MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
WASHINGTON STATE WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION
January 13, 1982
Sheraton Hotel, Spokane, Washington

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Washington State Water Resources Association was held at 10:00 a.m. on January 13, 1982 at the Sheraton Hotel in Spokane. The meeting was held simultaneously with the 5th annual AG EXPO and the 29th annual Farm Forum.

Those attending were Warren Dickman, Jim Trull, Nancy Ostby, Lowell Felt, John Mayo, Walter Peterson, Paul Chasco, Rogers Neff, Hank Vancik, Jeanne Peck and Robert Ashcraft with Bob Krammer arriving for a portion of the meeting.

Minutes of the meeting held November 18, 1982 were not available therefore approval of those minutes was deferred until such time as they could be distributed to the Board.

President Warren Dickman announced the appointment of the following Legislative Committee for 1982:

- Lowell Felt, Chairman
- Jeanne Peck, Legislative Liaison
- Warren Dickman
- Dick German
- Richard Lemargie
- Paul Lemargie
- Walt Peterson
- Jim Trull (Nancy Ostby, alternate)
- Henry Vancik (Randy Jackson, alternate)
- Chan Bailey
- John Baird
- Tom Cotton
- John Mayo
- Joe Morrison
- Van Nutely
- Rosadell Nutely
- Russ Smith
- Kermit Rudolf

Lowell Felt reported that the proposed Legislative Committee had met on Wednesday, January 6, 1982, to review proposed legislation on ground water rights. It was the consensus of the committee that the bill had some major problems and was not workable as written. A House Agriculture Committee hearing on the bill was held on January 8, 1982. Russ Smith had attended the hearing and testified against the bill on behalf of the association, as had the majority of those attending the meeting. As a result, the proponents of the bill will be making revisions to the bill before introduction.
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Bills of interest to the association that had been introduced since the legislature convened on January 11, 1982, were distributed. By MOTIONS made, seconded and carried, the following positions were established:

- HB 832 Support
- HB 829 Support (Passive)
- HD 844 Support (Passive)

Discussion of HB 855 involving expenses of the State Auditor's office incurred while auditing followed. As the text of the bill was not yet available for review and Reza Irrigation District has challenged the jurisdiction of the State to audit districts who no longer use the services of the County Treasurer, no action was taken.

Walter Peterson reported on two areas of law that he feels should be corrected. Some districts have been told by examiners from the State Auditor's office that they cannot place petty cash accounts or revolving funds in interest bearing checking accounts. According to the State, it is prohibited by statute when the County Treasurer is Ex-official Treasurer of the district. He also expressed concern over the districts' ability to comply with the requirements of SHB 176a regarding the hiring of engineers and consultants which passed the legislature during the 1981 regular session. The association had opposed the bill from its introduction. A floor amendment during the last few days of the session requiring that minorities and women be given hiring preference further complicated the bill. Walt recommends that WSWRA lend its support should another, more powerful entity attempt to change this law.

John Mayo reported on the Cattlemen's Association annual legislative banquet in Yakima. It was attended by Senators Alex Deccio and Irving Newhouse and Representatives Jim Lewis and Harold Clayton as well as Congressman Sid Morrison. The cattlemen's Executive Secretary, Don Ricketts, had made a strong presentation in favor of removing water resource management out of the Department of Ecology. John suggested that any irrigation district supporting D.O.E. as it now exists, write a letter to their legislators to counteract the impression given at the banquet that all of the state's cattlemen would support such an effort.

It was noted that all bills introduced during the 1981 regular and special sessions are automatically reintroduced and may be considered during this session.

A proposed budget for 1982 indicating estimated total expenditures of $23,810 was considered. It was agreed that the estimates were quite austere.
In conformance with a previous recommendation by the Board, it was proposed that dues for irrigation districts remain the same for 1982. However, it was recommended that the dues for business memberships be restructured slightly. The revisions in the dues structure would provide a net gain of approximately $700. This gain would take into consideration approval of the recommendation that statements for individual membership should not be sent to those managers and directors whose districts also make full dues payment.

A MOTION was made by Hank Vancik, seconded by Rogers Neff and carried that the budget be approved and the following dues structure be adopted:

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In discussion of a membership development program, Jim Trull suggested a printed brochure stating just what services the association would provide be designed for use when contacting potential members. John Mayo stated that CH2M-Hill might consent to providing the graphics and printing in light of the limited WSWRA budget.

An itemization of the duties and responsibilities for the executive secretary-treasurer position was considered. Following some discussion, particularly item 17, a MOTION was made by Rogers Neff, seconded by Hank Vancik and carried that the job description be approved as submitted (see attached).

Nancy Ostby reported that she and Randy Jackson had performed an audit of the financial records for the calendar year ending December 31, 1982. With adjustments the cash balance of all WSWRA funds totalled $1,579.10. The report indicated that the committee found the records to be accurate. A MOTION was made by Lowell Felt, seconded by Walt Peterson and carried to accept the audit report.

Possible revision of the WSWRA constitution deferred until this time from a Board meeting in 1981 was discussed. There was no support for addressing any changes at this time.
Warren Dickman reported that he had received a letter from the Washington Association of Conservation Districts inviting our legislative committee to meet with the legislative committee from that organization. No date was suggested for the meeting.

The next WSWRA meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 17th at 10:00 a.m. at the Bureau of Reclamation office in Ephrata, providing a meeting room is available.

Nancy Ostby remarked that it is essential the Insurance Committee be given some guidelines by the Board and begin working towards some conclusion as the data collected previously will soon become outdated. The matter will be discussed at the next meeting.

Walt Peterson reported that a workshop on the open public meeting law will be sponsored by the Gonzaga School of Law on January 29, 1982 in Richland. The registration is $40.00 for the afternoon session. He recommended that the attorneys of the various districts attend if possible as the directors of irrigation districts are personally liable for every violation of this law. He also mentioned that irrigation districts are excluded from the State's prevailing wage law although they do come under the federal act. Along the same line, he suggested that the association sponsor a workshop specifically for the attorneys of irrigation districts. The idea met with the approval of the Board and Walt will prepare a letter to notify all district attorneys and to request suggestions on topics for discussion. He feels sixty to ninety days should be allowed to organize for the workshop.

A previously suggested workshop for board members of irrigation districts was not held in conjunction with the WSWRA annual meeting because it was felt those individuals who would most benefit from the program would not attend. Instead, it was felt that regional workshops should be held to encourage the participation of those who do not normally attend the annual meetings. It was recommended that director workshops be held no later than March with the first of such tentatively scheduled for 1983. The program for the Northwest Irrigation Operators Conference being held on January 26th and 27th in Boise includes a session specifically designed for directors.

It was suggested that a committee of irrigation district Secretaries, Treasurers and Office Managers be formed and that the annual meeting program be expanded to allow the various groups time to meet together in conjunction with that activity.

The president will appoint a Conference Committee prior to the next meeting. He asked those with an interest in working on that committee or those with specific ideas for the program contact him prior to that time.
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Warren Dickman reported that all of the records of the WSWRA and
SAWTD had been received as of January 12, 1982 which will allow a
full financial report to be completed by next meeting.

This concluding the items for discussion by the Board, the meeting
was adjourned at approximately 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Peck, Executive Secretary
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY-TREASURER
WASHINGTON STATE WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION
Duties & Responsibilities

1. Make arrangements for all Board Meetings
2. Distribute Board Meeting Notices
3. Attend all Board Meetings
4. Record and distribute Board Meeting Minutes
5. Maintain all financial records and invest surplus funds
6. Prepare and distribute monthly financial statement
7. Prepare and distribute monthly newsletter
8. Prepare and distribute weekly or biweekly legislative status report to Board and Legislative Committee during legislative sessions
9. Prepare and distribute monthly legislative reports to general membership during legislative sessions
10. Attend all hearings and legislative committee meetings that pertain to water related issues
11. Make arrangements for Annual Meetings and Workshops
12. Send out annual billings for membership dues
13. Prepare Membership Roster annually (or as budget permits)
14. Prepare brochures and/or other information for securing new memberships
15. Respond to correspondence
16. Update Irrigation District Handbook annually or as necessary
17. Perform other duties at the pleasure of the Board.
A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Washington State Water Resources Association was held on Wednesday, February 17, 1982 at the Ephrata office of the U. S. Bureau of Reclamation. Board members present were Jim Trull, Joe Horrall, Lowell Felt, Rogers Neff, John Mayo, Paul Chasco, Tom Lyda and Warren Dickman (8). Also present were Delvin Schorzman, Russell Wentworth, Tom Cotton, Russ Smith, Randy Jackson, Judy Baer, Marvin Vandergriff, Don Moos, Rosadell Nutley, Joe Morrison, Van Nutley, Chan Bailey, Paul Lemargie, Earl Terwilliger, Richard Lemargie, John Baird, Carol Prochaska and Jeanne Peck. The meeting was called to order at approximately 10:10 a.m. by President Warren Dickman.

Don Moos, Director of the Department of Ecology, addressed the membership on a number of issues including the Bureau of Reclamation’s falling water charges, small hydro development, an anadromous fish hatchery in connection with Enlow Dam, the Columbia River instream protection program and pending legislation on ground water rights. He also discussed a possible surplus of water that has been set aside for the completion of the Columbia Basin Project. Should a quantity of water be turned back to the State, a methodology for allocating that water should be established. A bill may have been introduced in the last few days by either Senator Benitz or Senator Newhouse that would provide that no more than 50% of such water could be allotted to any one interest. The allocation would be based on a time permit rather than issuance of a water right. Another area that may be addressed by the Department is the current policy that a water allotment for a certain amount of acreage cannot be spread over additional acreage even though a better means of irrigating had been developed to use the water more efficiently.

John Baird commented that current charges on power generating facilities imposed by FERC and the USBR leave very little left for districts to negotiate with in dealing with private power companies. Richard Lemargie added that several districts had experienced a number of interventions by State agencies, excluding the Dept. of Ecology, in the development of small hydro-electric generating facilities. He suggested that one agency be authorized to deal with all aspects of small hydro development within the State of Washington. Russ Smith commented that hydraulic permits are now being issued in part, extending thru only a portion of the project, in order to give some State agencies more leverage in mitigation requirements.

John Baird discussed the ramifications of SSB 4136 which was introduced during the 1981 regular session of the legislature and would allow withdrawal of lands not currently receiving water in districts of 200,000 acres or more. The bill has passed the Senate and has been referred to the House Agriculture Committee. Russ Smith moved that the Association go on record in opposition to the bill. The motion was seconded by Tom Lyda. **MOTION carried.**

In further discussion of the bill, John Baird suggested that it would be more equitable to make the bill applicable to all irrigation districts, not just those over 200,000 acres. Earl Terwilliger emphasized that the proponents of the bill, Kathryn Bohnet’s family,
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had every opportunity to withdraw those lands prior to the commit-
tment of the land to the project and did not do so. Russ Smith men-
tioned that requirements for withdrawal of lands from irrigation
districts by the State for highway purposes were being ignored in
this bill. A MOTION was made by Van Nutley, seconded by Russ Smith
and unanimously approved that John Baird be requested to draft a
letter to the House Ag Committee for the president's signature in
opposition to SSB 4136.

Minutes of previous meetings were addressed. A MOTION was made by
Lowell Felt, seconded by Joe Horral and carried that the minutes
of November 18, 1981 be approved. A MOTION was made by Rogers Neff,
seconded by John Mayo and carried that the minutes of January 13,
1982 be approved also.

A review of the financial report for WSWRA indicated an adjusted be-
ginning balance as of January 1, 1982 of $1,364.66, income since that
date of $4,055.00 and expenses of $1,417.45 resulting in a cash bal-
ance as of February 17, 1982 of $4,002.21. A MOTION was made by
Rogers Neff, seconded by Tom Lyda and carried that the financial re-
port be accepted and approved.

Following lengthy discussion of problems experienced with the State
Auditor's office, a MOTION was made by Russ Smith, seconded by Rogers
Neff and carried, with Jim Trull dissenting, that the Association sup-
port ESHB 857. This bill would allow political subdivisions to em-
ploy private auditing firms in lieu of the State Auditor's examina-
tion.

A request from George Wise of the State Auditor's office to reconvene
the committee that worked on the unified system of accounts to review
and comment on the format of the proposed forms was discussed. It
was the feeling of the committee members present that such a meeting
would be beneficial and a May, June or July date was suggested.

A conference committee consisting of Paul Chasco, as chairman, and
Jim Trull, John Mayo and Dick Hendrick, was appointed by the Presi-
dent. November 4th and 5th were established as the annual meeting
date for 1982 in order not to conflict with the National convention,
the Denver Workshop, local board meetings or apple harvesting times.
Ellensburg was selected as the prime location with Moses Lake chosen
as an alternative. The committee will report back at the next Board
meeting.

Requests for an update of the membership roster have increased in
the last several weeks. To fulfill the immediate need of a member-
ship listing, a type written roster will be compiled as soon as pos-
sible. From this list, a printed pamphlet could be derived, incor-
porating some advertising space for our business members. Paul Chasco
suggested that one or two firms might be willing to cover the costs
of the printing just for the advertising exposure.

Turning to legislative matters, the following positions were es-
blished by motions made, seconded and carried:
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According to Tom Lyda, a new bill to modernize the 1902 Reclamation Act has been approved by the water and power resources subcommittee of the House Interior Committee and is scheduled to come before the full committee on February 24th. John Baird added that the new bill (HR 5539) would allow ownership of 960 acres per family with unlimited leasing and exemption from any residency requirements. Lands leased or owned above the 960 acres by any family would be required to pay the full cost of water. The provisions of the bill would only apply to districts that opt to amend their existing contracts. Once amended, however, the Secretary of Interior would have the authority to recalculate the operation and maintenance payment annually. A MOTION was made by Russ Smith, seconded by Earl Terwilliger and unanimously approved that the latter recalculating provision be opposed (Sections 108A and 108B).

Tom Cotton reported on a request from Neil H. Macdonald, President of the Northwest Small Hydroelectric Association, for support of draft legislation that would guarantee a utility operating a cogeneration or small power facility the right to interconnect with any electric utility. It was the consensus of those present that this draft bill had some major problems and no support was indicated from the group.

Russ Smith remarked that Initiative 412 signature petitions are circulating. This has been proposed by the People for Affordable Credit and would set a limit on interest rates.

The next meeting of the Board was set for March 17, 1982 at 10:00 a.m. in Ephrata.

Joe Horrall reported that the NWRA spring board meeting will be held on March 22, 23 and 24, 1982. A number of issues to be addressed by NWRA will need to be discussed at the March 17th meeting.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

[Signature]
Jeannie Peck, Executive Secretary
A meeting of the Board of Directors of the State Association of Washington Irrigation Districts was held on Wednesday, February 17, 1982 at the Ephrata Office of the Bureau of Reclamation. Attending were Rosadell Nutely, Van Nutley, Joe Morrison, Randy Jackson, Rogers Neff, Marvin Vandergriff, Judy Baer, Lowell Felt, Warren Dickman, Jeanne Peck and Russ Smith. The president of the Association, Warren Dickman, called the meeting to order at 9:50 a.m.

The minutes of the previous Board of Directors meeting held November 18, 1981 were addressed. A MOTION was made by Rogers Neff, seconded by Rosadell Nutley and carried that the minutes be approved.


Appointment of an individual to fill the At Large position on the Board formerly held by Mel Stepon was not accomplished as a quorum was not present. Mr. Stepon is no longer on the Board of Directors of the Quincy-Columbia Basin Irrigation District.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Peck, Secretary-Treasurer

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MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
WASHINGTON STATE WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION
and
STATE ASSOCIATION OF WASHINGTON IRRIGATION DISTRICTS
March 17, 1982
Bureau of Reclamation Office, Ephrata, Washington

A joint meeting of the Board of Directors of the Washington State Water Resources Association and the Board of Directors of the State Association of Washington Irrigation Districts was held on Wednesday, March 17, 1982 at the Ephrata office of the Bureau of Reclamation. WSWRA Board members present were Dick Hendrick, Glen Fiedler, Warren Dickman, John Mayo, Joe Horrall, Hank Vancik, Lowell Felt, Walter Peterson, Bob Kramer, Jim Trull, Jim Webb and Tom Lyda (12). SAWID Board members present were Dick Hendrick, Hank Vancik, Walter Peterson, Don Thompson and Jim Webb (5). Also present were Marvin Vandergrind, Judy Baer, Paul Lemargie, Richard Lemargie, Tom Cotton, Chan Bailey, John Baird, Russ Smith, Nancy Ostby, Bill Lefler and Jeanne Peck. The meeting was called to order at 10:15 a.m. by the President of the Associations, Warren Dickman.

Minutes of the SAWID Board of Directors meeting held February 17, 1982 were addressed. A MOTION to approve the minutes as mailed was made by Lowell Felt, seconded by Dick Hendrick and carried.

A financial report for SAWID indicated income from dues in the amount of $1,362.88 and interest earnings of $175.25; expenses for the printing and shipping of the Irrigation Laws handbook totalled $2,954.81 leaving a balance of $6,410.25 as of this date. A MOTION was made by Walt Peterson to approve the financial report as submitted. The motion was seconded by Jim Webb and carried.

A MOTION was made by Dick Hendrick that Bill Lefler be appointed to the Board of Directors of SAWID to fill the unexpired term vacated by Mel Steppon. The motion was seconded by Jim Webb and carried unanimously.

It was reported that copies of the Irrigation Laws handbook are now available. Approximately 45 complimentary copies had been distributed to irrigation districts upon payment of 1982 dues. In order to recoup the costs of printing and handling, an additional 200 copies would have to be sold at $16.50 each. A MOTION was made by Dick Hendrick and seconded by Jim Webb that Paul Lemargie be presented with a copy of the handbook without charge as a small token of appreciation of the many years of service Mr. Lemargie has given the Association. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion followed regarding what constitutes a member in good standing in WSWRA or SAWID. John Baird interprets state law to allow all irrigation districts to be members in good standing of SAWID upon payment of any amount determined by the individual district's Board of Directors, regardless of the dues structure established by the SAWID Board. In his opinion, a payment to SAWID would automatically make a district a member in the affiliated organization, however, a dues payment to WSWRA would not establish membership in SAWID.
There was some disagreement with this philosophy and Glen Fiedler suggested that an Attorney General's opinion be requested to clarify the matter. Coming to no resolution, a MOTION was made by Jim Webb, seconded by Dick Hendrick and carried that the issue be tabled.

WSWRA minutes for the meeting held February 17, 1982 were distributed for consideration. A MOTION was made by John Mayo, seconded by Lowell Felt and carried that the minutes stand approved.

In reference to the last meeting and the discussion of federal charges on hydroelectric generating facilities, John Baird reported that John Spencer of the Dept. of Ecology had written to Congressman Sid Morrison suggesting the federal law be changed so that the charges would not be made under Sections 10E or 9C. In lieu of this, however, Spencer had suggested that the State then make a similar charge. As this would do nothing to reduce the prohibitive charges, Mr. Baird has written to the Department expressing our displeasure.

A financial report for WSWRA indicated income from dues of $7,911.00 and miscellaneous income of $50.00; expenses totalled $1,451.29 resulting in a cash balance of $10,511.92. Included with the financial report was a listing of all districts and others who have paid 1982 dues to date. A MOTION was made by Russ Smith, seconded by Walter Peterson and carried that the financial report be accepted as presented.

Nancy Ostby requested that the Board of Directors authorize the formation of a committee of district secretaries, treasurers and assistants to compile a packet of suggested forms for use by irrigation districts. It was the consensus of the members that a standardization of forms would be most beneficial and Mrs. Ostby was appointed chairman of such a committee with authorization to select the committee members.

John Baird reported on proposed legislation to modernize the 1902 Reclamation Act, stating that the Lujan bill has passed the House Interior Committee and that the Senate is planning to take up the McClure bill. He presented a resolution for consideration by the SAWID Board in support of most of the points included in both the Lujan and McClure bills (see attached). A MOTION was made by Walt Peterson and seconded by Jim Webb that the resolution be adopted as presented. Motion carried with two dissenting votes.

Joe Horrall made a MOTION that the WSWRA Board adopt a similar resolution, raising the acreage limitation to 1280. The motion was seconded by Bob Kramer. A MOTION TO AMEND the motion to indicate 960 acres was made by Walt Peterson and seconded by Glen Fiedler. The motion to amend was carried with three opposing votes. The amended motion was then carried. (see attached)

In further discussion, it was the consensus of those present that the National Director be authorized to agree to a maximum of 1280 acres in the negotiating session anticipated at the NWRA spring board meeting to be held the following week.
John Baird related an idea formulated by Richard Lemargie to amend the pending legislation on the Reclamation Act to eliminate the prohibitive charges imposed on federally constructed hydroelectric facilities. A MOTION was made by Dick Hendrick and seconded by Jim Webb that the Boards of SAWID and WSWRA adopt a resolution to this effect and that John Baird be authorized to present it to Washington's congressional delegation in Washington, D.C. Motion carried.

