thompson, Randolph, was suggested at the meeting, but no definite recommendation was made. Mr. Thompson was a school Bus Driver and part time custodian . It was not known whether Mr. Thompson would have the proper amount of time available to devote to the river system.

It was moved by Glenn McKinnon and seconded by Henry Nicols that the executive committee submit to the state engineer within 10 days the name of the person to be recommended for 1961 River Commissioner.

(NOTE) Roger Telford, Randolph, Utah was recommended to be 1961 River Commissioner. He was interviewed at a later date and the appointment made.

It was suggested that the new commissioner keep an account of his time spent on each diversion or each part of the river system to tell whether some areas which are in constant need of greatly regulation might pay a higher share of the distribution costs.

The commissioner would be on duty from April 1 to August 31., 1961.

1961 B U D G E T

It was moved by Glenn McKinnon that the same budget of 1960 be adopted for 1961. Motion carried. The budget is as follows:

Commissioner's salary	\$1,500.00
Social Security Matching at 3%.....	45.00
Bonds and Insurance.....	25.00
Travel at 7 cents per mile.....	500.00
Commissioner's annual report.....	25.00
Miscellaneous expenses.....	105.00
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Total	\$2,200.00

1961 A S S E S S M E N T

The water users voted to assess themselves \$2,200.00 on the following basis:

- Meadowville Creek Division: 3-acre feet per acre irrigated acreage basis.
- Randolph Division: Acre foot water delivery basis.
- Woodruff Creek Division: Acre foot water delivery basis.
- Otter Creek Division: Acre foot water delivery basis.

1961 Executive Committee

It was moved by Lesley Weston and seconded by Ray Hoffman that the 1960 executive committee be retained for the 1961 season. i.e.,

RANDOLPH-BEAR RIVER DIVISION

Frank H. Jackson, chm.
Samuel Rex, sec.

Randolph, Utah
Randolph, Utah

MEADOWVILLE CREEK DIVISION

Harold Johnson,
Del Cook
John Weston
Stanley Mattson

Laketown, Utah
Laketown, Utah
Laketown, Utah
Laketown, Utah

OTTER CREEK DIVISION

Henry Nicols
Grant Lamborn
Keith Jessop

Randolph, Utah
Laketown, Utah
Randolph, Utah

WOODRUFF CREEK DIVISION

Francis Frazier
Lynn Huffaker
Wayne Rees

Woodruff, Utah
Woodruff, Utah
Woodruff, Utah

SUMMIT COUNTY

Theo Robinson

Hilliard, Wyoming

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. A list of those who attended is attached to these minutes.

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Minutes submitted by Clarence E. Erickson, Jr., Distribution Engineer, Utah State Engineer's Office.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Representing</u>
Frank H. Jackson, Randolph	Chairman, Upper Bear River Dist. System
Farrell Johnson, Laketown	Meadowville
Del Cook, Laketown	Meadowville
Gordon Peart, Randolph	R & W - Dykins
Dale Hatch, Randolph	Randolph-Woodruff & Randolph-Sage
Ralph Hanney, Randolph	R-W & R-S
Glenn McKinnon, Randolph	R-W & R-S.
Roger Peart, Randolph	R-S
M. J. Hatch, Randolph	R-W & Dykins Canals.
P. H. Rex, Randolph	
Ben Rex, Randolph	R-W . Dykins
L. Dallas Johnson, Randolph	B-Q Westside
Francis Frazier, Woodruff	Woodruff Irr. Co.
Wayne Rus, Woodruff	R.L.L. Co.-Booth Canal
Lynn Huffaker, Woodruff	Woodruff Irr. Co.
Hyrum A. Thomson, Randolph	Randolph, Utah
Clarence E. Erickson, Jr.	Distribution Engineer, <u>State Engineer's</u>
Donald C. Norseth	Distribution Engineer <u>Office</u>
Frank Reese	Comptroller
T. Vinton Smith	Assistant Business Managor

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Grant Lamborn, Laketown	Otter Creek
J. Earl Stuart, Randolph	County Water Users.
R. J. Hatch, Randolph	Randolph & Sage Creek Canal
Wesley T. Maugham, Randolph	Extension Service
George W. Weston, Laketown	Weston Ranch & Livestock.
Ben Weston, Laketown	Weston Ranch & Livestock.
Raymond Hoffman, Randolph	Otter Creek and R-W Canal Co.
Wesley F. Kearl, Randolph	Groford-Thomson
Ira B. Muir, Randolph	Randolph-Sage
Gale McKinnon, Randolph	Randolph-Woodruff
Charles W. Rex, Randolph	BQ Westside Canal
Lynn McKinnon, Randolph	R-W Canal Co.
Oris K. Cook, Garden City	Meadowville
J. N. Cook, Garden City	Meadowville
David L. Jones, Randolph	R-Sage Canal
A. W. Thornock, Randolph	Otter Creek

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