

February 27, 1941

Mr. W. H. Bennett
County Agricultural Agent
Price, Utah

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 25 in which you say that you have been appointed chairman of a committee empowered to effect the consolidation of the various water companies on the Price river system, and to approach the problem logically you desire to obtain plans of consolidation, articles of incorporation, and bylaws pertaining to other areas in the State or in the irrigated west where consolidation has been effected under conditions similar to yours.

Let me say that with 40 years engineering experience I know of no set of canal systems as complicated and difficult to consolidate as those on the Price river, nor do I have in mind an instance where the consolidation of canals has been made having bylaws and articles of incorporation similar in any way to the Price River setup.

My advice to you would be to get in touch with the Bureau of Reclamation's legal advisers and have them assist you. This is desirable for two reasons: (1) No other set of attorneys has had the experience in incorporating canal systems that these men have had, and (2) any system set up by you must be approved by these attorneys. It will be easier, therefore, for them in the first instance, and finally for you, to ask them to sit in and assist you in the organization rather than to have it revamped by them after once done. This statement is made with the thought that these canals when once incorporated under one head will join in the reconstruction of the Scofield dam, in which case the articles of incorporation must be accepted by the U. S. Bureau of Reclamation.

I note the realization which you have for the necessity of proceeding cautiously with this work. I understand the situation and know that it will require careful and adroit handling. Only diplomats can accomplish the task which you have set for yourselves, and I certainly want to commend the way in which you are going after it and wish you every success. If I can help you in any way, please command me.

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Yours very truly,

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