The legislative status report for the last day of the regular legislative session, March 12, 1982, was discussed. Only bills that have passed both houses and are indispute or bills pertaining to the balancing of the State budget may be considered by the legislature during the special session called by Governor Spellman immediately following the regular session. This includes ESB 4705, EHB 829a and HB 857 according to a list provided by the bill room.

Russ Smith reported on recent court rulings that require the Environmental Protection Agency to issue NPDES permits regulating the quality of discharges from reservoirs. A MOTION was made by Russ Smith that a concurrent resolution, patterned after a resolution submitted by NWRA Director John Rosholt, be drafted and presented to the Washington State Legislature as soon as possible. The resolution would request Congress to amend P.L. 92-500 to eliminate reservoir discharges from the permit process. The motion was seconded by Hank Vancik and carried unanimously. (see attached)

It was noted that the likelihood of the legislature addressing this matter during the special session was very remote. Glen Fiedler reported that congress will be considering amendments to the Clean Water Act in April or May. Joe Horrall suggested that the Director of the Department of Ecology be asked to lend the support of his agency to this issue.

A bill (HR 265) that would require the inventoring and disposal of surplus federal property has been co-sponsored by Representatives Sid Morrison and Larry Winn, Jr. according to Russ Smith. He suggested that support for such action be on an individual district basis rather than from the WSWRA Board as a whole.

A policy for ground water mining within the State will most likely be a topic considered by an interim committee of the legislature. A MOTION was made by Walt Peterson, seconded and carried that a WSWRA committee be appointed to handle any interim work on the subject that occurs.

Interim studies on legislation that would allow withdrawal of lands from irrigation districts of 200,000 acres or more will be handled by Paul Lemargie, John Baird, Rich Lemargie, Tom Lyda and/or Chan Bailey. Legislation proposed by the Northwest Small Hydroelectric Association regarding cogeneration and small hydroelectric generating facilities will be handled by Russ Smith.
Procedures for handling future legislation were discussed. It was proposed that bills be broken down into three categories: (1) active lobbying, (2) monitoring only and (3) no action. Positions would only be taken on bills that are selected for active monitoring and a Board or Legislative Committee member, or members, would be designated to provide data for public testimony. Bills that would impact all political subdivisions equally, such as most retirement, industrial insurance and unemployment compensations bills, would usually be classified as monitor only. Certain members of the Legislative Committee would be selected to aide in determining whether proposed legislation would have a significant impact and analyze the bill. Subjects were tentatively assigned as follows:

- **Water Rights**: Warren Dickman, Russ Smith, Paul Lemargie, Rich Lemargie
- **Public Meetings/Disclosure**: Walt Peterson, Rich Lemargie, Kermit Rudolf
- **Collective Barg./Union**: Hank Vancik, Randy Jackson
- **PERS**: Hank Vancik, Russ Smith
- **Unemploy. Comp./Ind. Ins.**: Warren Dickman
- **SEPA/Shorelines**: Russ Smith, Paul Lemargie
- **St. Auditor/Auditing**: Jim Trull, Nancy Ostby, Rosadell Nutley
- **Hydro Projects/Fish & Game**: Hank Vancik, Chan Bailey, Tom Cotton, Paul Lemargie
- **Land Use/Mineral Rights**: Warren Dickman
- **New Legislation Development**: Rich Lemargie, John Mayo, John Baird, Russ Smith

No report on the annual meeting was made as the conference committee chairman was not present.

John Mayo reported that all R&B projects started during the last few years had received funding in President Reagan's budget proposal, however, funds for new starts under P.L. 984 or P.L. 130 have not been included.

It was announced that Washington Water Power Company had recently become a member of WSWRA. Expressing concern for possible conflicts over water for power vs. water for irrigation, John Baird made a motion that the power company be denied membership and their dues payment returned. The motion died for lack of a second.
Warren Dickman requested that anyone with suggestions for programs or guest speakers for future Board meetings contact him.

Russ Smith, NWRA Resolutions Committee delegate, reminded the members that resolutions regarding federal and state issues should be discussed at the next Board meeting.

The appointment of an insurance committee was deferred until the next meeting also.

Joe Horrall made a MOTION that $2,500 of the $7,800 1982 dues billing be paid to NWRA. The motion was seconded by Russ Smith and carried.

The next meeting of the Board will be held on Tuesday, April 20, 1982, at 10:00 a.m. in Ephrata.

Glen Fiedler reported that the Washington State Legislature has established five priorities for the expenditure of bond funds in proposed legislation (HB 1230). Remaining Referendum 38 funds are listed as fourth which could a lid on grant/loan contracts if this bill passes.

John Baird made a MOTION that the Association adopt a resolution in support of the Northern Tier pipeline (see attached). The motion was seconded and carried with Walt Peterson opposed and Glen Fiedler and Jim Webb abstaining.

Following this action, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Lee
Executive Secretary

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attachments (4)
JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE BOARDS OF DIRECTORS
OF THE STATE ASSOCIATION OF WASHINGTON
IRRIGATION DISTRICTS AND THE WASHINGTON
STATE WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION

WHEREAS, irrigation districts operating and maintaining federal reclamation projects have the capability of developing small hydroelectric power plants in certain cases where the physical characteristics of the Project provide opportunities therefor; and

WHEREAS, said irrigation districts, in order to help meet the growing need and demand for non-polluting sources of power are willing to develop small hydroelectric power plants without cost or expense to the United States; and

WHEREAS, the United States, acting through two governmental agencies, namely, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and the Department of Interior, are imposing or attempting to impose separate federal charges for utilization by the irrigation districts of identical federally-constructed facilities; and

WHEREAS, the imposition of such charges is thwarting the intent of Congress to be supportive of non-federal hydroelectric developments accomplished without cost or expense to the United States; and

WHEREAS, the imposition of charges by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and the Department of Interior, one charge based upon "one-half of the net benefits" and the other charge based upon "one-half of the net revenues", is causing serious difficulties for irrigation districts to construct small hydroelectric facilities and market the power therefrom;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

(1) That Congress be encouraged to enact amendatory legislation in conjunction with its present efforts to modernize the 1902 Reclamation Act to rectify the intolerable situation of two federal agencies each imposing prohibitive charges for the utilization of the identical federally-constructed facilities.

(2) That attached hereto and hereby made a part hereof is proposed legislation which this Association requests its Congressional representatives to submit as a part of the legislation now pending in the House and Senate relative to modernization of the Reclamation Act of 1902.


W. Warren Dickerson
President

ATTEST:

C. Jeanne Peck
Secretary
Section_____. Irrigation Districts which operate and maintain project irrigation facilities capable of facilitating the development of small hydroelectric power plants and/or which finance the operation and maintenance thereof from non-federal funds may, upon a determination by the Secretary that the efficiency of the irrigation system for irrigation purposes will not be impaired and when otherwise authorized by law or contract, cause to be constructed, either alone or in conjunction with other irrigation districts, small hydroelectric power plants and related facilities by utilizing federally constructed irrigation facilities. All revenues from such developments and from the use, sale or disposal of power and energy therefrom shall be and remain the property of the district or districts; Provided, however, that:

(a) Such developments shall be constructed without cost or expense to the United States and shall, except for the administrative charge imposed by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, be exempt from charges imposed under Section 10 of the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. 803), and shall be exempt from any "lease of power privileges" charge under Section 9(c) of the Reclamation Act of 1939 (43 U.S.C. 485h(c); and Provided further

(b) That all such revenues received by an irrigation district or districts shall be utilized for the cost of operation, maintenance, and debt service of the irrigation system or for other purposes in aid of the irrigation system, including development of additional small hydroelectric facilities.
RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
STATE ASSOCIATION OF WASHINGTON
IRRIGATION DISTRICTS

WHEREAS, the State Association of Washington Irrigation Districts is an organization authorized by and created pursuant to the provisions of RCW Chapter 87.76; and

WHEREAS, the statutory obligation of the Association is to provide for the economical and efficient operation of their districts and the reclamation of lands therein; and

WHEREAS, said State Association of Washington Irrigation Districts represents over ninety irrigation districts within the State of Washington, many of which have entered into repayment contracts with the United States; and

WHEREAS, the irrigation districts of the State of Washington, because of their contractual agreements with the United States for the construction, operation and maintenance of federal reclamation projects are directly and primarily concerned with the impact of federal legislation pertaining to reclamation projects; and

WHEREAS, legislation is now pending in the federal Congress to modernize the Reclamation Act of 1902, as amended; and

WHEREAS, it is considered necessary and desirable by the Board of Directors of the State Association of Washington Irrigation Districts to advise its Congressional representatives
as to the organization's position on the pending legislation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

(1) That the Association strongly recommends that the 1902 Reclamation Act, as amended, be modified to reflect modern present-day farming practices, but only to an extent that would preserve the family farm concept.

(2) That, in general, it is recommended that the amendatory legislation should provide as follows:

(a) That the ownership limitation be increased to 960 acres per individual, or for husband and wife and minor dependent children.

(b) That lands leased in excess of 960 acres be required to pay the full cost of water as determined by the Secretary of Interior.

(c) That the application of Class 1 equivalency be permitted for those areas with short growing seasons.

(d) That any residency requirement of federal reclamation law be repealed.

(e) That land limitation provisions would not apply to a federal reclamation project at such time as the construction cost obligation had been repaid in accordance with the scheduled pay-out period.

(f) That individual landowners should not be permitted to prepay the construction cost obligation owing to the United States if such prepayment would eliminate the land ownership limitations.

(g) That unless otherwise specifically provided by Congress as to a particular project, Corps of Engineers'
projects should be exempted from land limitations.

(h) That irrigation districts should be permitted to amend their existing contracts to take advantage of any expanded ownership legislation without being required by the Secretary of Interior to amend or modify other contractual provisions of the repayment contract.

(i) That any legislation enacted should apply uniformly to all irrigation districts in the Western states.

(j) That the 960 acre ownership limitation should apply West-wide.

3. That the Congressional representatives of the State of Washington be and they are hereby respectfully requested to support amendatory legislation to the 1902 Reclamation Act which would substantially accomplish the objectives herein set forth.

ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the State Association of Washington Irrigation Districts on March 17, 1982.

[Signature]
President

ATTEST:

[Signature]
Secretary
RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF WASHINGTON STATE WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION

WHEREAS, the Washington State Water Resources Association is an organization composed of members of Washington State irrigation districts and other organizations and individuals dedicated to the enhancement of reclamation and matters associated therewith; and

WHEREAS, the irrigation districts of the State of Washington, because of their contractual agreements with the United States for the construction, operation and maintenance of federal reclamation projects are directly and primarily concerned with the impact of federal legislation pertaining to reclamation projects; and

WHEREAS, legislation is now pending in the federal Congress to modernize the Reclamation Act of 1902, as amended; and

WHEREAS, it is considered necessary and desirable by the Washington State Water Resources Association to advise its Congressional representatives as to the organization's proposed position on the pending legislation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

(1) That the Association strongly recommends that the 1902 Reclamation Act, as amended, be modified to reflect modern present-day farming practices, but only to an extent that would preserve the family farm concept.
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ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the State Association of Washington Irrigation Districts on March 17, 1982.

[Signature]
President

ATTEST:

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Secretary
CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. ___

WHEREAS, the U. S. District Court for the District of Columbia has held that the Environmental Protection Agency must issue regulations covering dams as a point source category under Section 402 of the Clean Water Act (P.L. 92-500); and

WHEREAS, in the opinion in the case of National Wildlife Federal vs. Gorsuch issued on January 29, 1982, Judge Joyce Hens Greene ruled that certain water quality conditions associated with dams and reservoirs should be dealt with as a "discharge" of pollutants prohibited by Section 301 of P.L. 92-500; and

WHEREAS, Judge Greene has rejected EPA's long held position that the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System does not apply to releases from reservoirs and the Court has held that the EPA has violated a nondiscretionary duty in failing to regulate dams with NPDES permits;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the House of Representatives, the members of the Senate concurring, that P.L. 92-500 be amended to eliminate the application of NPDES permits to discharges from reservoirs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the House of Representatives be, and is hereby directed to forward copies of this resolution to the Secretary of State and presiding officers of the houses of the legislatures of each of the other states in the union, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the President of the United States Senate, and to members of the Congress of the United States representing the State of Washington.
JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE BOARDS OF DIRECTORS 
OF THE STATE ASSOCIATION OF WASHINGTON 
IRRIGATION DISTRICTS AND THE 
WASHINGTON STATE WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION

WHEREAS, the State Association of Washington Irrigation Districts and the Washington State Water Resources Association constitute an affiliated organization for the primary purpose of developing and supporting the economical and efficient operation of irrigation districts and the reclamation of lands therein; and

WHEREAS, said affiliated organization represents over ninety irrigation districts within the State of Washington and the landowners owning and farming lands within said irrigation districts; and

WHEREAS, the construction of the Northern Tier Pipeline will help assure a continued source of fuel vital to the needs of farmers and processors of agricultural products; and

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of this organization that the approval and construction of the Northern Tier Pipeline is in the best interests of its constituents, as well as to all of the citizens of the State of Washington and the nation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Honorable John Spellman, Governor of the State of Washington, be and he is hereby respectfully requested to approve the construction and development of the Northern Tier Pipeline.

ADOPTED this 17th day of March, 1982.

Jeanne Peck, Executive Secretary
MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
WASHINGTON STATE WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION
and
STATE ASSOCIATION OF WASHINGTON IRRIGATION DISTRICTS
April 20, 1982
Bureau of Reclamation Office, Ephrata, Washington

A joint meeting of the Washington State Water Resources Association and State Association of Washington Irrigation District Boards of Directors was held on Tuesday, April 20, 1982 in the Ephrata office of the Bureau of Reclamation. W.S.W.R.A. board members present were Joe Horrall, Jim Webb, James W. Trull, Walter Peterson, Henry F. Vancik, Glen Fiedler, Rogers Neff and Warren Dickman (6). S.A.W.I.D. board members present were Don Thompson, Jim Webb, Bill Lefler, Walter Peterson, Henry F. Vancik and Rogers Neff (6). Also present were Nancy Ostby, Richard Lemargie, Paul Lemargie, Helen A. Hill, John Baird and Jeanne Peck. The meeting was called to order by Warren Dickman at approximately 10:00 a.m.

Minutes of the March 17, 1982 meeting were addressed and a correction noted. On page 5, paragraph six, line four, the word put was inserted between could and a. A MOTION was made by Hank Vancik, seconded by Walt Peterson and carried that the minutes stand approved as corrected.

The financial report for S.A.W.I.D. indicated income for the prior period of $3,732.00, expenses for shipping handbooks of $62.21 and net cash of $9,904.61. Rogers Neff made a MOTION that the financial report be approved. The motion was seconded and carried.

The financial report for W.S.W.R.A. showed income of $974.00 for the prior period with expenses totalling $4,161.18 including a $2,500.00 partial dues payment to N.W.R.A. and a cash balance of $7,324.74. A MOTION to approve the W.S.W.R.A. financial report was made by Joe Horrall, seconded by Rogers Neff and carried.

Jim Trull reported that Brice Bledsoe, Secretary-Manager of the Solano Irrigation District in Vacaville, California, had contacted him to determine what position the W.S.W.R.A. is taking with regard to federal falling water charges. A copy of the resolution approved at the March 17, 1982 meeting was forwarded to him. Mr. Bledsoe is involved with the Annual Charges Policy Group (ACPG).

New economic and environmental principles and guidelines to enhance the viability of water projects have been proposed. A letter from Bill Lloyd, Regional Director of the Bureau of Reclamation, states that the new principles and guidelines would replace the federal government's existing principles, standards, and procedures for water project planning, however, the 1979-80 national economic development evaluation procedures are retained in the new proposal. Strict adherence to these evaluation procedures could eliminate further federal irrigation development, restrict development of supplemental irrigation water supplies and could reduce opportunities for development of hydroelectric power and municipal and industrial water supplies. Public comment must be submitted in writing on or before May 21, 1982 to the Water Resources Council. A MOTION was made by Walt Peterson, seconded by Joe Horrall and carried that the President appoint a committee to
write a response to the guidelines. The committee is to consist of Warren Dickman, Hank Vancik, Chan Bailey with possible collaboration with Glen Fiedler of the Department of Ecology.

In the absence of Russ Smith, item five on the agenda, NWRA resolutions, was tabled until the next meeting.

Joe Horrall reported that the summer board meeting of the NWRA will be held in Cheyene, Wyoming on July 11, 12 and 13th. The Resolutions Committee will meet at that time. All state resolutions should be in by that time.

A copy of a bill recently introduced which would remove dams from the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permitting process was distributed. It was reported that the draft resolution requesting the federal government remove reservoirs from the permitting process had been submitted to members of the State legislature as directed by the W.S.W.R.A. board. Ray Isaacson, Chairman of the House Local Government committee, had attempted to place an amendment on the floor of the House to this affect during the last portion of the special session but was unable to do so. Instead, the resolution was referred to the Rules committee for possible interim study. Joe Horrall mentioned that at least three states have succeeded in getting similar legislation passed this year. A MOTION was made by John Baird, seconded by Hank Vancik and unanimously approved that the W.S.W.R.A. pass a resolution supporting S.2280 and that copies of that resolution be forwarded to the Washington congressional delegation. (See attached)

John Baird reported that the House version of the reclamation reform bill has passed the full committee and is now ready to go before the full House if it can be sprung out of Rules. A new version (S.1867) has substantial differences from the Senate bill S.5539. It establishes a maximum acreage per family of 1280 acres with either 2080 or 2560 acres maximum over all including leased acreage with the full cost of water reimbursed above that cap. It would base the interest rate at the present cost of Treasury bills rather than at the rate that existed when the obligation to the government was incurred. It defines religious organizations as persons and subjects such to reclamation law. If and when the House version and a Senate version pass their respective houses, they will go to a conference committee where John expects the most work will be done. Indications are that a reclamation reform bill will be enacted this year.

Joe Horrall reported on the spring meeting of the N.W.R.A. board of directors. His report is attached and incorporated as a part of these minutes.

Attempts to amend the reclamation reform legislation to eliminate federal charges on small hydroelectric power plants had not been successful according to John Baird. There was concern that such an amendment would jeopardize the passage of the legislation. However, a great deal of interest was expressed by Washington delegates in rectifying the matter.
Nancy Ostby reviewed the previous activities of the insurance committee which consisted of Russ Smith, Jim Webb and herself. Preliminary research was completed then turned over to Ken Maurer and Ed Ray of Dunning-Ray Insurance. A progress report on the possibilities for a group plan covering general liability and fire was given at the annual meeting in Pasco last fall. No activity has taken place since that time. Mrs. Ostby suggested that it would be prudent to proceed with the development of the plan if there is still interest from the districts. Walt Peterson stated that their would be interest from the districts provided the coverage would be available at a favorable premium rate. Although many concerns were expressed concerning the details of coverage, it was the consensus of those present that Dunning-Ray Insurance be authorized to proceed with the development of the program. Representatives from Roza, Greater Wenatchee, Kennewick and Yakima-Tieton Irrigation Districts as well as Walt Peterson representing various small districts, were appointed to work with Mrs. Ostby and the firm.

A report from Paul Chasco on the annual conference was read. The Holiday Inn in Ellensburg has been reserved. Convention lodging will be $38.00 per night. The suggested theme is PROBLEMS OF THE 80'S and possible topics for discussion include gas and oil leases, update on water rights, urbanization and safety programs. An attorney's panel is also suggested for this year's agenda. No guest speakers have been selected to date.

Walt Peterson stated that the workshop for attorneys will be held on Friday, May 7, at the Ephrata office of the Bureau of Reclamation at 10:00 a.m.

It was reported that there had been no change in the legislative status report since the Legislature adjourned sine die, April 10, 1982. The Governor has 20 days from adjournment in which to take action on EHB 829a, ESHB 1230a and ESB 4705a or they will automatically become law. A final legislative report and digest will be available about the middle of May.

A need for renewed efforts to increase membership was noted. A brochure will be developed for use when contacting potential members.

A suggested addition to S.A.W.I.D. bylaws and a suggested format for W.S.W.R.A. bylaws regarding membership were distributed. No action was taken.

Discussion of when services should be terminated for non-payment of dues followed. A MOTION was made by Walt Peterson, seconded and carried that a letter be sent to those districts and entities who have not paid any 1982 dues to date stating that it may be necessary to discontinue services if we do not receive their financial support.

The accounting committee will meet with George Wise of the State Auditor's Office in May, the date, time and location to be announced later.
The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on Wednesday, May 19, 1982 at 10:00 a.m. in the area of the Greater Wenatchee Irrigation District. The location will be selected in the next few weeks and the board notified by mail.

Jim Webb commented on a final report authored by Dr. Norman Whittlesey on irrigation. As per usual, his conclusions were not preferential towards irrigation districts. A copy of this report may be obtained from any county extension agent.

It was mentioned that Joel Conley of the Seattle Times has planned to author several articles on the advisability of completing the Columbia Basin Project and in conjunction with this, he plans to pick apart irrigation law with regard to the withdrawal of lands from the districts. An attempt will be made to provide Mr. Conley with information from the perspective of the irrigation district, however, a departure from his normal stance of conservationist and supporter of such groups as the Sierra club is not anticipated.

