

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT THE CITY HALL  
WITH THE SUMMIT CREEK IRRIGATION & CANAL CO.  
FEBRUARY 3, 1988

The meeting was called to order at 7:45pm. In attendance were Phil Rowley, Karen Rowley, Don Kay, Robert Westover, Ronnie Memmott, Clint Ercanbrack, LaMar Openshaw, Marilyn Clayson, Dennis Lamb, Sherman Jones, and Lynn Crook. Mr. Crook recorded the minutes of the meeting.

Mr. Kay stated that they were concerned about flood control and the fact that the organization seems to have disintegrated. Mr. Crook suggested that the Nebo Soil Conservation should have some responsibility in dealing with the project. The feeling is that some water will probably escape from the lower reservoir and that the snow pack is still below normal. Mr. Jones stated that the City has easements east of the freeway. Mr. Kay said that the state legislature designated the county flood control system. Mr. Kay also said that the county engineer, Clyde Naylor, state (dam safety) engineer over flood control had breached the old lower reservoir during 1983.

Mr. Rowley suggested that the City and Summit Creek should cooperate in order to get the county and state to declare a flood channel. It was determined that a letter should be written to Robert Morgan who is currently the state engineer. It was determined that Mr. Kay and Mr. Crook would be responsible for the letter which they would send copies of to the state engineer, Soil Conservation, Malcom Beck for the County Commissioners, and Clyde Naylor, the County Engineer. The letter would request that a flood channel be designated at Santaquin from Summit Creek reservoir to Utah Lake.

Mr. Openshaw brought up the abandonment of the ditch on First West from Main Street to First North. Summit Creek made a motion by Mr. Ercanbrack that the ditch on First West and Main be eliminated as a company ditch. Mr. Memmott seconded and the voting was unanimous in favor. It was determined that the City can do what it would like with the street.

It was suggested that the city not rent water to people who did not have an adequate ditch. The city agreed to let the water company check the list of renters before final approval was given. The city agreed to remove the trash from the streets when the water company cleaned the ditches.

Mr. Kay asked about the overflow water at the head house. It was decided that a committee from the water company and the city would decide on a way to take care of it so that water would not be wasted.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm. The motion was made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mrs. Clayson, and was carried unanimously.

Attached to these minutes is a copy of the letter which was sent to the Utah County Commissioners.

Approved this 3rd day of May, 1988.

Original minutes were signed by Mayor D. Lynn Crook and his signature attested to by City Recorder/Clerk Elaine Tasker as she was not present at the meeting.

Malcom Beck, Chairman  
Utah County Commissioners  
Provo, Utah

Dear Sir:

Santaquin City and Summit Creek Irrigation & Canal Company are concerned about flood control in and around our community since the changes in the system.

In 1984 the County engineer and the State engineer breached the reservior west of Santaquin which we refer to as the "old reservior". This was done against the protests of the Irrigation Company and the Town of Genola.

Prior to this extreme flood period the surplus high water from Santaquin Canyon was diverted into the "new reservior", any overflow would go into the old reservior and dissipate. Since the old reservior has been breached this can no longer be done. The overflow now goes on down through the old reservior and into the old flood channel towards Genola.

Since the 1983-84 floods the original entities that built the flood control project south of Santaquin have dropped out. We feel the original committee should be re-activated and a flood channel be designated. Whatever it takes to prepare for a future emergency should be done, so we have assurance there will be control of the flood waters and a reduction of possible damage.

Mr. Beck, you met with a group from Santaquin City and Summit Creek Irrigation & Canal Company early in the summer of 1987. You promised to pursue this problem and get back with us. This has not been done.

The Nebo Soil Conservation Committee under the direction and support of the Federal Soil Conservation Agency was the sponsor and helped set up the original committee which planned the project. Since then legislation has changed; we understand the state and county have jurisdiction now. Why shouldn't the original sponsoring agency have some interest and responsibility in seeing the function of the flood control project be carried out as planned?

We are sending copies of this letter to those listed below because we feel they should all have an interest in the solution of this problem.

Sincerely,

D. Lynn Crook  
Mayor of Santaquin

Don Kay  
President of Summit Creek  
Irrigation & Canal Co.