According to Glen Fiedler, the Department of Ecology has been approached by WSU to fund from Ref. 38 moneys a demonstration project for automatic gated pipe technology. It would be implemented out of the Prosser Research Station and would encompass a 5 year period. The cost would be approximately $2 million on a 75% grant 25% loan basis. Rich Lemargie suggested that they produce a slide presentation or some other media event rather than set up the demo project. The general feeling of the Board was negative to the expenditure of Ref. 38 funds for such a project.

Data for the monthly newsletter was requested and in that regard, John Baird mentioned that the Quincy-Columbia Basin Irrigation District is being sued for $150,000,000. The case stems from an incident where a five year old child wandered into an area where a farmer was burning weeds.

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at approximately 12:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Leech
Executive Secretary

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RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF WASHINGTON STATE WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION

WHEREAS, National Wildlife Federation v. Gorsuch decided January 29, 1982, by Judge Joyce Hens Greene, held that certain water quality conditions associated with dams and reservoirs should be dealt with as a "discharge of pollutants" prohibited by the Clean Water Act of 1977; and

WHEREAS, the court further held that the Environmental Protection Agency must issue regulations covering dams as a point source category under the Clean Water Act of 1977; and

WHEREAS, Judge Green has rejected EPA's long held position that the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System does not apply to releases from reservoirs and the court has held that the EPA has violated a nondiscretionary duty in failing to regulate dams with NPDES permits; and

WHEREAS, S. 2280 has been introduced to exempt dams from NPDES permit requirements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Washington State Water Resources Association that the Clean Water Act of 1977 be amended as set forth in S. 2280 to eliminate the application of NPDES permits to discharges from reservoirs.

ADOPTED this 20th day of April, 1982.

[Signature]
President

ATTEST:

[Signature]
Secretary
Seattle, Washington  
April 19, 1982

MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Directors, WSWRA
From: Joe Horrall, National Director
Subject: Spring Board Meeting - NWRA

Three sessions of the board meeting were held with a congressional reception and Federal Water seminar. There was a spirit of enthusiasm and cooperation unlike previous meetings I have attended. Following are comments on the more important issues:

Principles and Guidelines:

Bill Gianelli's office is receiving mail in opposition from the Preservationists but very little from irrigation groups. We must generate as many letters as possible prior to May 21, 1982. Mail should be addressed to Water Resources Council, 2120 L Street, N.W., Suite 800, Washington, D.C. 20037.

Clean Water Act (P.L. 92-500)

Section 402 of the Clean Water Act came into prominence with the decision of the National Wildlife Federation vs EPA case rendered January 29, 1982. It would require a comprehensive permit system of all structures which hold back water. It is estimated that over 2 million dams are involved. All states are asked to get a resolution through their state legislature or a letter of support from state officials to urge Congress to amend Section 402 by eliminating the requirement of a National Discharge Elimination System Permit (NDES) for water releases from reservoirs.

We are also urged to write or wire Mr. Christopher Demuth, Ex. Dir., Presidential Task Force on Regulating Relief Office of Management & Budget, Washington, D.C. 20503 to inform him of our support of the recommendations of the Gianelli study group for Sec. 404 regulatory reform.

Annual Water Charges

Ferc and the Bureau of Reclamation continue to indicate claim to a falling water charge. There is an Annual Charges Policy Group (ACPG) which has been working on this issue and are in the process of being reorganized. They propose to have the states involved in water power to join the group and fund an effort to abolish the charge for project sponsors of Federal Water Facilities. Outside developers would pay an assessment to project sponsors. Attorneys Joel L. Greene and Barbara E. Schneider of the Washington Law office of Chapman, Duff and Paul have been retained.
Summer Board Meeting

Cheyenne, Wyoming July 11, 12 and 13.

Resolution Committee is planning to meet on July 10. All states are asked to submit new resolutions at the July meeting to give the committee more time.

Annual convention in Salt Lake City, Utah scheduled October 24-28. President Reagan has been issued an invitation.

Future Conventions

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Revised Mailing List

Each state is asked to submit a current list as soon as possible.

1902 Reclamation Act Legislation

Act is currently in a holding pattern. The Senate may work on it Tuesday and Wednesday of this week and hopefully we will get a rule on it before too long.
MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
WASHINGTON STATE WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION
and
STATE ASSOCIATION OF WASHINGTON IRRIGATION DISTRICTS
May 19, 1982
Pangborn Air Field, East Wenatchee, Washington

The Board of Directors of the Washington State Water Resources Association and the State Association of Washington Irrigation Districts met jointly on Wednesday, May 19, 1982 in the conference room at Pangborn Air Field in East Wenatchee. W.S.W.R.A. Board members present were James W. Trull, Walt Peterson, Paul Chasco, Bob Kramer, Rogers Neff, Warren Dickman and Lowell Felt (7). S.A.W.I.D. Board members present were Bill LeFler, Walt Peterson, Rogers Neff, Joe Morrison and Don Thompson (5). Also present were Richard B. German, Russ Smith, Delvin Schorzman, Nancy Ostby, Conrad G. Craber, Tom Cotton, Sharon Bruggman, Judy Baer and Jeanne Peck. President Warren Dickman called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

Minutes of the April 20, 1982 meeting were not available, therefore action was deferred until the next meeting.

The financial report for S.A.W.I.D. indicated income of $350.00, expenses of $17.62 with a cash balance of $10,237.19. It was noted that $1,432.00 had been received from the sale of the Irrigation Laws handbook which is approximately half of the total cost of printing. Del Schorzman suggested that county treasurers may be interested in purchasing a copy of the handbook. A MOTION was made by Walt Peterson, seconded by Lowell Felt and carried that the S.A.W.I.D. financial report be approved.

The W.S.W.R.A. financial report indicated income from dues of $342.00, expenses of $1,622.04 and a net cash balance of $6,044.70. There was discussion on the possibility of S.A.W.I.D. sharing some of the current year expenses. This matter will be addressed at a meeting in the near future. A MOTION was made by Russ Smith, seconded by Del Schorzman and carried that the W.S.W.R.A. financial report be approved as presented.

Walt Peterson reported on the attorney's workshop held Friday, May 7, 1982. Attending were 10 attorneys and 2 other individuals in addition to Mr. Peterson. One topic of discussion involved the possibility of taking irrigation district property by adverse use. A brief which primarily cites California law states that when an irrigation district is exercising a proprietary function it is not a municipal corporation and does not have immunity from adverse possession. Another meeting of the legal section will be held this fall prior to the W.S.W.R.A. annual meeting. At least two pieces of legislation will be drafted for introduction next session thru the legislative committee.

Russ Smith reported on the Northwest Power Planning Council stating that the membership is made up of representatives from Idaho, Oregon, Montana and Washington. Representing Washington are Dan Evans, chairman of the council, and Charles Collins. The council is charged with developing a comprehensive regional electric energy plan and developing a program for the enhancement of fish and wildlife in the Columbia River System. The main thrust of several hearings held throughout the
northwest has been establishing minimum flows for fish enhancement with very little input allowed from irrigation or power entities. Tom Cotton reported that a place on the agenda at the Boise hearing was achieved only thru the efforts of Representative Curt Smith and again the majority of the participants were pro fisheries. Jim Trull indicated that Hank Vancik and Charles Flower had been authorized to testify before the council at the hearing in Montana on behalf of the Yakima River Basin Association of Irrigation Districts. The final plan is scheduled for publication in November. Russ Smith emphasized that the irrigators comments were not welcome at these hearings.

Several Town Hall Meetings on this same subject have been scheduled. Russ Smith attended the one held in Spokane and urged that representatives of W.S.W.R.A. make every attempt to attend the other meetings to protect our interests, particularly the one scheduled for Yakima on May 25, 1982.

A letter from Dan Evans, chairman of the council, addressed to Commissioner of Reclamation, Robert N. Broadbent, requests a moratorium on all new projects and sales of water which are not currently contracted. Mr. Smith responded to that letter on behalf of the South Columbia Basin Irrigation District requesting the moratorium be denied. A MOTION was made by Russ Smith, seconded by Rogers Neff and unanimously approved that the President of W.S.W.R.A. write a similar letter to Commissioner Broadbent.

Paul Chasco, President of the Yakima River Basin Association of Irrigation Districts, stated that his organization will address this issue at their meeting on Friday, May 21, 1982.

In regard to resolutions for the N.W.R.A., Warren Dickman suggested that a resolution be drafted censuring the NWPPC for its procedures in handling the hearings and the positions taken. A draft could be prepared for adoption by the Board at the June meeting. A second resolution could be prepared to submit to the N.W.R.A. for possible adoption.

Jim Trull has been contacted by Price Bledsoe, a member of the Annual Charges Policy Group, in regard to a meeting to be held in San Diego on June 14th. The ACPG will try to work with FERC and the Dept. of Interior to resolve the falling water charges problem rather than go the congressional route. Paul Chasco will be in Southern California on other business on the 14th and offered to attend the meeting provided the necessary information concerning the Association's position and details of the problems are furnished him.

Paul Chasco also reported that he expects to have a proposed agenda for the annual conference by the next Board meeting. The conference is scheduled for November 4th and 5th at the Holiday Inn in Ellensburg.

A bulletin from the Bureau of Reclamation indicates that pending contract negotiations will no longer be published individually in the federal register but will be tabulated and published quarterly.
Del Schorzman reported on a meeting of the accounting committee with George Wise of the State Auditor's Office on May 12, 1982 at the CH2MHill office in Yakima. The chart of accounts and suggested format for year end reports met the approval of the committee. The accounting system is required for districts with annual revenue in excess of $250,000.00 and its use is prescribed by January 1, 1983. The consensus of the committee was that this unified system would be beneficial to districts regardless of the outcome of the Roza legal case regarding jurisdiction of the State Auditor over irrigation districts. That case is scheduled for hearing in early summer. Following a decision by the court, workshops will be planned, either independently by W.S.W.R.A. or in conjunction with the State Auditor's Office.

The executive secretary reported that approximately 800 of the 1040 hours contracted for the year have been completed. On that basis, extensive time devoted to membership development would not be possible. Warren Dickman suggested that a list of those businesses not paying 1982 dues be prepared by area so that the Board members could make personal contact. It was suggested that the format of the brochure used in 1981 be revised as necessary and reprinted. Jim Trull stated that mass mailings were nearly ineffective when attempted previously and suggested that personal contact would be a better approach to getting new members.

A draft response to the Water Resources Council on the proposed new principles and guidelines was distributed. Discussion followed regarding the relationship between the use of low value crops in the national economic development evaluation procedure and the computation of repayment capabilities. Some viewed it as an entirely separate process while others expressed concern that crop values used in evaluation procedure would also be applied when computing repayment capacity in final contract negotiations. It was the consensus of those present that objection to the use of low value crops in the evaluation process should not be emphasized. As an alternative, Bill Lefler suggested that irrigation benefits should not be the sole criteria in evaluating a proposed project; that all benefits associated with irrigation development should be considered. The letter to the Water Resources Council will be revised to reflect this position.

Supplemental information on Ref. 38 loans, as supplied by the Dept. of Ecology, was distributed.

The House Agriculture Committee has announced the topics of interim studies. Hearings on legislation concerning hydraulic projects and withdrawal of lands from irrigation districts are scheduled for August and ground water will be the subject of a September hearing.

The N.W.R.A. has requested an updated membership list. It was suggested that the mailing list include all irrigation districts and those other individuals and business who have paid 1982 dues. A MOTION was made by Jim Trull, seconded by Walt Peterson and carried that the mailing list for both the state and the national be compiled in accordance with the previous suggestion and non-contributing entities be dropped.
The president announced that Hank Vancik is resigning his position on the Board of S.A.W.I.D. and W.S.W.R.A. due to his upcoming retirement from Roza Irrigation District. In a letter to the Boards Mr. Vancik recommended that Ron Van Gundy be appointed to fill his position. Due to a lack of a quorum for W.S.W.R.A., appointment to fill the vacancy was deferred until the next meeting. Joe Morrison announced that an open house would be held at the Roza office in honor of Mr. Vancik on Friday, May 28 from 11:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 16, 1982 at the office of the East Columbia Basin Irrigation District in Othello. A tour of the Russell D. Smith Power Plant will be scheduled in conjunction with the meeting.

An orientation and slide presentation featuring the Greater Wenatchee Irrigation District followed and the meeting adjourned at approximately 1:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]

Executive Secretary

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The Board of Directors of the State Association of Washington Irrigation Districts and the Board of Directors of the Washington State Water Resources Association met jointly on Wednesday, June 16, 1982, at the East Columbia Basin Irrigation District office in Othello.

S.A.W.I.D. Board members present were Walt Peterson, Dick Hendrick, and Jim Webb (3). W.S.W.R.A. Board members present were Glen Fiedler, Joe Horrall, Bob Kramer, Walt Peterson, Dick Hendrick, Jim Webb, Tom Lyda, Lowell Felt, and Warren Dickman (9). Also present were Don Derifield, Judy Bear, Marvin Vandergriff, Dick German, and Jeanne Peck. President Warren Dickman called the meeting to order at approximately 10:10 a.m.

Minutes of previous meetings were addressed. A MOTION was made by Walt Peterson, seconded by Jim Webb and carried that the minutes of the April 20, 1982 meeting be approved as mailed. Glen Fiedler made a MOTION that the minutes of the May 19, 1982 meeting be approved. The motion was seconded by Walt Peterson and carried.

In the matter of the vacant director's position on the W.S.W.R.A. Board, a MOTION was made by Joe Horrall and seconded by Walt Peterson that Ron Van Gundy be selected to fill the unexpired term as Director at Large vacated by the retiring Henry F. Vankir. Motion carried.

It was noted that a quorum of the S.A.W.I.D. Board was not present, therefore, appointment of an individual to fill the vacancy on that Board was deferred until the next meeting.

A report on the financial condition of S.A.W.I.D. indicated $298,40 income, expenses of $1.59 and a net cash balance of $10,534.00 as of this date. The W.S.W.R.A. report for the prior period showed income of $107,33, expenses totalling $1,419.33 and a cash balance of $4,732.70. A MOTION was made by Lowell Felt, seconded by Jim Webb and carried that the S.A.W.I.D. financial report be approved. A second MOTION was made by Walt Peterson, seconded by Glen Fiedler and carried that the W.S.W.R.A. financial report be approved.

In discussion of the Irrigation Law handbooks, it was noted that slightly more than half of the costs of printing have been recouped from direct sales. It was recommended that the charge for the handbook to public agencies be established at the reduced price of $16.50 including postage and handling. The cost for consulting firms and other entities will remain at $26.50 each.

In a related matter, Walt Peterson expressed concern over the dwindling W.S.W.R.A. cash resources and suggested that a complete analysis of the 1982 budget be included as an agenda item for the July meeting. This suggestion was supported by Glen Fiedler also.
Warren Dickman reviewed a letter from Representative Curt Smith, in which he stated that ground water rights will be the topic of a House Agriculture Committee hearing scheduled for the weekend of September 24th and 25th. Glen Fiedler recounted the chronology of the development of the legislation introduced last session. The subject was studied as a result of complaints that had originated in the Wilson Creek area of Eastern Washington. Proposed legislation on this subject had taken various courses throughout the regular session; from protection of existing rights, to a well drillers bill, to a policy on "ground water mining" within the State. Lowell Felt was added to the W.S.W.R.A. Legislative Committee on water rights which includes Russ Smith, Rich Lemargie, Paul Lemargie and Warren Dickman. Mr. Felt will serve as temporary chairman and will call a committee meeting sometime during July.

A meeting of the Washington State Joint Ad Hoc Committee on Science and Technology had been held in Seattle on June 9, 1982. One of the issues to be studied by the Committee during the interim session is "conservation of irrigation water". A representative from the University of Washington urged the Committee to consider both ground water and surface water as one when considering the State's water resources. This interim study will be closely monitored.

A hearing on a new chapter of the Washington Administrative Code (WAC 48-20) implementing HB 855 will be held on Wednesday, June 23, 1982, in Olympia. Although the change in law would be an improvement over existing law which does not provide an appeal process on charges made by the Office of the State Auditor, it was felt that steps required in appeal were very cumbersome. Tom Cotton recommended that the internal appeals board be eliminated entirely. Following further discussion, a MOTION was made by Lowell Felt, seconded by Jim Webb and carried that Warren Dickman and/or Walt Peterson be authorized to submit a position paper based on that discussion and on behalf of W.S.W.R.A.

Delegates to the Governor's Conference on Rural Development to be held July 8th and 9th in Yakima will be Warren Dickman, Joe Horrall, Jeanne Peck and possibly Tom Lyda.

Joe Horrall reviewed the agenda for the NWRA Summer Board meeting to be held July 11, 12, and 13 in Cheyenne, Wyoming. Some committee meetings will be held as early as July 10th. A new committee on Indian Water Rights is being formed and the National Director suggested that someone from the Yakima valley be involved. As W.S.W.R.A. does not have the financial base to sponsor participation on the committee, travel expenses would have to be born by the participant's district or company. Warren Dickman suggested that the Yakima River Basin Association of Irrigation Districts be approached at the meeting scheduled for June 30th to see if that organization wished to authorize someone's attendance.

Joe Horrall also suggested that some time be set aside at the next Board meeting to determine the program for the remainder of the
year with particular emphasis on the reclamation aspect of the organization.

Another area of concern of Mr. Horrall and Tom Lyda involved the vacillating position of irrigated agriculture in Washington State as perceived by our State's Congressional delegates. Apparently they are receiving conflicting information from individuals all inferring to represent irrigation in the State. In discussion of how this problem might be resolved, Warren Dickman suggested that monthly newsletters be expanded to include a recap of the pertinent actions taken at the Board of Directors meetings and that the newsletter be sent to the State's congressional delegates and the NWRA executive director. Specifically, a clarification is needed on the Association's position on reclamation reform. Following lengthy discussion, a MOTION was made by Tom Lyda, seconded by Jim Webb and carried that W.S.W.R.A., recognizing that the House has passed H.R. 5539, reaffirm its position in support of that bill and encourage the Senate to take similar actions on a companion measure. Tom Lyda will draft a letter reiterating W.S.W.R.A.'s position for the signature of Warren Dickman.

A letter from Eugene Hinds, Assistant Commissioner of Reclamation, responding to the request of Dan Evans, Chairman of the Northwest Power Planning Council, to place a moratorium on reclamation activities on the Columbia River and its tributaries, was read by Tom Lyda. The Assistant Commissioner denied the request unequivocally. Warren Dickman reported that he had attended the meeting of the Council on May 25th in Yakima. Glen Fiedler stated that the draft final report is scheduled for publication in late July or August. Much controversy is expected over the draft.

The July meeting of the Board was set for July 21, 1982 at the South Columbia Basin Irrigation District office in Pasco at 10:00 a.m. The August meeting will be held in Okanogan, Washington and will be hosted by the Okanogan Irrigation District.

Due to the retirement of Howard Frye, the S.A.W.I.D. is no longer represented on the Technical Advisory Committee. Although no TAC meetings have been held for more than a year, the committee is now being reactivated and will meet on July 13, 1982 in Pasco, according to Glen Fiedler. Russ Smith is the official representative of W.S.W.R.A. on that committee. A MOTION was made by Walt Peterson, seconded by Joe Horrall and carried that the President appoint someone to that position.

The Washington Association of Conservation Districts will host a meeting of various agriculture oriented organizations on June 29, in Ellensburg. A new program from USDA will provide block grants to states. It will be the Governor's responsibility to designate which Washington State agency will administer those funds. The W.A.C.D. would like to see the Conservation Commission chosen to handle the appropriation and is seeking support for this objective.
Copies of a list of businesses by area who have not paid 1982 dues were distributed to members willing to contact those entities to request payment.

In further discussion of the Association's program for the remainder of 1982, Tom Lyda suggested a questionnaire be prepared to ascertain opinions of how the W.S.W.R.A. is meeting its goals and objectives. Mr. Lyda volunteered to draft such a questionnaire prior to the July Board meeting with the understanding that this evaluation would be included as a portion of the day's agenda.

Following this action, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Executive Secretary
MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
WASHINGTON STATE WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION
and
STATE ASSOCIATION OF WASHINGTON IRRIGATION DISTRICTS
July 21, 1982
South Columbia Basin Irrigation District, Pasco, Washington

The Board of Directors of the Washington State Water Resources Association and the Board of Directors of the State Association of Washington Irrigation Districts met jointly on Wednesday, July 21, 1982, at the South Columbia Basin Irrigation District office in Pasco. W.S.W.R.A. directors present were Ron Van Gundy, Walt Peterson, Rogers Neff, Jim Webb, Dick Hendrick, Lowell Felt, Tom Lyda, James W. Trull, Glen Fiedler, John S. Mayo, Paul Chasco and Warren Dickman(12). The directors of S.A.W.I.D. present were Walt Peterson, Rogers Neff, Bill Lefler, Jim Webb, Dick Hendrick and Don Thompson (6). Also present were Russ Smith, Nancy Ostby, Dick German, Joanne Napier, Maria Klug, Delvin Schorzman, Gene D. McIntyre, Chan Bailey and Jeanne Peck. President Warren Dickman called the meeting to order at approximately 10:10 a.m.

Minutes of the June 16, 1982 meeting were addressed. Page 2, paragraph 3, was corrected to read "Tom Lyda" instead of "Tom Cotton". A MOTION was made by Jim Webb, seconded by Walt Peterson and carried that the minutes be approved as corrected.

The financial report for S.A.W.I.D. indicated income of $76.75, expenses of $4.06 and a cash balance of $10,606.69. A MOTION was made by Lowell Felt, seconded by Rogers Neff and carried that the financial report be approved.

W.S.W.R.A. income for the prior period from interest on investments was $143.23, expenses totalled $1,668.06 leaving a cash balance to date of $3,207.89. A MOTION was made by Rogers Neff, seconded by Jim Webb and carried that the financial report be approved as submitted.

A quorum of the Board of Directors of the State Association of Washington Irrigation Districts being present, the matter of the vacant director position was addressed. A MOTION was made by Russ Smith, seconded by Walt Peterson and unanimously approved that Ron Van Gundy be appointed to fill the unexpired term of Director at Large vacated by Henry F. Vancik.

In discussion of the annual meeting plans, John Mayo suggested that some of the items included on previous years programs might again be scheduled. There was no objection to this idea from those present. Noxious weeds may be a topic of discussion and the attorneys' panel was highly recommended for inclusion on the agenda.

Tom Lyda reported that both the Senate version and the House version of reclamation reform legislation have passed their respective houses. They will now go to a conference committee. Whatever provisions exist when the bill emerges from the conference committee will either be accepted or rejected by each house as no further amendments can be accepted.
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Lowell Felt reported on a meeting of the subcommittee on ground water rights. In addition to Mr. Felt, those attending were Paul Lemargie, Richard Lemargie, Warren Dickman and Jeanne Peck. A draft policy statement prepared by the subcommittee on ground water rights was distributed to the board for review. Following lengthy discussion, a MOTION was made by Russ Smith and seconded by Bill Lefler that action on this issue be deferred until the next meeting; that written comments be sent to the executive secretary by Aug. 1, 1982, for consolidation and distribution to the water rights subcommittee; that the subcommittee consider the comments of the Dept. of Ecology on the subject and submit a report to the full Board.

Walt Peterson made a MOTION to amend the previous motion to include "that all interested parties be invited to the next board meeting to express their point of view." The motion to amend the motion was seconded by Tom Lyda and carried.

The original motion was then voted upon and carried.

Russ Smith gave a brief overview of the Technical Advisory Committee, of which he has been a member since its origination in 1974. After some time of inactivity the TAC will again meet regularly. The goals of the Committee are to comply with the law and clean up the waters of the State where possible and practical.

In response to a question from Dick Hendrick, Glen Piedler stated that the Policy Advisory Committee for Section 208 of the Clean Water Act is still active and meets every two months.

The President reported that he, Joe Horrall and Jeanne Peck had attended the Governor's Conference on Rural Development. Kathryn Bonnet attended several sessions and spoke against the completion of the Columbia Basin Project.

Tom Lyda reported that Professor Norman Whitelsey of WSU is preparing a paper on the economic impact of the completion of the East High Canal.

Following a recess for lunch, various budget alternatives to fund activities for the remainder of the year were considered. Walt Peterson made a MOTION that dues paid to S.A.W.I.D. for 1982 be transferred to W.S.W.R.A. The motion was seconded by Lowell Felt. Of the five board members present, two voted in favor of the motion; three against. The motion was defeated.

Further discussion of the budget alternatives ensued. In an action to reconsider, Dick Hendrick made a MOTION that income from 1982 dues in the amount of $4,437.65 be transferred from the S.A.W.I.D. account to the W.S.W.R.A. fund to maintain current services and that final resolution of the S.A.W.I.D./W.S.W.R.A. merger be addressed at the August 18th meeting. Bill Lefler seconded the motion and the motion carried with one dissenting vote from Jim Trull.
John Mayo made a MOTION that the next meeting of the Board scheduled for August 18, 1982, be held at the Kennewick Irrigation District office in Kennewick. The motion was seconded by Jim Trull and carried unanimously.

A survey form prepared by Tom Lyda was distributed. Additional forms will be sent to all W.S.W.R.A. directors not present with instructions that the completed survey be returned to the executive secretary for compilation before the next meeting.

John Mayo explained that the House version of the reclamation reform act contains a section (Sec. 209) that would include small reclamation projects. The Senate bill doesn't include small projects. A MOTION was made by Walt Peterson, seconded by Dick Hendrick and carried that the President be authorized to execute a proper resolution in support of the applicability of the reform to small projects.

Del Schorzmam reported that a State Bank Examiner had recently designated the Quincy-Columbia Basin Irrigation District's funds as non-public and therefore they will not be covered under the State Insurance Pool. Inclusion of irrigation districts in the definition of public entities for the purposes of the insurance pool may be sought.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Peck,
Executive Secretary

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MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
WASHINGTON STATE WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION
and
STATE ASSOCIATION OF WASHINGTON IRRIGATION DISTRICTS
August 18, 1982
Kennewick Irrigation District, Kennewick, Washington

The Board of Directors of the State Association of Washington Irrigation Districts met jointly with the Board of Directors of the Washington State Water Resources Association on Wednesday, August 18, 1982 at the Kennewick Irrigation District office in Kennewick. SAWID Board members present were Dick Hendrick, Jim Webb, Walt Peterson, Bill Letler and Ron Van Gundy (5). WSWRA Board members present were John S. Mayo, Dick Hendrick, Jim Webb, Walt Peterson, James W. Trull, Ron Van Gundy, Joe Horrell, Glen Pfeider, Bob Kramer, Tom Lyda, Lowell Felt, Warren Dickman and Paul Chasco (13). Also present were Jim Tinsman, Russ Smith, Nancy Ostby, Maria Klug, Delvin Schorzman, Dick German, Paul Lemargie, John Baird, Steven H. Sweet, Tom Cotton, Russ Wentworth, Gene D. McIntire, Fax Koontz, Judy Bear, Dennis Coburn and Jeanne Peck. President Warren Dickman called the meeting to order at approximately 10:05 a.m.

Minutes of the previous meeting held July 21, 1982 were addressed. A MOTION was made by Jim Webb, seconded by Jim Trull and carried that the minutes be approved as submitted.

The financial report for the State Association of Washington Irrigation Districts indicated income from the sale of handbooks in the amount of $16,50, expenses for shipping handbooks of $8,72 and a transfer of funds in the amount of $44,437.65 to WSWRA. Cash on hand as of August 18, 1982 was $6,176.82. A MOTION was made by Dick Hendrick, seconded by Jim Webb and carried that the SAWID financial report be approved.

Income for the Washington State Water Resources Association during the prior period was $250.00 from dues and $44,437.65 transferred from SAWID. Expenses totalled $1,327.58 leaving a cash balance of $6,567.96. A MOTION was made by Ron Van Gundy, seconded by Walt Peterson and carried that the WSWRA financial report be approved.

Paul Chasco introduced Dick Weaver, representing the IBM Corporation, and other guests including Steve Sweet of Century West Engineering and Fax Koontz of Software Consulting Services.

A comprehensive report on the structure of various state water organizations throughout the west was then presented by Mr. Chasco. Common to most organizations from other states was a membership that was open to both public and private interests and sufficient funding to allow a well organized, effective administrative staff.

A report on the survey of WSWRA Board members scheduled for discussion at this meeting was postponed due to the lack of completed questionnaires returned. Providing additional responses are received from the members, the survey will be summarized at the next Board meeting.

Lengthy discussion ensued regarding the merger and/or affiliation between SAWID and WSWRA, the combining of funds and possible legal ramifications of a full merger.
In order to establish the basic intent of the group, Russ Smith made a MOTION that we disband the meeting, have no organization and sever any relationship between the two associations. John Baird seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously defeated.

Additional discussion followed. John Mayo made a MOTION that the two organizations be made into one effective 1-1-83; that between this meeting and the annual meeting two committees make reports, one committee with a suggested name for the organization taking into account the full legal ramifications and existing legislation and the second committee with a recommended fiscal policy with a dues structure and budget for the combined organization. Following discussion, John Mayo attempted to withdraw the motion, however, the motion had been seconded by Dick Hendrick, who would not withdraw and the motion remained on the floor.

Walt Peterson made a MOTION to amend the previous motion by striking all words after "I move that" and substituting the words that "we seek legislative change to enable WSWRA to carry out the functions previously granted to SAWID". The motion to amend died for lack of a second.

Additional comment and a call for the question on the original motion was followed by a MOTION by Jim Trull to table this matter until SAWID transfers all remaining funds into the WSWRA account. The motion was seconded and carried with Dick Hendrick and Bill Lefler abstaining.

The meeting was recessed for lunch reconvening at 1:45 p.m.

Taking up the matter of the legal complications facing the organization, the President asked that Walt Peterson arrange a meeting of attorneys to review the statutes and come back with a report at the next meeting.

Dick Hendrick attempted to make a motion regarding budgeting and funding of one organization but it was noted that no further action could be taken until SAWID funds were transferred.

Walt Peterson made a MOTION that SAWID funds be transferred to WSWRA. Ron Van Gundy seconded the motion. The motion was defeated four opposed to one in favor.

Russ Smith, again, made a MOTION that we dissolve the entire organization and start all over. The motion was seconded and carried with two dissenting votes. __See correction 9-15-82__

Walt Peterson MOVED that the tabling of the issue until all SAWID funds are transferred be removed from the table. Dick Hendrick seconded the motion. The motion carried by the required 2/3's majority with two dissenting votes.

Dick Hendrick made a MOTION that effectively immediately the organizations become one, the budgeting one, the funding one; that the organizational format be structured according to the existing WSWRA constitution; and that the name of the organization be the State Associa-
tion of Washington Irrigation Districts until such time as the organization wishes to seek the legal means to change the name. Russ Smith seconded the motion. John Baird suggested that the motion be amended to specify the constitution and by-laws of SAWID as the organizational format. No amendment was offered. Following more lengthy, frustrating, fruitless discussion, Tom Lyda requested that we return to the agenda and address Item 5, Committee Reports.

Paul Chasco reviewed the tentative agenda for the annual conference scheduled for November 4th and 5th at the Ellensburg Holiday Inn. Exhibitor space has been reserved and will be available at $25.00 for members and $100.00 for non-members. The theme for the conference will be centered around "Challenges of the 80's".

Tom Lyda confirmed that no action will be taken on reclamation reform legislation pending settlement of a conflict between the administration and Rep. Udall over the payoff of the Papago Indian water claim.

According to John Baird, the equivalency section of the reclamation reform act as it is expected to come out of committee, undermines the family farm concept by allowing extremely large ownerships of poorer class lands.

Joe Horrall reviewed a letter from the NWRA requesting suggestions and comments in four areas. Due to the lateness of the day, Joe suggested that he respond to item four, requesting the dates and location of our state association's annual meeting and that the other items be addressed at the next Board meeting.

In regard to ground water rights policy, Dennis Coburn, of the Clark County P.U.D. and representing the American Water Works Association, was introduced. He reviewed the AWWA involvement with proposed legislation during last session stating that a committee had been formed during the interim in response to a request from Curt Smith. The committee has met and discussed several options but has not resolved their position to date.

Russ Smith commented that he sees no need for additional regulations through legislation and made a MOTION that we address the need for additional funding for the Division of Water Resources Management to enforce existing statutes. The motion was seconded by John Mayo and carried with Walt Peterson dissenting and Paul Chasco abstaining.

The President appointed a nominating committee for SAWID officers consisting of Jim Trull, chairman, Russ Smith and Dick Hendrick. A WSWRA nominating committee was also appointed, with Jim Trull, again, being selected as chairman, and including Russ Smith, Dick Hendrick, Ron Van Gundy and Paul Chasco.

A workshop is tentatively scheduled for September 9, 1982 in Olympia to review recent changes in the hydraulic permit application process through the Departments of Game and Fisheries. Russ Smith, Jim Trull and John Baird indicated that they would like to receive further information on this subject.
The Washington State House Agriculture Committee will be holding a work session at the Ephrata office of the Bureau of Reclamation on Tuesday, August 24, 1982. The meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. however, according to Tom Lyda, the Committee will meet just briefly, then will tour the Columbia Basin Project with Bureau officials.

Russ Smith accepted a recent copy of the federal register in which the comment deadline on sections of the Clean Water Act has been extended to August 23rd. Mr. Smith will determine if additional action by the organization is necessary.

Returning to the issue of the combined organizations, John Mayo made a MOTION that a committee of 3 attorneys be appointed to come forth with a solution by next meeting. The motion was seconded by Bill Lefler and carried with 1 dissenting vote.

The September meeting was set for Wednesday, the 15th, in Omak, the exact location to be announced with the regular notice of meeting.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Leek
Executive Secretary
The Board of Directors of the Washington State Water Resources Association met jointly with the Board of Directors of the State Association of Washington Irrigation Districts on Wednesday, September 15, 1982 in the conference room of the Cedars Inn, Okanogan, Washington. S.A.W.I.D. Board members present were Dick Hendrick, Rogers Neff, Don Thompson, Jim Webb, Ron Van Gundy and Walt Peterson (6). W.S.W.R.A. Board members present were Joe Horrall, Dick Hendrick, Bob Kramer, Glen Fiedler, Rogers Neff, Jim Webb, Ron Van Gundy, Paul Chasco, James W. Trull, Walt Peterson, Warren Dickman and John Mayo (12). Also present were Russ Smith, Gene D. McIntire, Stephen H. Sweet, Judy Bear, Nancy Ostby, Dick German, Mark Keller and Jeanne Peck. President Warren Dickman called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

The minutes of the previous meeting held August 18, 1982 were considered. A MOTION was made by Jim Webb, seconded by Jim Trull and carried that the minutes be approved. Subsequently, Walt Peterson made a MOTION that the previous motion be reconsidered. The motion was seconded by Glen Fiedler and carried with Russ Smith dissenting. Jim Trull then made a MOTION that page 2, paragraph 9, be corrected to reflect that the President ruled the motion to dissolve the entire organization out of order and that the minutes be accepted as corrected. The motion was seconded by Dick Hendrick and carried.

The financial report for the State Association of Washington Irrigation Districts indicated income of $287.00, expenses of $5.87 and a net cash balance of $6,457.95. A MOTION was made by Walt Peterson, seconded by Ron Van Gundy and carried that the financial report be approved.

Income during the prior period for the Washington State Water Resources Association consisted of $175.00 dues and $157.88 interest; expenses totalled $1,244.93 leaving a balance of $5,655.91 cash on hand. Following discussion of the W.S.W.R.A.'s financial condition, Jim Trull made a MOTION that a second assessment be levied against the irrigation district membership to provide revenue sufficient to meet obligations of the Washington State Water Resources Association for the balance of 1982, as follows:

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The motion was seconded by Dick Hendrick and passed unanimously. Following this action, a MOTION was made by Dick Hendrick, seconded by Walt Peterson and carried that the W.S.W.R.A. financial report be approved as submitted.

A recap of the responses to the W.S.W.R.A. Board Survey was reviewed. Generally it indicated support for building a stronger image in the area of state government and with other associations and cooperatives as well as support for participation in seeking legislation to obtain federal funding. Significant accomplishments during the last two years
included expansion of legislative activities, improved secretarial services and better communications with the membership via the newsletter, etc. Meetings could be more productive with more advance notice of the subject matters to be discussed, more preparation by the directors prior to the meeting and elimination of the petty bickering over the legality of the organization. According to the survey results the Association should address the following items, but not necessarily in the order listed:

1. Financial stability
2. Resolution of question whether "merger" is complete
3. State legislative activity, including change in Association's enabling legislation, if necessary
4. Increase public awareness of needs of irrigated agriculture and priority of use for water resources.
5. Public education and safety program
6. Strong voice for new projects and R&B's
7. Strong representation to NWRA
8. Formulation of long range goals & objectives; adopt by-laws

Russ Smith commented that the record should show that the question of whether the merger of the two associations is complete had been resolved earlier by a unanimous vote of those present indicating support for the new organization. The President so ordered.

Joe Horrall stated that we still need to expand our program from one that is primarily irrigation district oriented to include a broader scope of water resource interest. John Mayo suggested that support for the Yakima River Basin Enhancement Project or low-head hydro development be considered and used as a platform to encourage new membership. He added that the comments on Phase I of the YRBEP study are due on September 30, 1982.

Glen Fiedler reported that three workshops and three hearings on the adoption of revisions to the Columbia River Instream Protection Program had been poorly attended with participation from irrigation districts almost non-existent. The hearing in Lacey was attended only by environmentalists who opposed the changes. According to Mr. Fiedler, the changes had been supportive of irrigated agriculture. With no statement in support of the revisions and a number against, there is little justification for the Department of Ecology to adopt the changes at this time.

Glen cited the CRIFF hearings and the activities of the Northwest Power Planning Council as among areas of significant impact in which W.S.W.R.A. could and should be involved.

Joe Horrall reported that the President elect of NWRA, George Proctor has requested comments from the state organizations on the direction the National organization should take during his term. The following suggestions were made:

1. Influence National Water Policy
2. Oppose judicial interpretation of Sec. 404 of the Clean Water Act
3. Oppose portions of the Safety of Dams Act
4. Oppose moratorium of applications under Small Projects Act
5. Support sovereignty of states over water rights
6. Promote recognition of importance of irrigated agriculture to the national economy
7. Encourage resolution of conflicts within the Dept. of Interior (BuRec., BIA, Fish & Wildlife Service, etc.)
8. Urge identification and a limiting of Indian water rights by the federal government

Paul Chasco reported that the program for the annual meeting scheduled for November 4th and 5th has been confirmed as presented at the last board meeting. Pending receipt of some information from the Ellensburg Chamber of Commerce, the agenda and advance registration forms should be mailed by the end of September.

A meeting of the attorney's committee is scheduled for the second or third Friday of October, according to Walt Peterson. One of the main topics to be discussed will be the legal status of W.S.W.R.A. with a report on the results of those discussions to be aired at the next board of directors meeting.

The House Agriculture Committee will be holding a hearing on ground water rights legislation on September 25, 1982 at 10:00 a.m. in the House Office Building, Room 416. The Department of Ecology will submit a draft of legislation they have developed in response to a request from Curt Smith, Chairman of the committee. Copies of the proposed legislation were distributed by Glen Fiedler. Protection of the uppermost aquifers from long term declines through such things as proper casing and sealing of wells is included in the draft. Mining of ground water would be permitted only under certain conditions and where authorized by the Department and protection of senior ground water rights over junior ground water rights are additional provisions of the proposed legislation. The draft distributed by Glen is informal in nature as it has not received departmental approval as yet. Russ Smith will attend the hearing on behalf of the Association.

Glen Fiedler also indicated that the Senate Agriculture Committee will meet on Friday, September 24, 1982 to review the status of the Yakima River Basin Enhancement Project. Paul Chasco, President of the Yakima River Basin Association of Irrigation Districts, indicated that someone from that organization would attend the session.

Icicle Irrigation District has requested help from the Association in regard to user fees established by the U.S. Forest Service. Previously, the district has not been charged fees for the portion of their canal and facilities located on U.S. Forest Service land. Recently, they have been informed that the fees for such use would no longer be waived or reduced because the district does not qualify. Fees may be waived for uses made by other Federal agencies, state, city or county operations or for utility services which are for Federal agency facilities. Substantial reductions can be made for services which benefit the local public and/or provide limited service.
to the general public unless the permittee charges a full fee to the user. A proposed fee schedule range for various types of permits was reviewed. John Mayo was authorized, as a committee of one, to contact the manager of the Icicle Irrigation District in order to obtain additional information. Paul Chasco made a MOTION that the committee research the situation through contact with both the district and the U.S. Forest Service, take any appropriate action and report back to the Board at the next regular meeting for further action, if necessary. The motion was seconded by Russ Smith and carried. Chasco suggested that any position paper or pertinent correspondence with the Forest Service be brought to the attention of NWRA as well.

The next meeting of the Board of Directors was set for Wednesday, October 20, 1982 at 10:00 a.m. in Yakima. The specific location will be announced.

Under other business, Jim Trull made a MOTION that an annual award be established in the name of Rosadel S. Nutley, to recognize the numerous contributions she has made to irrigation in the State of Washington. The recipient would be selected from the irrigation membership on the basis of outstanding service with the first award to be presented at the 1982 annual meeting. A committee to select the first recipient would be formed. The motion was seconded by Russ Smith and unanimously approved. The President appointed a committee consisting of Rogers Neff, chairman, John Mayo and Walt Peterson to carry out the foregoing directive and to select an appropriate plaque or other appropriate symbol of the award.

Noting that only $2,500 of the $7,800 dues assessment from NWRA has been paid to date and that the National convention is scheduled for late October, Jim Trull made a MOTION that W.S.W.R.A. pay an additional $2,500 of that assessment. The motion was seconded by Russ Smith and carried unanimously.

The President also appointed a Budget & Finance Committee charged with establishing a budget to meet the goals and objectives established by the Association and discussed earlier. The committee is to consist of Paul Chasco, chairman, and include Jim Webb, Joe Horrell and Jim Trull.

A draft report entitled WASHINGTON'S WATER - RECOMMENDATIONS AND POSSIBLE CHANGES FOR THE FUTURE prepared by the Governor's Task Force on Water Resources was brought to the attention of the members. Comments are requested by November 15, 1982. No action was taken on this report at this time.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Peck, Executive Secretary
A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Washington State Water Resources Association was held on Wednesday, October 20, 1982 in the Harrah Room of the Thunderbird Motor Inn, Yakima, Washington. Board members present were Joe Horral, Tom Lyda, Bob Kramer, Ron Van Gundy, James W. Trull, Paul Chasco, Walt Peterson, John Mayo, Glen Fiedler, Lowell Felt and Warren Dickman (11). Also present were Russ Smith, Delvin Schorzman, Randy Jackson, Nancy Ostby, Richard German, Joe Morrison, Marvin Vandergrond, Gene McIntire and Jeanne Peck. President Warren Dickman called the meeting to order at approximately 10:15 a.m.

Minutes of the previous meeting held Wednesday, September 15, 1982 were addressed. A MOTION was made by Jim Trull, seconded by Ron Van Gundy and carried that the minutes be approved as mailed.

The financial report for the State Association of Washington Irrigation Districts was distributed as a point of information only as legal notice of a S.A.W.I.D. meeting had not been provided. The report indicated income from the sale of handbooks of $93.00 and a total cash balance of $6,550.95.

Income for the Washington State Water Resources Association included $46.50 regular dues and $3,525.00 from the supplementary dues assessment. Expenses for the prior period totaled $4,181.37 including $276.47 to be reimbursed from annual meeting registration fees. A MOTION was made by Lowell Felt, seconded by Jim Trull and carried that the W.S.W.R.A. financial report be approved.

The balance of 1982 outstanding dues to the National Water Resources Association was considered. Ron Van Gundy made a MOTION that the remaining $2,800.00 be paid. The motion was seconded by Joe Horral and passed unanimously. The National Director was authorized to hand carry the payment to the NWRA Convention scheduled to begin October 24th in Salt Lake City and to notify national headquarters in Washington, D.C. of this action.

Walt Peterson reported that a sub committee of the Northwest Power Planning Council had met with representatives of the Big Bend Electric Co-op and Lincoln Electric Company following the regular council meeting held October 6, 1982. The audience was held at the request of the electric companies to protest the increasing power costs to their irrigators. Another meeting of the council is taking place today and tomorrow, October 21st, in Seattle. A staff paper advocating more conservation of irrigation water will be presented.

Russ Smith stated that he attended the regular meeting of the Northwest Power Planning Council beginning at 9:00 a.m. on October 6th at which Dan Evans was re-elected chairman. The council attributes 40-45% of the power consumption in the northwest to residential, 35% to large industry, 20% to commercial, and less than 5% to irrigated agriculture. Based on these percentages, placing a priority on an irrigated agriculture conservation program is unjustifiable, according to Mr. Smith. A hearing on the council's Fish and Wildlife Program will be held at the Holiday Motor Inn in Yakima on Friday, October 22, 1982, beginning at 8:00 a.m. Provisions of this plan will burden the rate payers with the costs of rehabilitating fish and wildlife in the region.
Lowell Felt added, as an example, that costs for additional waters for fish enhancement plus improvements to fish ladders and screens on the Okanogan River would increase the annual costs to the average residential service by approximately $125.00 and the average irrigator by $1,000.00.

Paul Chasco had attended the NWPPC hearing in Portland on October 12th. Testimony presented there was not representative of irrigated agriculture. The public utility district association suggested that costs of improvements to enhance the fish runs in the Yakima River be born solely by the residents of the Yakima area rather than distributed throughout the region. Because of the NWPPC's activities, the Yakima River Basin Association of Irrigation Districts is considering hiring a fisheries biologist to have on staff. Paul suggested that W.S.W.R.A. might consider buying into some of his time, as well.

In order to testify at the hearing on the 22nd, sign up must have been completed five days in advance. Glen Fiedler read a list of those scheduled for testimony to date, the majority of which were not from, or friends of, the agricultural community. The council is scheduled to adopt their Fish and Wildlife Program by November 15th and the close of the comment period will be Monday, October 25th. The council is budgeted thru the Bonneville Power Administration and does not have to go to Congress for an annual appropriation, according to Mr. Fiedler.

Testimony on the portion of the Fish and Wildlife Program pertaining to the Yakima River Basin Irrigation Districts will be presented by a representative of the Northwest Water Resources Committee. All irrigation districts were urged to attend. Paul Chasco noted that Richard Watson, staff representative for the Washington delegation to the council, will be speaking at the W.S.W.R.A. annual meeting in Ellensburg.

Two public workshops on the draft report prepared by the Governor's Task Force on Water Resources are scheduled. The purpose of the workshops will be to explain the report entitled "Washington's Water - Recommendations and Possible Changes for the Future", receive public comments, and answer questions. On November 8, 1982, the workshop will be held at the Central Regional Office of the Department of Ecology in Yakima from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. On November 10, 1982, the session will be held at the Air-Land Offices of the Department of Ecology in Lacey, again from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Russ Smith and Joe Horrall volunteered to attend the Lacy workshop with Russ, Warren Dickman and Jeanne Peck authorized to attend the workshop on behalf of W.S.W.R.A. in Yakima. Paul Chasco will attend the Yakima session on behalf of the Yakima River Basin Association of Irrigation Districts and S.A.W.I.D. The comment period on this report has been extended from November 15th to December 15th.

Reporting for the Reclamation Committee, Joe Horrall suggested that a program for developing new memberships be considered during November, possible including the private irrigators. He noted that this will be the first time in many years that Washington State has paid its full dues to the national organization and expressed his appreciation. The possible merger between N.W.R.A. and the Water Resources Congress was discussed briefly. Any activity in this area at the national convention will be closely monitored by the National Director.

Paul Chasco distributed a report on the status of the 1982 convention through October 15, 1982. In discussion of the final program, the Board voiced no objec-
tions to removing design work and the title "State Association of Washington Irrigation Districts" from the cover. The cost of advance registration will be $50.00 which is the same as last year. Jim Trull indicated that notice of a S.A.W.I.D. Board meeting should be provided for the Wednesday evening meeting. Walt Peterson emphasized the need to indicate a meeting of the S.A.W.I.D. general membership on Thursday afternoon, as well. The Board of Directors breakfast scheduled for Friday, at 7:00 a.m., will be no-host and will be held in the Columbia Room. Paul suggested that the Board consider holding the 1983 conference in Western Washington.

Walt Peterson reported that the Attorneys Committee had met in Moses Lake on Friday, October 15th. The participants and topics for the attorneys panel at the annual meeting have been selected. In response to the Board's request for a determination on the legality of the merger of S.A.W.I.D. and W.S.W.R.A., the attorneys studied the 1965 Attorney General's opinion authored by Charlie Roe and a subsequent informal opinion prepared in 1978. As a result, concern was expressed by some about the employment of a lobbyist, spending public funds for what may be considered private purposes and individuals other than irrigation district directors being allowed to hold office and/or a position on the Board. The Attorneys Committee recommended that a new Attorney General's opinion be sought to resolve these questions based on current law. Although confidence was expressed that a favorable AG's opinion would be rendered, it was noted that a negative opinion would necessitate legislative action. The Attorneys Committee was urged to phrase the questions to the Attorney General's office in such a manner that the decision would be applicable to other public or quasi-municipal associations also.

Following this report, the meeting was recessed until 1:30 p.m.

Discussion of the audit period for W.S.W.R.A. and S.A.W.I.D. financial records ensued. Previous policy has been to appoint a committee to audit the books at the annual meeting in October or November. Last year the auditing committee had completed the audit report at year end. Walt Peterson made a MOTION that it be the policy of the Boards to audit the financial records at the close of the fiscal year. (Based on current operational policy, the fiscal year is a calendar year.) The motion was seconded by Lowell Felt and carried. The President appointed Nancy Ostby as chairman of the Auditing Committee with instructions for her to select two additional committee members.

Noting that no by-laws have been established for W.S.W.R.A., Warren Dickman appointed a committee to draft tentative by-laws. The committee will consist of Jim Trull, Chairman, and will include Walt Peterson and Jeanne Peck.

Nancy Ostby reported that the Insurance Committee had met prior to the Board of Directors meeting this morning with representatives from Dunning-Ray Insurance Agency. Two packages were presented: (1) General Liability/Errors & Omissions and (2) Group Life/Medical/Dental Coverage. Participation in the plan would be voluntary with certain optional features and would be available to Association members only. Premiums for general liability coverage would vary depending on the experience of the individual district with as much as a 25% increase or decrease from the basic rate. W.S.W.R.A. would contract with the carrier and in
Those years when $250,000.00 or more in premiums were paid, the Association would receive a dividend paid in three annual installments. These dividends could be returned to the individual participants or could be used to fund Association activities. Paul Chasco suggested that he obtain additional information from the various districts and compile statistics so that additional bids can be secured on the medical package. Following lengthy discussion, a MOTION was made by Ron Van Gundy, seconded by Lowell Felt and carried that the W.S.W.R.A. accept and sponsor the General Liability package and agree to sponsor some sort of medical plan with a recommendation that preliminary plans submitted be refined and benefits improved to better accommodate the needs of the membership.

Russ Smith reported that he had attended the House Ag Committee hearing on Ground Water Rights held September 25th in Olympia. Testimony had been limited to approximately 10 minutes in total. Presentations were made by the Dept. of Ecology, the American Water Works Association and Mr. Smith, representing the W.S.W.R.A. It has been announced that no further activity on ground water legislation will take place prior to the regular session in January.

John Mayo reported that he had discussed user fees with the Icicle Irrigation District, as directed by the Board at last meeting, and the U.S. Forest Service as well. The district owns certain lands within the Wenatchee Wilderness Area which the Forest Service would like to obtain by exchanging land on which a user fee is being charged. Negotiations are now proceeding and Icicle requests that W.S.W.R.A. take no action until these negotiations have been completed.

1982 Session Laws are now being codified by the State. Russ Smith made a MOTION that the updating of the Irrigation Laws handbook be authorized with printing and other related costs to be born by W.S.W.R.A. The motion was seconded and carried.

Discussion of S. 2814, the Reclamation Hydroelectric Development Act of 1982, followed. A MOTION was made by John Mayo, seconded by Ron Van Gundy and carried that W.S.W.R.A. oppose this legislation.

Attendance of the National Water Resources Association convention by the executive secretary was the next item addressed. Culminating some discussion of the benefits derived from such an expenditure, a MOTION was made by Ron Van Gundy, seconded by Dick Hendrick and approved that the executive secretary be authorized to attend with reimbursement of all reasonable expenses.

The President announced that the Washington Association of Conservation Districts will hold their annual meeting on November 28th, 29th, 30th and December 1st, 1982 at the Ridpath Hotel, Spokane, Washington. Gov. John Spellman will be the keynote speaker during the event.

Indicating that a permanent appointee to the Indian Water Rights Committee of N.W.R.A. should be selected, Ron Van Gundy made a MOTION that Warren Dickman be drafted to fill this position. The motion was seconded by Paul Chasco and carried.

Following this action, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Signature
Seattle, Washington
November 2, 1982

Board of Directors

The NWRA annual meeting and convention held in Salt Lake City was a
great success with over one thousand in attendance. The meetings were
all well attended and program and speakers were above average. In
summary, it was a well organized convention in every detail. A strong
message was given for the need to get set up for cost sharing as we move
ahead in the construction of water projects. There was a reinstatement
of the Small Projects Act, which has been under wraps for the past two
years. There continues to be some progress made in cutting back on
delays and obstacles caused by preservationists, but this is a slow
process and continued effort needs to be made.

The annual meetings in the future are scheduled as follows:

1983 - Tulsa Oklahoma.
1984 - Phoenix, Arizona
1985 - Hawaii
1986 - San Diego or Annaheim, California
1987 - Reno or Las Vegas, Nevada

I received a call on this date from the City of Yakima asking that we
consider inviting the WRA to Yakima in 1988. The spring board meeting
will again be held at Washington, D. C. with a seminar and a con-
gressional reception. No date has been established as of now. The
summer board meeting is scheduled July 31 and August 1 and 2 at
Kalispell, Montana. It is their plan to have a one day seminar with the
meeting. Also, all committees are asked to schedule a meeting during
this summer board meeting. Since this location is relatively close, we
should encourage a sizable delegation from the State of Washington and
make a special effort to have a representative on all committees.

The NWRA office prepared a financial statement dated October 22, 1982,
which showed the State of Washington dues paid in full. We were
complimented for our efforts, and this certainly made a warm feeling
while sitting in on the meeting. The states with dues outstanding as of
this report were Colorado, $1,950; Montana, $2,650; Nebraska, $7,300;
and Utah, $2,650. The 1983 income budget adopted was from the following
sources, with amounts as listed:

| State Dues          | - $115,500 |
| Associate Members   | - $ 10,000  |
| Convention          | - $ 40,000  |
| Congressional Reception and Miscellaneous Contingency | - $ 10,000 |
| **TOTAL**           | **$175,000** |
1983 state quotas were increased by 5%. This was accepted by all states and I accepted as your delegate from Washington. Thus, dues for Washington will be established at $8,200 for the coming year, unless we notify them of another figure.

The following officers were elected for a two-year term:

- President - George Proctor, Oregon
- President Elect - Jack Chrisman, California
- Treasurer - Wayne Cunningham, New Mexico

Passage of the Reclamation Reform Act of 1982 received considerable comment. It was suggested that the rules and regulations adopted may be more important than the law itself. Six hearings will be held and written comment will be received until December 14, 1982. It is important that everyone affected be involved in the rule-making process.

The main excitement at the convention was a proposed merger between Water Resources Congress and National Water Resources Association. It was suggested the name for the merged organization would be National Water Association. The main support for the merger was from Texas, followed by Colorado and California. The main reason given by the pro-merger group was a need to expand into other states for wider political support. It was their hope that eventually all 50 states would come into this association, but they recognized that this would be a long time in the future. The main concern of the anti-merger group was the name change and the fear of irrigation interests being diluted in the new organization. It is my opinion the merger will not become a reality as proposed.

Joe Horrell
National Director

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The Board of Directors of the Washington State Water Resources Association met jointly with the Board of Directors of the State Association of Washington Irrigation Districts on Wednesday, November 3, 1982 in the Columbia Room of the Holiday Inn, Ellensburg, Washington. W.S.W.R.A. board members present were Jim Webb, Lowell Felt, Joe Horrall, Paul Chasco, Ron Van Gundy, Glen Fiedler, John Mayo, Bob Kramer, Tom Lyda, Walt Peterson and Warren Dickman. S.A.W.I.D. board members present were Ron Van Gundy, Joe Morrison, Jim Webb and Walt Peterson. Also present were Judy Bear, Marvin Vander Griend, Russ Wentworth, Delvin Schorzman, Nancy Ostby, Richard B. German, George Krill, Tom Cotton, Joanne Napier, Maria Klug, Walter Franz, Russ Smith and Jeanne Peck. President Warren Dickman called the meeting to order at approximately 7:10 p.m.

The minutes of the previous meeting held October 20, 1982 were considered. A MOTION was made by Lowell Felt, seconded by Tom Lyda and carried that the minutes be approved.

The financial report for the State Association of Washington Irrigation Districts indicated income from the sale of handbooks of $45.00, expenses of $1.09 for shipping and a net cash balance of $6,594.86. A MOTION was made by Ron Van Gundy, seconded by Paul Chasco and carried that the S.A.W.I.D. financial report be approved.

Income during the prior two week period for the Washington State Water Resources Association amounted to $275.00 from supplementary funding dues assessment and $25.00 from a new individual membership. Expenses, including the final dues payment to NWRA of $2,800.00, totalled $4,518.87 leaving a net cash balance of $877.17. It was noted that $73.28 of current period expenses were attributable to the convention and should be fully reimbursed from registration fees. Following a brief discussion, a MOTION was made by Lowell Felt, seconded by Paul Chasco and carried that the W.S.W.R.A. financial report be approved.

Paul Chasco reported that some last minute rescheduling had taken place on the agenda for tomorrow's conference. Congressman Sid Morrison, originally scheduled to be the banquet speaker, will appear during the Thursday luncheon and Bill Lloyd will be moved into the evening slot. Additionally, a representative from the Bureau of Reclamation will speak on recent testing of the Griswold control valve.

The report from the nominating committee by the Chairman, Jim Trull, recommended the following slate of officers and directors:

For the State Association of Washington Irrigation Districts:

President
Warren Dickman
1st Vice President
Lowell Felt
2nd Vice President
Paul Chasco
Director, Division 1
Walt Peterson
Director, Division 2
Rogers Neff
Director, Division 4
Marvin Vander Griend
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Director, At Large
Marvin Jeffries
Director, At Large
Lowell Felt

For the Washington State Water Resources Association:

President
Warren Dickman
1st Vice President
Lowell Felt
2nd Vice President
Paul Chasco
National Director
Joe Horrall
Alternate National Director
John Mayo
Executive Secretary/Treasurer
Jeanne Peck
Director, Division 1
Walt Peterson
Director, Division 2
Rogers Neff
Director, Division 4
Marvin Vander Griend
Director, At Large
Marvin Jeffries
Director, At Large
Russ Poff

According to constitution, directors and officers of S.A.W.I.D. will be elected at the General Membership meeting scheduled for Thursday afternoon. Directors of W.S.W.R.A. will also be elected at that time, however, the officers of that organization will be elected by the new Board of Directors at the breakfast meeting scheduled for 7:00 a.m. Friday, November 5, 1982.

Joe Horrall distributed a comprehensive report on the National Water Resources Association annual convention held October 24th thru October 27th in Salt Lake City. Forty-two delegates were present at the Washington State Cacus on Monday morning. One of the major points of discussion during the convention was the possible merger of the Water Resources Congress and the National Water Resources Association. The Washington delegation opposed the merger as did a number of other state organizations in sufficient number to forestall such action. Those states in opposition were asked to submit suggestions for changes in the conditions of the proposed merger that would make it acceptable. Washington's response was discussed briefly and a MOTION was made by Joe Horrall that a letter be directed to John Sayre of the Colorado Water Congress, stating that the W.S.W.R.A. would welcome members of the WRC into NWRA membership but would oppose a merger of the two organizations and a subsequent name change. The motion was seconded by Ron Van Gundy. A MOTION to amend the preceding motion by adding "providing that the potential members are from a state that has a demonstrated interest and activity in irrigated agriculture" after the word "NRC", was made by Jim Trull. The motion to amend was seconded by Ron Van Gundy and carried. Following brief discussion, the original motion was approved as amended.

Discussion of the possibility of inviting the NWRA to hold their 1988 convention in Washington State followed. Both Seattle and Spokane were mentioned as possible sites.

Brief reports on various committee meetings at the NWRA convention, including Resolutions, Indian Water Rights, Energy, and Association Management, were given. The role of the Bureau of Reclamation and/or the Army Corps of Engineers in future water development was also discussed.

Tom Cotton commented on the Northwest Power Planning Council hearing on October 22nd in Yakima. The Council had encountered transportation problems due to
weather conditions and had not arrived as scheduled. Testimony was taken and recorded by a staff representative however some members of the Council did arrive during the afternoon. Among those attending portions of the hearing in addition to Tom were Warren Dickman, Paul Chasco, Russ Smith, Jim Webb and Jeannie Peck. A presentation by Congressman Sid Morrison was very supportive of irrigated agriculture as was testimony given by Don Moos, Director of the Department of Ecology. Paul Chasco suggested that letters of appreciation be sent to both Morrison and Moos for their testimony.

A special meeting of the Board of Directors of both associations will be held on Wednesday, November 17, in Ritzville at 10:00 a.m. to discuss goals and budgeting for 1983. Notification of the exact meeting location will be distributed with the agenda.

Jim Trull remarked that a number of individuals have retired or will be retiring within the year, including Hank Vancik, Dick Hendrick, Don Thompson, Bob Kramer and Irv Easterday and made a MOTION that the President write a letter to each of the above named thanking them for their service to the association and encouraging their continued participation. The motion was seconded by Lowell Felt and carried unanimously.

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Peck, Executive Secretary

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MINUTES
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
WASHINGTON STATE WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION
and
STATE ASSOCIATION OF WASHINGTON IRRIGATION DISTRICTS
November 4, 1982
Holiday Inn, Ellensburg, Washington

A meeting of the general membership of the Washington State Water Resources Association and the State Association of Washington Irrigation Districts was held on Thursday, November 4, 1982 in the Great Northern Room of the Holiday Inn, Ellensburg, Washington. Approximately 100 people had registered their attendance.

President Warren Dickman called the joint meeting to order at 4:25 p.m.

A report of the nominating committee for positions on the Board of Directors for both the Washington State Water Resources Association and the State Association of Washington Irrigation Districts was made by Jim Trull, Chairman.

Nominated to serve three year terms on the Board of Directors of W.S.W.R.A. were the following: Division 1, Walter Peterson; Division 2, Rogers Neff; Division 4, Marvin Vander Griend; At Large, Marvin Jeffries; At Large, Russ Poff. There being no further nominations from the floor, a MOTION was made by Jim Trull, seconded by Russ Smith and carried that the secretary be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for election of the board of directors as nominated by the committee.

The following individuals were placed in nomination by the committee as board members of the S.A.W.I.D. for three year terms: Walter Peterson, Division 1; Rogers Neff, Division 2; Marvin Vander Griend, Division 4; Marvin Jeffries, At Large; and Lowell Felt, At Large. Also placed in nomination were Warren Dickman as President, Lowell Felt as 1st Vice President and Paul Chasco as 2nd Vice President. There were no further nominations from the floor and Jim Trull made a MOTION that the secretary be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for election of the directors and officers as presented by the nominating committee. The motion was seconded by Jim Webb and carried.

Warren Dickman outlined the activities of the WSWRA during 1982 emphasizing the legislative activities on both the state and federal level. He mentioned the completion of the unified system of accounts for irrigation districts in conjunction with the Office of the State Auditor, participation on the Technical Advisory Committee, culmination of efforts to prepare a member insurance package and participation in the Governor's Conference on Rural Development.

Following this synopsis of 1982 activities, a financial report on the associations' operation since January 1, 1982 was distributed. Total income to date was $24,948.49; expenses amounted to $26,068.07 Current year activities coupled with a cash carryover from 1981 resulted in a combined cash balance of $7,472.03.

With no further business to come before the membership, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]

Jeanne Peck, Executive Secretary
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MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
WASHINGTON STATE WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION
November 5, 1982
Holiday Inn, Ellensburg, Washington

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Washington State Water Resources Association was held on Friday, November 5, 1982 in the Columbia Room of the Holiday Inn, Ellensburg, Washington. Board members present were Jim Webb, John Mayo, Jim Trull, Marvin Vander Griend, Lowell Felt, Paul Chasco, Joe Horral, Walt Peterson, Warren Dickman and Glen Fiedler (10). Also present were Judy Bear, Nancy Ostby, Steve Sweet, Dick Hendrick and Jeanne Peck. Warren Dickman called the meeting to order at 7:10 a.m.

The report from the nominating committee, given by Chairman Jim Trull, recommended the following slate of officers for W.S.W.R.A.:

President
1st Vice President
2nd Vice President
National Director
Alternate National Director
Warren Dickman
Lowell Felt
Paul Chasco
Joe Horral
John Mayo

Walt Peterson made a MOTION that the report of the nominating committee be accepted, that the nominations be closed and that the secretary be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for the slate of officers as presented. The motion was seconded by Jim Webb and carried.

A MOTION to appoint Jeanne Peck as executive secretary was also made by Walt Peterson. Joe Horral seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jim Trull requested input from the Board on specific areas to address when drafting bylaws for the organization. Suggestions should be forwarded to Jim or the executive secretary.

Glen Fiedler mentioned that the State of Idaho had recently held a ground water rights seminar in Boise, attracting over 100 participants. Previous board discussions had centered around W.S.W.R.A. sponsoring some sort of seminar in Washington during 1983 and Mr. Fiedler suggested that "ground water management" would be a timely subject. Walt Peterson mentioned the need for a workshop on "boardsmanship" also. Discussion of possible goals and objectives of the association for 1983 ensued. Further time will be allotted to this subject at the November 17th Board of Directors meeting.

The president reminded the Board that hearings on the Reclamation Reform Act will be held during November with Boise scheduled for the 9th of this month. Most districts will withhold comment until after the initial draft of proposed rules and regulations have been published. Representatives from the East Columbia Basin Irrigation District will attend the Boise hearing and the hearing scheduled for Billings, Montana on the 19th. The president requested that any district with specific problems bring them to the association for review. Written comments are due by December 14, 1982.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Peck, Executive Secretary
MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
WASHINGTON STATE WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION
and
STATE ASSOCIATION OF WASHINGTON IRRIGATION DISTRICTS
December 15, 1982
Sunnyside Valley Irrigation District
Sunnyside, Washington

The Board of Directors of the Washington State Water Resources Association met jointly with the Board of Directors of the State Association of Washington Irrigation Districts on Wednesday, December 15, 1982 at the office of the Sunnyside Valley Irrigation District, Sunnyside, Washington. W.S.W.R.A. board members present were Russell Poff, Marvin Vander Griend, Jim Trull, Ron Van Gundy, Rogers Neff, Glen Fiedler, Joe Horrall, John Mayo, Lowell Felt and Warren Dickman (10). S.A.W.I.D. board members present were Marvin Vander Griend, Ron Van Gundy, Rogers Neff and Lowell Felt (4). Also present were Helen Hill, Gene McIntire, Gene Floyd, Nancy Ostby, Judy Bear and Jeannine Peck. President Warren Dickman called the meeting to order at 10:25 a.m.

Minutes of previous meetings were addressed. A MOTION was made by Glen Fiedler, seconded by Joe Horrall and carried that the minutes of the November 3, 1982 meeting be approved. The minutes of the meeting held November 4, 1982 were approved by MOTION made by Ron Van Gundy, seconded by Rogers Neff and carried. Addressing the November 5, 1982 meeting, it was noted by Ron Van Gundy that his name had been omitted from those attending. The minutes were corrected to reflect his presence and a MOTION was made by Lowell Felt, seconded by Glen Fiedler and carried that the minutes stand approved as corrected. The minutes of the meeting held November 17, 1982 were then considered and a MOTION to approve was made by Rogers Neff, seconded by Joe Horrall and carried.

For the record it was noted that there had been no change in the financial status of S.A.W.I.D. and that $6,609.86 remained in that fund.

W.S.W.R.A. income during the prior period totalled $1,937.58 including $769.58 from conference receipts. Expenses totalled $1,694.99 leaving a net cash balance of $2,846.47 to date. A MOTION to approve the financial report was made by Lowell Felt, seconded by Ron Van Gundy and carried.

Jim Trull, Acting Chairman of the Budget and Finance Committee, reviewed the report generated by that committee at a meeting held December 2, 1982. The recommendations were as follows:

1. 1983 irrigation district dues assessed at 0.15% of each individual district's O&M expense for 1981.

2. Minimum irrigation district dues of $100.00 per year and maximum at $4,000.00 per year.

3. No change in dues level for business classifications however some reclassification between local and regional designations.
4. Individual memberships assessed $35.00 per year.

5. Individual irrigation district directors urged to join the association.

Mr. Trull noted that the committee had not fully complied with the Board's previous direction in that they had not used three alternative methods for computing revenue from dues but had only studied a dues structure based on irrigable acreage or a percentage of a district's O&M expense. It was the consensus of committee members that a dues assessment based on a percentage of expenses would be most equitable. A proposed 1983 budget showing $42,221.00 income and expenses estimated at $42,782.53 was distributed. Following lengthy discussion, a MOTION was made by Lowell Felt to approve the recommendations as presented by the committee. Prior to the motion being seconded, Jim Trull suggested that the executive secretary be excused from the room so that the level of compensation for that position could be discussed.

With the executive secretary absent, the President recorded the following:

A MOTION was made by Lowell Felt, seconded by John Mayo and passed, with one dissenting vote, that the dues structure proposed by the committee be approved.

A MOTION was made by Jim Trull that the executive secretary position be considered a full time position at $18,000.00 annually and that the executive secretary prepare a job description to be approved by the Board at the next meeting. The motion was seconded by Marvin Vander Griend and passed with one dissenting vote.

A MOTION to amend the previous motion was made by Ron Van Gundy to include a payment to the executive secretary of 50% of all dues collected in 1983 from new and delinquent members. The motion was seconded by Rogers Neff and passed with one dissenting vote.

The meeting was recessed for lunch.

Reconvening with the executive secretary present, the previous motions were reviewed with elaboration on the "full time" concept. The executive secretary agreed to draft a proposed job description within the confines of the $18,000.00 annual salary for submission to the Board by the next meeting.

Addressing the last item of the Budget and Finance Committee report that the executive secretary be partially compensated for excess 1982 hours in the amount of $2,500.00, Lowell Felt made a MOTION (as a point of clarification of an earlier motion) that the executive secretary be so compensated. The motion was seconded by Glen Fiedler and carried. It had been recommended that this amount be paid from S.A.W.I.D. funds as payment for the time involved in the revision of the irrigation laws handbook had been
previously authorized. A quorum of the S.A.W.I.D. Board was not present, however, and until such time as a transfer of funds can be made, the compensation will be paid by W.S.W.R.A.

A tentative program for 1983 was reviewed including a proposed workshop on boardmanship in early spring, a two day workshop or seminar on water rights in cooperation with the Washington Association of Realtors in July or August, and a workshop on General Accounting Principals (GAPs) as required by the Office of the State Auditor in September or October. The board approved the proposed calendar and program and authorized continued planning on the scheduled events.

Discussing the tentative workshop on GAPs, it was noted that this federally mandated standard did not exist when the new unified system of accounts was established by the State. According to a representative from the State Auditor's Office in Olympia, all special purpose and benefit districts will be required to use a standard reporting format during 1984. Although a change from the account numbering system required as of January 1, 1983 will not be required, it will be recommended. Members of the W.S.W.R.A. Accounting Committee will be instructed on conversion to the new system in the hope that the Association will hold regional workshops to acquaint all districts with this new requirement.

Addressing the legislative program for 1983, the President appointed Ron Van Gundy to legislative subcommittee positions previously held by Hank Vancik: Collective bargaining, Public Employee Retirement Systems, and hydraulic projects. Except for this replacement, all 1982 Legislative Committee members were reappointed for 1983 by the President. To reduce travel time and expenses for the executive secretary, Board meetings held during the legislative session will be scheduled on the third Friday of each month rather than the third Wednesday as previously established. The exception to the Friday meetings will be the January meeting which will be held in conjunction with the AG EXPO and annual Farm Forum, on Wednesday, January 12, 1983 at 10:00 a.m. in Spokane.

Reviewing proposed legislation to fund conservation districts from the State General Fund in the amount of $600,000.00 as drafted by the Washington Association of Conservation Districts, a MOTION was made by Joe Horrall, seconded by Ron Van Gundy and carried that W.S.W.R.A. go on record in support of this bill.

In discussion of possible Association sponsored legislation, Warren Dickman reported that Yakima-Tieton Irrigation District will be advocating deletion of a portion of RCW 87.03.115 requiring printing and distribution of district bylaws. Jim Trull indicated that there is some disagreement over what an irrigation assessment delinquency fee of $10.00 includes. A clarification of this and other "housekeeping" changes regarding delinquent assessments will be proposed.
Joe Horrall reported that in years passed the NWRA had required a bond from the designated state association before that state would be considered as a future host of the national convention. This is no longer the case, however, strong organizational support would still be necessary. Detailed information on requirements for hosting the convention will be forthcoming from national headquarters. This data will be compared with convention center information on file for Washington State to determine which cities would qualify.

Representatives from Dunning-Ray Insurance Agency have requested a logo be designed to use on informational material promoting the insurance packages sponsored by the Association. Ron Van Gundy volunteered the services of a Roza District employee to work on any ideas submitted.

A memo to the W.S.W.R.A. Board from Paul Chasco included a request for authorization for mailing a letter to the membership to obtain medical history statistics. The content of the letter was read to the Board after which a MOTION was made by Lowell Pelt, seconded by Joe Horrall and carried that Mr. Chasco be so authorized.

A brief report on changes in the manual monitoring sites of the SNOTEL system was given. There were no objections to the sites listed for elimination ----and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Peck, Executive Secretary
MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
WASHINGTON STATE WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION
and
STATE ASSOCIATION OF WASHINGTON IRRIGATION DISTRICTS
January 12, 1983
Ridpath Hotel, Spokane, Washington

The board of directors of the Washington State Water Resources Association met jointly with the board of directors of the State Association of Washington Irrigation Districts on Wednesday, January 12, 1983 in the Gonzaga Room of the Ridpath Hotel, Spokane, Washington. W.S.W.R.A. board members present were Rogers Neff, Paul Chasco, Marvin Jeffries, Tom Lyda, Walt Peterson, Marvin D. Vander Griend, James W. Trull, John Mayo, Warren Dickman, Lowell Felt, Joe Horrall and Ron Van Gundy (12). S.A.W.I.D. board members present were Rogers Neff, Marvin Jeffries, Walt Peterson, Marvin D. Vander Griend, Lowell Felt and Ron Van Gundy (6). Also present were Ty Wick, Dick Hendrick, Bob Ashcraft, Nancy Ostby, Gene McIntire, Judy Bear, Kermit Rudolf and Jeanne Peck.

Calling the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m., President Warren Dickman noted the recent death of Rosadell S. Nutley, a long time member and staunch supporter of the association. Many of the W.S.W.R.A. board and other members had attend the funeral held Tuesday, January 4, 1983 in Kennewick. It was suggested that the President write a letter of appreciation to Van Nutley, husband of the deceased.

Addressing the minutes of the December 15, 1982 board of directors meeting, a MOTION was made by Jim Trull that the minutes be approved as submitted. The motion was seconded and carried.

The year end financial report for S.A.W.I.D. indicated accrued interest for the prior period of $165.46, no expenses and a cash balance of $6,775.32. No activity occurred during 1983 to date. A MOTION was made by Rogers Neff, seconded by Ron Van Gundy and carried that the S.A.W.I.D. financial report be approved.

The year end financial report for W.S.W.R.A. indicated that there was no income for the period of December 15 thru December 31, expenses totalled $4,170.21, resulting in a deficit of $1,323.74. Some December expenses had been accrued but had not been paid pending receipt of additional revenue. The financial report covering the period January 1, 1983 to January 12, 1983, indicated income from dues of $1,037.53, expenses of $204.72 with remaining funds applied to the 1982 deficit. This resulted in a current deficit of $490.93. It had been suggested at the last meeting of the board that it would be appropriate to pay the additional $2,500.00 fee authorized for 1982 executive secretary services from the S.A.W.I.D. fund however a quorum of that board was not present and payment was authorized by W.S.W.R.A. A MOTION was made by Rogers Neff, seconded by Ron Van Gundy and carried with no dissenting votes that $2,500.00 be transferred from S.A.W.I.D. to W.S.W.R.A. Addressing the W.S.W.R.A. year end report, a
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MOTION was made by Marvin Vander Griend, seconded and carried that
the W.S.W.R.A financial report be approved. A MOTION was made by
Lowell Felt, seconded by Walt Peterson and carried that the ex-
penses shown on the January 12, 1983 financial report also be
approved.

Discussion followed on the proposed job description for the position
of executive secretary. It was noted that the hours approximated
therein to complete the administrative, financial, legislative and
miscellaneous duties were to serve as a guideline to the board
only and did not represent a condition of employment. Following
further discussion, a MOTION was made by Jim Trull, seconded by
Rogers Neff and carried with Lowell Felt dissenting, to approve
the job description and the pay arrangement of $2,000.00 per month
for 6 months, $1,000.00 per month for the remaining 6 months and a
payment of 50% of all dues collected for 1983 from individuals or
entities who paid no membership fees during 1982. The 50% arrange-
ment is to be in lieu of wages for membership development. A week-
ly living allowance to be paid during the legislative session of
$100.00 was also approved in the preceding motion to adopt the
job description and the accompanying memorandum.

Joe Horrall reported on the criteria for hosting the NWRA annual
meeting and distributed copies of examples of the convention agree-
ment, the letter to confirm arrangements for hotel facilities and
a site inspection check list. Discussion of a possible site in
Washington State for the 1986 convention followed. Joe Horrall
was appointed chairman of a committee to investigate Seattle and/or
Spokane as a possible location. Paul Chasco and John Mayo were
appointed to that committee also.

It was noted that 1983 dues to NWRA of $8,200.00 are now due and
payable. Joe Horrall stated that it has been past policy to send
a portion of the dues prior to the Spring Board meeting, as funds
become available.

A copy of a letter from Pat O'Meara directed to James Watt, Secre-
tary of the Interior, was reviewed. One of the new approaches and
innovating financing methods to provide for future water projects
that Mr. O'Meara suggested was the enactment of a federal water
use fee. There was some confusion as to the intent of this pro-
posal and the President was directed to request clarification from
the Executive Vice President by letter.

Nancy Ostby reported that the group insurance plan devised by
Dunning-Ray Insurance is being submitted to the Insurance Commiss-
ioner's office for approval. No solicitation activity will occur
with the general membership during the interim. April 1 will be
the annual anniversary date for all policies and the insurance
company requests that the format of a loss control program be re-
viewed by the insurance committee members. The agents suggest
that a member of the association knowledgeable in this area be
appointed to work in concert with the insurance company in the
development of a structured safety program. S.V.I.D. is currently
developing its own loss control program and Jim Trull was appointed to work on the W.S.W.R.A. safety program. He may have the assistance of Randy Jackson, according to Ron Van Gundy.

With the Forty-eighth session of the Washington State Legislature underway, it was suggested that Donald Moos, Director of the Department of Ecology, be invited to attend the next meeting of the board to explain proposed legislation that may be sponsored on behalf of DoE. This met with favorable reaction from the membership.

Discussing possible association sponsored legislation, Walt Peterson explained that some county treasurers were insisting that irrigation districts pay the $10.00 charge on delinquent parcels which they bought in at the certificate sale. Mr. Peterson made a MOTION that legislation be sought to remedy this situation and to clarify that the $10.00 should be collected only from the patron at the time of redemption. The motion was seconded by Jim Trull and carried.

The statutory requirement that irrigation districts establish a polling place within each separate division when that district is divided into director divisions was discussed. A MOTION was made by Walt Peterson, seconded by Ron Van Gundy and carried that legislation be sought to allow districts of 10,000 acres or less to declare a single polling place even when there are two or more precincts voting at the same time.

RCW 87.03.115 states that "the bylaws, rules and regulations must be printed in convenient form for distribution in the district". Some attorneys interpret this to require constant updating, printing and mailing of bylaws to the landowners. A MOTION was made by John Mayo, seconded by Walt Peterson and carried that W.S.W.R.A. seek legislation that would clearly indicate that printing and distribution of by-laws was not mandatory as long as the by-laws or rules were readily available for inspection and/or copying at the the district office.

A problem involving small irrigation districts and the requirement that boards hold regular monthly meetings was also addressed. A MOTION was made by Walt Peterson, seconded by John Mayo and carried that legislation be sought to allow boards of irrigation districts comprised of 10,000 acres or less to meet quarterly, if they deem it in the best interest of the district.

A portion of law that allows 50 or a majority of waterusers within an irrigation district to petition for an election to approve the district's salary schedule was discussed. A MOTION was made by Walt Peterson, seconded by Ron Van Gundy and carried that legislation be sought to delete this provision in RCW 87.03.460.

In discussion of plans for a workshop on boardsmanship, Jim Trull stated that he had information on file on this subject, including
that supplied by Walt Peterson from a Rural Electric Association workshop. Mr. Trull agreed to discuss workshop plans with Mr. Peterson in an effort to get something going in this area. A report will be made at the next meeting.

Plans for a water rights workshop are being formulated in cooperation with the Department of Ecology, the Washington Association of Realtors, the American Institute of Real Estate Appraisers and the Farm Land Institute. The seminar will encompass 1 1/2 to 2 days and cover a wide variety of topics which may include water rights from the federal and state perspectives, a history of water rights, contemporary water right problems and water rights as a real property valuation. Yakima has been tentatively selected as the site for the seminar because of the sensitivity of the water rights adjudication there and because of its somewhat central location to other areas of the state. In an absence of a volunteer to head a committee to set up the seminar or serve on the steering committee, the executive secretary was authorized to proceed with the plans and report back at the next meeting. It is assumed that W.S.W.R.A, which conceived the idea for this workshop, will act as the lead organization.

No additional information has been received from the State Auditor's office on the proposed general accounting principles workshops.

Ron Van Gundy stated that contact with the Bureau of Reclamation indicates that the interim guidelines for the Reclamation Reform Act of 1982 will be enforced with vigor. Any district that is not in compliance under the old act and wishes to come under the new act must sign a blank contract as the new rules and regulations will not be available until April 1st. Gene McIntire stated that he had been in contact with Congressman Sid Morrison who feels this is an unfair approach and will be contacting the Dept. of Interior to see what can be done. Ron Van Gundy made a MOTION that the association write a letter requesting an extension of the moratorium on enforcement of excess land limitations for one more year. The motion was seconded by Joe Horrall and carried.

Dick Hendrick brought up the subject of the Bureau of Reclamation budget cuts and suggested that the districts approach Congress for supplementary funding. John Mayo expanded on the effect of Congress passing the continuing resolution rather than approving the budget package. Districts that will be cut include the South Columbia Basin Irrigation District (Block 26), Whitestone Reclamation District, Okanogan Irrigation District and Yakima Tieton Irrigation District. Additional cuts were made to Bureau operated facilities in Yakima and on the Third Power Plant, Columbia Basin Project. The Bureau would not oppose a united effort from irrigation interests to obtain a supplemental appropriation to reinstate a portion of the reduced funds, according to John. Following lengthy discussion, a MOTION was made by Lowell Felt that President Dickman be authorized to take the appropriate steps to accomplish this, including the drafting of a letter to the state's con-
gressional delegates and NWRA headquarters requesting their support for supplemental funding in the amounts proposed by the Bureau. The motion was seconded by Ron Van Gundy and carried.

Discussion of the basis on which 1983 W.S.W.R.A. dues are based ensued. A MOTION was made by Jim Trull that the percentage assessment be applied to either O&M expenses or O&M assessments at the district's option, provided the selection is consistent from year to year. The motion was seconded and carried.

The President requested that the audit of the 1982 financial records be completed by the Auditing Committee prior to the next meeting.

It was reported that a letter had been sent to all irrigation district directors encouraging them to subscribe to individual memberships in W.S.W.R.A.

To defray the cost of flowers for the funeral of Rosadell Nutley, those present made contributions totalling $62.00. $56.02 had been expended from S.A.W.I.D. funds for this purpose, leaving a balance of $5.98 for future disposition.

It was announced that a seminar to discuss different approaches to providing computer technology assistance to local governments will be held in Seattle on January 21, 1983. As there were no volunteers to attend on behalf of the organization, the executive secretary will participate provided there are no conflicts with current legislative activities.

The next board of directors meeting will be held in Yakima on Friday, February 18th at 10:00 a.m. Notice of the location of that meeting will be forthcoming.

With no additional matters to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at approximately 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Peab
Executive Secretary

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PROPOSED 1983
JOB DESCRIPTION - EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

ADMINISTRATIVE/SECRETARIAL

1. Attend all Board of Directors meetings.
2. Prepare and distribute Board meeting agendas with support data.
3. Prepare and distribute minutes of all Board meetings and general membership meetings.
4. Distribute meeting material to all members not present at previous meeting.
5. Author and distribute monthly WATER NEWS to full membership.
6. Maintain current membership directory and membership mailing list.
7. Respond to all miscellaneous correspondence with copy of response on important matters to President.
8. Attend meetings of YRBID, Columbia Basin Development League, PNWWA, AWWA, NW Power Planning Council, etc. as time and budget permit, or as directed by President.
10. Distribute supplementary packet of forms, as submitted by Forms Committee, to subscribers of Irrigation Laws handbook.
11. Boardmanship Workshop - Attend committee meetings only if no conflict with legislative responsibilities; distribute registration information as supplied by committee to full membership. (Does not include mailings to other entities if workshop expanded to include other associations or entities)
12. Water Rights Workshop - Assist committee(s) in planning format, etc.; attend committee meetings if no conflict with legislative responsibilities; distribute registration information as supplied by committee(s) to full membership. (Does not include mailings to other entities such as non-members, realtors, etc.) Attend.
13. GAP Workshops - Attend meeting(s) with representative of State Auditor's office; assist committee in setting up local area meetings to teach irrigation district personnel new requirements; draft and distribute information on regional meetings to full membership. Attend one or more workshops.
14. Annual Conference - Assist committee in planning conference; attend committee meetings; assist with hotel/motel arrangements; distribute registration forms and other data to membership and potential conference; prepare registration packets; attend all conference functions with necessary support data.
15. Maintain correspondence files.
17. Develop new memberships as time permits.
18. Draft recommendations for by-laws committee.
19. Attend NWRA convention activities.
20. Mail notices and other information to attorneys committee as necessary.

FINANCIAL

1. Prepare and mail annual dues statements to irrigation and general membership.
2. Draft dues cover letter(s) for president's signature.
4. Maintain individual dues account ledgers for each member.
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5. Prepare periodic reports on members in good standing.
6. Draft and mail letters of delinquency.
7. Prepare monthly and annual financial reports for both funds.
8. Reconcile monthly bank statements.
11. Prepare and deposit withholding taxes in accordance with IRS regulations.
12. Prepare annual report to IRS.
13. Project future expenses and invest any surplus funds as available.
14. Set up simplified double entry bookkeeping in conformance with St. Auditor's unified system of accounts for irrigation districts for entry on computer system.

LEGISLATIVE

Approx. 950 Hours

1. Attend all hearings on bills that may pertain to irrigation districts or water resources in general including those held during evening hours, on weekends or during interim. (Including but not limited to House and Senate Committees on Agriculture, Local Government, State Government, Natural Resources, Energy & Utilities.)

2. Review all new bills daily for applicability to W.S.W.R.A. membership and distribute in accordance with adopted legislative committee procedures.
3. Coordinate testimony or testify on those bills of significant impact to membership.
4. Prepare weekly status report and mail with copies of bills to Board and Legislative Committee.
5. Attend any W.S.W.R.A Legislative Committee meetings held in addition to Board of Directors meetings.
6. Prepare monthly Legislative Digest Report and mail to full membership.
7. Attend Third House meetings as time permits.
8. Meet with individual legislators and/or staff as necessary.

MISCELLANEOUS

Approx. 40 + Overhead Costs

1. Respond to a wide variety of telephone inquiries from members, state employees and officials, federal entities, referring them to other members or professionals, if necessary.
2. Use personal vehicle for local Yakima travel, i.e., post office, copy center, local meetings.
3. Purchase and maintain office equipment, i.e. typewriter, telephone answering service, adding machine, file cabinets.
4. Maintain office space in personal residence; provide utilities.

Approx. 1880 Hours Total
(excluding membership development)
MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
WASHINGTON STATE WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION
and
STATE ASSOCIATION OF WASHINGTON IRRIGATION DISTRICTS
February 18, 1983
Holiday Inn, Yakima, Washington

The board of directors of the Washington State Water Resources Association met jointly with the board of directors of the State Association of Washington Irrigation Districts on Friday, February 18, 1983, at the Holiday Inn, 9 N. 9th St., Yakima, Washington. W.S.W.R.A. board members present were Warren Dickman, Jim Webb, Rogers Neff, James W. Trull, Glen Fiedler, Ron Van Gundy, Joe Horrall, Marvin D. Vander Griend, and John S. Mayo (9). S.A.W.I.D. board members present were Jim Webb, Rogers Neff, Ron Van Gundy, Marvin D. Vander Griend and Joe Morrison (5). Also present were Chan Bailey, Richard A. Lemarge, Carol Prochaska, Nancy Ostby, Richard E. German, Stan Case, Helen Hill, Tom Cotton, Judy Bear, Gene McIntire, Cyril Lentz, Rosella Calvert and Jeanne Peck. Scott Beyer also joined the meeting for a short period during the afternoon session. President Warren Dickman called the meeting to order at approximately 10:15 a.m.

Addressing the minutes of the January 12, 1983 board of directors meeting, a MOTION was made by Ron Van Gundy, seconded by Marvin Vander Griend and carried that the minutes be approved as mailed.

The financial report for S.A.W.I.D. indicated income of $62.07 and expenses of $2,502.97 since the beginning of the year. The cash on hand as of 2/18/83 was $4,334.42. A MOTION was made by Ron Van Gundy, seconded by Rogers Neff and carried that the S.A.W.I.D. financial report be approved.

The W.S.W.R.A. financial report showed income of $20,528.98 and expenses of $4,342.96 for the period 1/13/83 thru 2/18/83 and reflected the transfer of $2,500.00 from the S.A.W.I.D. fund as directed by the board at the previous meeting. Total funds available as of 2/18/83 were $15,695.09. A MOTION was made by Jim Trull, seconded by Ron Van Gundy and carried that the W.S.W.R.A. financial report be approved. It was noted by Ron Van Gundy that the 50% deduction from new memberships was reflected incorrectly under the income section of the report. It was recommended that this item be expensed in the same manner as other payroll related expenditures.

Nancy Ostby, chairman of the 1982 auditing committee, reported that the audit of the 1982 financial records had been completed with a finding that the year end financial statements balance with the check register, bank statements and other support data.

Bills of possible significant impact to the association members have been introduced since the Legislature convened on January 10, 1983, by MOTIONS made, seconded and carried, the following positions were established:

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Following a recess for lunch, Scott Beyer, attorney for the Yakima-Tieton Irrigation District, addressed those present regarding recent interpretations of the prevailing wage requirements of RCW 39.12. Irrigation districts are granted an exemption from the definition of municipality under 39.04.010 RCW, and, therefore, it can be argued, are exempt from legislation governing "public works". However, recent correspondence with the Department of Labor and Industries indicates that construction of a multi-phase and multi-purpose facility, such as the Yakima-Tieton R&B project, falls under a category subject to prevailing wage laws. Mr. Beyer has been authorized by the Yakima-Tieton board to seek a reconsideration from the Department of Labor and Industries in the hope that the previous determination will be rescinded. A request for an attorney general's opinion has also been authorized to determine if (1) the Department of Labor and Industries regulation can be held invalid or (2) the interpretation of the regulation as it applies to the Yakima-Tieton project is invalid. Because of the wide impact of this matter on all irrigation districts, the Yakima-Tieton will be seeking political support from the association and possibly some financial support, as well.

It was noted that proposed legislation would transfer the responsibility for enforcing prevailing wage requirements from the Department of Labor and Industries to the individual public bodies. This bill, SB 3476, had not been sent to the board because of the aforementioned exemption. At the request of the president, copies of the bill will be distributed as soon as possible.

Reviewing the bills listed in the "monitoring only" category, Ron Van Gundy inquired about SB 3168 regarding the use of credit cards and requested that this bill be moved to category A with no position established.
Joe Horrall reported on the details of the NWRA Spring Board Meeting, Federal Water Seminar and Congressional reception scheduled for April 5 thru 7th in Washington, D. C. Room accommodations are limited so those planning to attend should contact national headquarters as soon as possible.

The NWRA is still looking at the possibility of merging with the Water Resources Congress. Mr. Horrall distributed copies of proposed by-laws for the combined organization. This matter will be addressed at the next meeting of W.S.W.R.A.

A letter from John M. Sayre of the Colorado Water Congress and NWRA board was read. He challenged the use of the slogan "working together for the wise use of water" by W.S.W.R.A. in light of the opposition the association has expressed to the proposed merger. He states that those in favor of the merger seem to be in a minority.

A tentative agenda for the water rights workshop scheduled for July 11 and 12, 1983, was distributed. The format for the first day was reviewed and accepted. In discussion of several alternatives for the morning of the second day, it was thought that breaking into small groups to discuss specific subject matter would not be advisable. Instead, it was suggested that the morning be devoted to topics of a mechanical nature such as instructions on how to obtain a water permit, etc.

The next meeting of the board of directors was set for Wednesday, March 16, 1983 at 10:00 in Olympia. The location of the meeting will be announced at a later date.

Discussion of the federal guidelines on cost sharing was deferred until the next meeting. The deadline for comments is March 25, 1983.

Ron Van Gundy reported that the Departments of Fish and Game have revised portions of the proposed Hydraulics Code Rules to exclude irrigation canals from the permitting process. Drains, however, will not be excluded and some concern was expressed over this. Richard Lemargie stated that the East Columbia Basin Irrigation District is currently involved in litigation over the position that irrigation water under the district's control is no longer "public waters" and therefore not subject to this regulatory process. Addressing HB 278, a rewrite of the fisheries code containing the hydraulics code, it was decided that no position would be taken in light of the pending litigation and that the bill would be monitored only.

Warren Dickman reported that he, John Mayo, Don Johnson, John Spencer, Charlie Roe and Dick Hendrick had been in Washington, D. C. recently to support supplemental federal funding for Washington State projects. Approximately $50 million may be incorporated into a new "jobs bill" including the $11.4 million package for Washington State.

Helen Hill inquired next about the site of the 1983 annual conference. No decision has been made to date.
With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Peck
Executive Secretary

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The minutes of the previous meeting held Friday, February 18, 1983, were addressed. A MOTION was made by Ron Van Gundy, seconded by Jim Trull and carried that the minutes be approved.

The S.A.W.I.D. financial report was distributed as a point of information only as a quorum of that board was not in attendance.

The W.S.W.R.A. financial report indicated income of $1,415.81 and expenses of $3,218.84 for the period 2/16/83 thru 2/28/83. The net cash balance as of 2/28/83 was $13,892.06. As Yakima-Tieton Irrigation District is allowing the use of their computer system for both W.S.W.R.A. and S.A.W.I.D. financial records, a double entry, modified accrual accounting system has been developed in conformance with the unified system of accounts prescribed by the Office of the State Auditor. As a result, subsequent financial reports will be made on a monthly basis rather than meeting to meeting. The detail on 1983 dues receipts thru 3/15/83 was reviewed. It was noted that Sunnyside Valley Irrigation District had just remitted dues in the amount of $3,534.87 which was not reflected on the report. A MOTION was made by Glen Fiedler, seconded by Joe Horrall and carried that the W.S.W.R.A. financial report be approved.

Joe Horrall made a MOTION that W.S.W.R.A. pay $3,000.00 of the $8,200.00 owing NWRA for 1983 dues. The motion was seconded and carried.

The President announced that Lowell Felt has officially tendered his resignation as 1st Vice President, Director of Division #6 and Legislative Committee Chairman due to the press of Oroville-Tonasket Irrigation District business and health considerations. A MOTION was made by Walt Peterson, seconded by Jim Trull and carried that a committee be appointed to solicit interested parties and make a recommendation to the board on a nominee for Director of Division #6. A MOTION was made by Jim Trull, seconded by Walt Peterson and
carried that Paul Chasco be elected to serve as 1st Vice President for the remainder of the 1982/1983 term. Jim Trull made a second MOTION that the President instruct the nominating committee to make a recommendation for the office of 2nd Vice President as well as that of Director. The motion was seconded by Glen Fiedler and carried. Based on information that Dick German would be willing to serve as 1983 Conference Committee Chairman, Mr. German was so appointed by the President. Paul Chasco was also appointed Legislative Committee Chairman.

Lengthy discussion of the services that would be provided to members with unpaid dues followed. Walt Peterson made a MOTION that members who have not paid current year dues be billed quarterly and that a letter be sent with the 4th billing that the association will not be able to continue sending informational literature as of January 1, if dues are not paid. The motion was seconded by Ron Van Gundy and carried with two dissenting votes. A second MOTION was made by Walt Peterson, seconded by Joe Horrall and carried that we discontinue services to those districts and previous members who have formally notified the association that they will not continue their membership during 1983. It was suggested by Paul Chasco that such notice be acknowledged with a letter that we would welcome them back into the association at any time. He also suggested that a "score card" of association activities be put together for distribution.

Jim Trull made a MOTION that in order to be a member in good standing, full dues must be paid by April 30th. The motion was seconded by Ron Van Gundy and carried. In clarification of the motion, it was explained that the Constitution of the association requires membership in good standing in order to hold office or vote at a general membership meeting. Membership in good standing can be reinstalled by full payment of back dues. Glen Fiedler made a MOTION that partial payments of dues be handled in the same manner as no payment of dues. The motion was seconded by Ron Van Gundy and carried.

Joe Horrall reviewed the schedule for the NWRA spring board meeting, federal water seminar and congressional reception scheduled for April 5th through 7th in Washington, D.C. He will be expressing Washington's interest in hosting the 1988 NWRA Convention in Spokane and obtaining additional information on the hosts responsibilities. Addressing the proposed merger of NWRA and WRC and proposed by-laws of the combined group, Walt Peterson made a MOTION that W.S.W.R.A. reaffirm our opposition to the merger. The motion was seconded by Glen Fiedler and carried unanimously.

Reviewing the tentative agenda for the Water Rights Workshop, the board authorized Glen Fiedler to approach the Director of the Department of Ecology to ascertain if the Department is willing to cosponsor the event.

Glen Fiedler reviewed the status of legislation on ground water rights as well as SB 4236 and SB 3873 regarding minimum flows and the development of small hydro. Mr. Fiedler urged the association members
to consider a compromise between the D.o.E's position in SB 4236 and that proposed by the Yakima Basin Irrigation Districts in SB 3873.

Following a recess for lunch, Paul Chasco reported that he had received a very good response in regard to the questionnaire on medical insurance coverage. It was mentioned that Fireman's Fund has expressed interest in making a proposal on an optional total package similar to what is being offered by United Pacific Reliance.

Jim Trull made a MOTION that the 1983 Annual Convention be held in the Tri-Cities area. The motion was seconded by Paul Chasco and carried.

Returning to the tentative agenda for the Water Rights Workshop, the board suggested that the irrigation district panel scheduled for 10:45 a.m. on the second day be revised to cover the topics of (1) types of water rights, (2) distribution of water to small tracts and (3) providing easements for water delivery.

In regard to federal cost sharing, Russ Smith stated that he did not feel the federal government is giving adequate consideration to existing cost sharing projects and requested that the President draft a letter to this effect.

The status of bills of significant impact to the association members was addressed. The policy on ground water mining in Substitute SB 3415 is very different from what is contained in the original bill however, after lengthy discussion, the previous position of "no position" was reaffirmed. Other action was taken by MOTION made, seconded and carried as follows:

- SB 3476: Monitor Only
- SSB 3827: Support
- SSB 3868: Support
- SSB 3873: Support Concept
- SB 4155: Monitor Only
- SB 4236: Oppose
- SHB 583: Oppose
- SHB 410: No Position (if amended)
- SHB 583: No Position
- HB 794: Monitor Only
- HB 901: Oppose

The next meeting of the board of directors was scheduled for Friday, April 8th in the Yakima area. The exact location will be determined and the membership notified.

John Mayo stated that Don Thompson's retirement party is scheduled for March 26, 1983. Gary Fischer will be assuming Mr. Thompson's responsibilities with the Greater Wenatchee Irrigation District.

Russ Smith announced that a retirement party for Maria Klug is scheduled for Thursday, March 31, 1983 at the Moose Club in Pasco. All are invited to attend.
With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned until April 8, 1983.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]

Executive Secretary

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MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
WASHINGTON STATE WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION
and
STATE ASSOCIATION OF WASHINGTON IRRIGATION DISTRICTS
April 8, 1983
Selah Mining Company, Selah, Washington

The board of directors of the Washington State Water Resources
Association met jointly with the board of directors of the State
Association of Washington Irrigation Districts on Friday, April
8, 1983 at the Selah Mining Company, 204 E. Naches Ave., Selah,
Washington. W.S.W.R.A. board members present were Paul Chasco,
Glen Fiedler, Marvin Vander Giend, Ron Van Gundy, Russell Poff,
Walt Peterson, Warren Dickman, James W. Webb and James W. Trull
(9). S.A.W.I.D. board members present were Marvin Vander Giend,
Ron Van Gundy, Joe Morrison, Walt Peterson and James W. Webb (5).
Also present were Helen Hill, Judy Bear, Lavon Sanders, Gene Mc-
Intire, Mary Webb, Bob Kramer, Nancy Ostby and Jeanne Peck. Presi-
dent Warren Dickman called the meeting to order at 10:13 a.m.

The minutes of the March 16, 1983 meeting were addressed. Paul
Chasco noted an error on page 3, paragraph 2, line 2. The spell-
ing of the word "response" was corrected and a MOTION was made by
Ron Van Gundy, seconded by Glen Fiedler and carried that the min-
utes be approved as corrected.

The S.A.W.I.D. financial report dated 3/31/83 indicated income of
$49,50, no expenses and cash on hand of $4,451.66. A MOTION was
made by Walt Peterson, seconded by Jim Webb and carried that the
financial transactions be approved to date.

The financial report for W.S.W.R.A. indicated income of $4,569.08,
expenses for the period of $6,865.68 and a balance as of 3/31/83
of $11,595.46. A MOTION was made by Jim Webb, seconded by Ron
Van Gundy and carried that the financial report be approved.

Paul Chasco, chairman of the nominating committee, reported that
the committee recommends the following nominees for S.A.W.I.D.
vacancies: To complete the term of Director at Large vacated by
Lowell Felt, Judy Bear; to complete the unexpired term of Director
at Large previously held by Rosadell S. Nutley, Paul Chasco; and
to fill the unexpired term vacated by the resignation of William
Lefler, James W. Trull. The committee also recommended Paul Chasco
for the office of 1st Vice President. Marvin Vander Giend made a
MOTION that the nominations be closed and that the secretary be in-
structed to cast a unanimous ballot for the slate of nominees. The
motion was seconded by Walt Peterson and carried. Thus creating a
vacancy in the office of 2nd Vice President, the committee recommend-
ed that Ron Van Gundy assume that position. A MOTION was made by
Walt Peterson, seconded by Joe Morrison and carried that the recom-
menation of the committee be accepted, that the nominations be
closed and that the secretary be instructed to cast a unanimous
ballot for the nominee.

Turning to the vacancy on the W.S.W.R.A. board of directors, the
committee recommended Judy Bear for the unexpired term of Division
#6 Director. To fill the position of 2nd Vice President, the com-
mittee's recommendation was Ron Van Gundy. A MOTION was made by
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Walt Peterson that the recommendations of the committee be accepted, that the nominations be closed and the secretary be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for the nominees. The motion was seconded by Jim Webb and carried.

As Joe Horrall, National Director, was not present, the report on the NWRA Spring Board Meeting was deferred until the next board of directors meeting.

Paul Chasco reported that Don Smith, working in conjunction with Dunning-Ray Insurance, had discussed a group medical insurance package for W.S.W.R.A. members with four different prospective carriers. None of those approached were interested at this time.

The Department of Ecology has officially agreed to co-sponsor the Water Rights Valuation Seminar scheduled for July 11th and 12th. The steering committee is currently attempting to secure commitments from the suggested speakers with the hope that the program can be finalized by April 30th.

Paul Chasco, chairing the segment of the meeting devoted to legislative matters, reviewed the Legislative Status Report dated April 8, 1983. Amendments to SSB 3154 had been mailed to the board and legislative committee, however, no action was entertained to change the "no position" previously established. A technical amendment has been suggested by Robert Campbell to SSB 3511 to clarify the meaning of "each individual entity". However, in light of the time constraints during the regular session of the Legislature, it was the consensus of the proponents present that no amendment be offered at this time. A proposed substitute to SSB 3873 as written by the Department of Ecology was addressed. Following lengthy discussion, a MOTION was made by Warren Dickman that the proposed amendment be opposed. The motion was seconded by Jim Trull and carried with one dissenting vote. Glen Fiedler abstained. SHB 583 is scheduled for hearing in the Senate Agriculture Committee on Tuesday, April 12, 1983. As amended in the House, the association had changed from opposition to the bill to "no position". A suggestion that the original position of "oppose" be reinstated was not accepted. It was noted that HB 595 is exempt from the cut-off dates because of its revenue impact.

Discussion of a possible date for the annual convention followed. November 17th and 18th were tentatively designated as the dates for the meeting with the board of directors meeting scheduled for the evening of the 16th. Dick German, convention committee chairman, may select the committee members to assist him.

Glen Fiedler reported that the U. S. Geological Survey will be studying the ground water situation in the Columbia River basalts of Washington, Oregon and Idaho over a 4 year program. They wish to hold two informational meetings in Eastern Washington to acquaint
interested parties with the study plan. They are soliciting the association's assistance as co-sponsors of the meetings. Some funding would be available to defray W.S.W.R.A. expenses. Several members expressed a need to be involved and Paul Chasco made a MOTION that the executive secretary be given the authority to contact USGS for additional information on the work involved, leaving the decision of whether or not to commit to the undertaking, to her discretion. The motion was seconded by Walt Peterson and carried.

The next meeting of the board was set for Friday, May 20, 1983 at the Kennewick Irrigation District in Kennewick at 10:00 a.m.

Judy Bear volunteered to host the July or August board meeting at the Oroville-Tonasket Irrigation District office.

With no additional business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Executive Secretary

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MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
WASHINGTON STATE WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION
and
STATE ASSOCIATION OF WASHINGTON IRRIGATION DISTRICTS
May 20, 1963
Kennewick Irrigation District Office, Kennewick, Washington

The board of directors of the Washington State Water Resources Association met jointly with the board of directors of the State Association of Washington Irrigation Districts on Friday, May 20, 1963, at the Kennewick Irrigation District office, 214 West First Ave., Kennewick, Washington. W.S.W.R.A. board members present were Ron Van Gundy, Rogers Neff, James W. Trull, John S. Mayo, Joe Horrall, Judy Bear, Marvin Vander Griend, Paul Chasco, and Warren Dickman (9). S.A.W.I.D. board members present were Ron Van Gundy, Rogers Neff, James W. Trull, Judy Bear, Marvin Vander Griend and Paul Chasco (6). Also present were Gene McIntire, Nancy Ostby, Linn L. Tinsman, Lavon Sanders, Don Kiehn and Bob Zekes of United Pacific Reliance Insurance, Gerry Hagarty and Fred Ackerman of Dunn-Ray Insurance Agency, Richard B. German, Merle Gibbens, Russ Smith, John Westland, Chan Bailey and Jeanne Peck. President Warren Dickman called the meeting to order at 10:20 a.m.

John Westland, attorney for the Kennewick Irrigation District, discussed several legal issues the K.I.D. is confronting that could affect all irrigation districts. In one circumstance, plans by the City of Kennewick to put in a new street would require the K.I.D. to remove and replace a distribution line at the district's expense. The district took the matter to court and the judge ruled that the city must pay to replace the line on the basis that the reservations for water lines were prior. In another matter, a member of the K.I.D. board has obtained an interpretation of certain irrigation law from the Attorney General's Office via Senator Max Benitz. The assistant attorney general responding to the inquiry pointed out that the information was to be considered an "observation" not a "formal opinion". In clarification of what constitutes an "emergency" as described in RCW 87.03.475, it is explained that an emergency is an unforeseen combination of circumstances which call for immediate action and not a "necessity" which is unavoidable; something which must be accomplished to attain a desired result. Lands taken for nonpayment of assessment may be sold without calling for bid and, in addition, there is no requirement within the statute that the property be disposed of within any particular period of time. According to the assistant attorney general, districts should not be installing domestic water, sewer and power on these lands prior to sale. However, the question of whether districts can pay local improvement district assessments for such services was not addressed. The last item concerned changes in RCW 87.03.375 which occurred in 1981. Mr. Westland believes that current law indicates that all property taken for nonpayment of irrigation assessments - even those taken prior to the 1981 act - must be subjected to a quiet title action before anything can be done with same. It was noted that a number of problems exist in the law regarding delinquent assess-
ments and that a committee will review those statutes in preparation for the next legislative session. Mr. Westland expressed his desire to be a member of that committee. A copy of the assistant attorney general’s information can be obtained from the K.I.D. or association headquarters.

Gerry Hagarty of Dunning-Ray Insurance Agency reported on the progress of the association sponsored group liability insurance program, stating that a number of irrigation districts have received quotations and have elected to buy the coverage. One of the key features of the program is the loss control service that is offered by the carrier. Bob Zekes, manager of loss control covering a 10 state area for United Pacific Reliance, described loss control programs in general and specifically how a program might be designed for W.S.W.R.A. It is recommended that someone be appointed to serve as Loss Control Chairman whose function would be to funnel information to the membership and advise the carrier of the areas of potential problem. According to Mr. Hagarty, the insurance plan has three basic requirements; general liability insurance, property insurance, and some form of inland marine insurance. Other optional elements are available. A training seminar was held recently at Dunning-Ray for 10 insurance agents from around the state and all United Pacific Reliance agents in Washington have been notified about the plan’s availability.

Russ Smith reported that the three Columbia Basin irrigation districts have been working under an agreement to develop hydro electric generation on the project. The agreement specifies that an operating authority will be created by July 1, 1982, however, problems have been encountered and the power authority has not been formed to date. The South Columbia Basin Irrigation District has been doing all of the bonding during the interim. Legal council advises that the three districts cannot create the authority and transfer the fund from the South District to the new authority until a ruling is obtained from the Internal Revenue Service and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission that the bonds will continue to be tax exempt. As a result, on May 16, 1983, the South Columbia Basin Irrigation District was restructured to include two separate divisions. The Irrigation & Drainage Division will be headed by Secretary-Manager Merle Gibbens and the Power Generation Division will be managed by Secretary-Manager Russ Smith.

Addressing the minutes of the board of directors meeting held April 8, 1983, a MOTION was made by Ron Van Gundy that the minutes stand approved as mailed. The motion was seconded by John Mayo and carried.

The S.A.W.I.D. financial report indicated income for April of $3,090.84, expenses of $1,49 and a balance of $7,541.01. A MOTION was made by Joe Horrell, seconded by Paul Chasco and carried that the report be approved.
Income for W.S.W.R.A. totalled $750.76, expenses were $3,851.32 resulting in a balance on April 30th of $8,494.80. A MOTION was made by Rogers Neff, seconded by John Mayo and carried that the W.S.W.R.A. financial report be approved.

Joe Horrall reported on the NWRA spring board of directors meeting and distributed a recap of the activities as attached. The NWRA summer board meeting will be held in Kalispell, Montana on July 31, August 1 and 2, 1983. The Resolutions Committee will be meeting during that time frame and all state associations should submit proposed resolutions by July 30th. Russ Smith, W.S.W.R.A. delegate to that committee, will tentatively attend. Rogers Neff attended the Water Policy Committee meeting held during the spring board of directors meeting. He reported that this group is working out a new approach to financing water projects for submission to the Governor of Texas and, subsequently, governors of other states.

A planning meeting to discuss the proposal for a conference on agricultural issues was held in Yakima on May 4 and 5, 1983. Nearly 100 people from all segments of agriculture attended the meeting sponsored by Washington State University and the State Department of Agriculture. Attendance was by invitation from the Governor’s Office and W.S.W.R.A. was represented by the executive secretary. The initial purpose of the meeting was to determine whether the ag community feels there is a need to form a coalition for agriculture. It was unanimously decided to have a conference on agricultural issues in the fall of 1983. Six major subjects were selected as possible topics for the program: (1) taxes, (2) marketing, (3) research and education, (4) communications and public relations, (5) legislation and regulation and (6) resource management. A steering committee will be appointed shortly to address the details of the conference and prioritize the subject matter. It was apparent that many of the leaders of the agri-business community are not aware of the problems facing irrigated agriculture today and conference planners were urged to include the water resources issue in the fall program.

It was reported that the Federal Way office of United Pacific Reliance Insurance has been working on a design for an association logo. A sample of their ideas had been anticipated by the May meeting but was not available. In order to facilitate the printing of the insurance brochure, a copy of the proposed logo will be distributed to the directors by mail for approval.

The legislative activity since the May 10, 1983 Status Report was developed has been minimal. The only changes in the status of bills the association is actively lobbying was the signing of the bill authorizing the East Selah reregulating reservoir. Engrossed House Bill 1094 as recently amended by the Senate includes revisions to Title 67, has passed both houses, and has been sent to the Governor for signature. The bill grants immunity from civil liability to irrigation district directors and employees for mistakes and errors of judgment in the good faith performance of acts within the scope
of their official duties which relate solely to their responsibilities for electrical utilities. No position was established on the bill at this late date however it was the consensus that the legislation would be beneficial. May 24, 1983 is the final day of the First Extraordinary Session of the 1983 Forty-Eighth Legislature.

A draft of the preliminary program for the Water Rights Valuation Seminar and advance registration form was presented. A preregistration fee of $20.00 was recommended with $30.00 being charged after July 1, 1983. The poolside buffet luncheon on July 11th will be optional for an additional $8.20. No changes in the format were suggested by the board.

Dick German, Convention Committee Chairman and Manager of Badger Mountain Irrigation District, reported that Cavanaugh's Motor Inn has been selected as the site for the W.S.W.R.A. annual convention scheduled for November 17 and 18. He asked that John Mayo, Ron Van Gundy, Joe Harrill and anyone else interested assist on the program committee. Lavon Sanders of his staff will be handling the details of the meeting.

A meeting with the U.S. Geological Survey in Tacoma revealed that any costs incurred by W.S.W.R.A. in setting up informational meetings on the Columbia River Basalt Ground Water Study would be reimbursed. In addition, the time devoted to this effort by the executive secretary would not be excessive. Therefore, two meetings have been set up; one on July 26, 1983 at the Hallmark Inn Sage Room, 3000 Marina Dr., Moses Lake and the second on July 27, 1983 at the Hanford House Columbia Room, 802 George Washington Way, Richland. Both meetings will begin at 7:00 p.m.

The next meeting of the W.S.W.R.A. board of directors will be held on Wednesday, June 15, 1983 at the East Columbia Basin Irrigation District office. The July meeting will be held at the Oroville-Tonasket Irrigation District office in Oroville on Wednesday, the 20th.

Warren Dickman and Ron Van Gundy discussed recent conversations with Bob Lee of the Senate Research staff. He has had contact with fish and wildlife staff member Mark Snyder of the Northwest Power Planning Council. Apparently there is a willingness there to meet with Yakima Basin irrigation districts to discuss the ramifications of the implementation of the fish and wildlife plan. Curt Marshall is the head of that division.

The NWRA has requested an update of Washington delegates to various committees. Henry Vancik will be contacted to determine if he still wishes to remain on the Agricultural Water Users Committee. Warren Dickman was authorized to participate on the Indian Water Claims Committee; Jim Trull asked to be deleted from the Municipal & Industrial Water Users Committee and Walt Peterson or John Mayo were suggested as
a replacement; Kay Vancik will be contacted regarding her participation as Women's Division representative to the National Water Policy Committee and Gary Fischer was suggested as a possible replacement for Rosadell S. Nutley on the Small Projects Committee.

Proposed rules and regulations for the implementation of the Reclamation Reform Act of 1982 were published in the May 3, 1983 federal register. Copies of the register were made available to the members. Several hearings have been scheduled including three in the Pacific Northwest Region; on June 16th in Boise, June 23rd in Bend and June 24th in Pasco. All three hearings will begin at 9:00 a.m. Afternoon and evening sessions will be held only if needed to provide time for those wishing to testify.

Water West, a digest of a booklength study to be published shortly by Nero & Associates in Portland, has been forwarded recently to the Yakima office. The publication discusses such things as diversion of Columbia River water to other states, conflicts between the Columbia Basin Development League and the Northwest Power Planning Council. It references Professor Whittlesey's study on the tradeoffs of water use for irrigation and energy production and discusses actual cost pricing for irrigation water. The digest concludes that gradually raising the cost of existing irrigation water to replacement costs would encourage conservation and discourage new projects. Apparently, the full length study will be used as reference data in efforts to establish a National Water Policy. The authors have encouraged our comments.

It was announced that the General Accounting Principles scheduled for implementation by January 1, 1984 by the State Auditor's Office will probably be postponed until 1985. Therefore, workshops on this subject may also be postponed.

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]
Executive Secretary

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We had three sessions of board meetings, two congressional breakfasts, a congressional reception, a water seminar, and a meeting with Secretary Jim Watts in his office on April 5, 6 and 7. All the sessions were well attended and it appears that the NWRA is in a relatively healthy condition at the present time. I had an opportunity to spend some time with Congressman Rod Chandler of the 8th District to discuss the importance of water legislation to the State of Washington and to the Western states. Rod is a friend of Congressman Sid Morrison, so I hope he will give us some support on water issues.

Secretary Watts was uptight when we met with him in his office. He was critical of the legislators in some of the Western states who did not support water projects in other states. The Garrison project in North Dakota is a prime example as a large number of Western congressmen did not support that project including some west-side representatives from the State of Washington. It was also suggested by the Secretary's office that Representative Mo Udall from Arizona is not lending full support to some of the other state projects. There was a call for a closer coalition and more support. It was suggested that if the Western states do not hang together, they will hang separate.

The merger between Water Resources Council and National Water Resources Association has been called off. The WRC voted to not merge at their winter meeting. The navigation interests led the opposition to the merger. It was reported that some of the water interests from WRC are expected to switch to NWRA, but this will not be a merger. Their interests are expected to be met in NWRA through the committee process.

The safety of dams legislation was a hot issue as there is considerable support to require cost sharing. There were many instances given in which a state or other entity would be required to share in the cost of correcting something which had deficiencies and were out of the hands of that entity.

Cost sharing is of great concern as it affects water projects because if it proceeds along the lines of requiring a percentage of project cost payment up front, it will stop water development in states with a low tax base. An effort to amend this concept is underway with a letter from Western Republican senators to the President which appeared in the May 13, 1983, National Water Line.
An NWRA political action committee was authorized in May, 1982. It is broke and NWRA members are encouraged to contribute. The PAC fund will be used to say "thank you" to members of congress who work for legislation to develop the water resources of the West. Contributions may be sent to NWRA headquarters designated for NWRAPAC.

The NWRA summer board meeting will be held in Kalispell, Montana, July 31 and August 1 and 2. It will be headquartered at the Outlaw Inn. A seminar is planned with the summer board meeting and NWRA committees are encouraged to schedule their meetings at this time. I would encourage a good turnout from the State of Washington. We are also asked to submit proposed resolutions to the Resolution Committee prior to the start of this meeting so that they can work on them and have everything pretty well in order at the conclusion of the summer board meeting.

I felt that the spring board meeting was a great success and it seemed like that there was increased cooperation from the different states and also the states seem to be in better financial condition and their dues to the National are coming in better than they have in recent years.
The board of directors of the Washington State Water Resources Association met jointly with the board of directors of the State Association of Washington Irrigation Districts on Wednesday, June 15, 1983, at the East Columbia Basin Irrigation District office, 55 North 8th, Othello, Washington. W.S.W.R.A. board members present were Paul Chasco, James W. Trull, Tom Lyda, Marvin VanderGriend, Judy Bear, Marvin Jeffries, Ron Van Gundy, Walt Peterson, John Mayo, Russell Poff, Joe Horrall, Jim Webb and Warren Dickman (13). The S.A.W.I.D. board members present were Paul Chasco, James W. Trull, Marvin VanderGriend, Judy Bear, Marvin Jeffries, Ron Van Gundy, Walt Peterson and Jim Webb (8). Also present were Merle Gibbens, Nancy Ostby, John Downs, Allen Brecke, Dick German, Lavon Sanders, Paul E. Oberding, Tom Cotton, Chan Bailey, Gene McIntire and Jeanne Peck. President Warren Dickman called the meeting to order at 10:20 a.m.

The minutes of the May 20, 1983 board of directors meeting were considered. A MOTION was made by Marvin VanderGriend, seconded by Paul Chasco and carried that the minutes be approved as mailed.

The S.A.W.I.D. financial report was distributed. Income for May totalled $29,40, there were no expenses and cash on hand at month’s end was $7,570.41. A MOTION was made by Walt Peterson that the S.A.W.I.D. financial report be approved. The motion was seconded by Jim Webb and carried.

The W.S.W.R.A. financial report indicated income of $610.96 and expenses of $3,032.76 for May. Cash on hand as of May 31, 1983 was $6,073.00. Projected expenses for the remainder of 1983 totalled approximately $17,000.00 with income estimated at near $8,500.00. If these projections are accurate, the result would be a cash deficit at the end of 1983 of $2,500.00. This shortfall could be offset by additional membership development, cutting expenses in various categories or transferring funds from S.A.W.I.D. It was noted that the total projected expenses for 1983 exceeded the budget primarily because the legislative session was extended. Following discussion, a MOTION was made by Jim Webb, seconded by Paul Chasco and carried that the W.S.W.R.A. financial report be approved.

Joe Horrall stated that by the July meeting, he anticipated having a recommendation for a site in Washington State for the NWRA convention.

Tom Lyda expressed concern over the proposed rules and regulations to implement the Reclamation Reform Act of 1982. A hearing is scheduled for June 24, 1983 in Pasco. Chan Bailey stated that the East District’s attorney will present testimony regarding the excessive costs of implementing the proposed rules. The South District will also be presenting testimony from a similar point of view in addition to expressing their concern that the rules
will be applied west-wide instead of district-wide. The S.C.B.I.D. is also sending a letter to district waterusers seeking their participation in the hearing process. Those testifying and submitting written comments were requested to send a copy of the material to Association headquarters.

Dick German, Convention Committee Chairman, requested suggestions for agenda items for the annual meeting, adding that he personally appreciated the attorneys panel and the auditor’s report at previous general membership meetings. A form was provided for listing suggestions with instruction to return it to Mr. German or the executive secretary. It is the intent of the Chairman to compile a "how to" booklet on planning a convention for use by future Convention Committee Chairman.

Final plans for the water rights valuation seminar have been completed with a few changes from the preliminary agenda. Congressman Sid Morrison recently notified the Department of Ecology that he will be unable to participate in the seminar as he had previously stated. Instead, he and a few other select members of Congress will be the guests of the Supreme Soviet during that time period. As a result, all other speakers on the morning program will be moved forward one half hour. Ken Dunn, Director of the Department of Water Resources for the State of Idaho, has consented to fill the last half hour of the morning program. The Department of Ecology is planning to release information on the seminar to the news media about June 20th and copies of the final program will be distributed to approximately 160 Washington Association of Realtors directors at the board meeting the week of June 22, 1983, in the Tri-Cities.

Paul Chasco requested that arrangements be made with W.A.R. to allow him the opportunity to address the assemblage regarding the importance of the seminar.

The comments of the Director of the Department of Ecology in the May issue of Baseline were addressed. There was some confusion on what types of "new out-of-stream uses" should be precluded under the Director's philosophy, particularly in light of the Department's position on small hydro development during the past legislative session. Following some discussion, it was decided that Don Moos should be asked to clarify his statements.

Tom Cotton questioned whether there had been any response to various letters to Governor Spellman in opposition to the new appointment to the State Ecology Commission. Nothing had come through Association headquarters to date.

In response to an inquiry, Chan Bailey reported on his recent appointment as Columbia Basin Development Coordinator. Mr. Bailey will headquarter in the Othello office of the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation. This position is funded 50% by the Department of Ecology with the remainder of the funds coming from the Columbia Basin Development League, Columbia Basin irrigation districts and Chambers.
It was announced that the Hydraulic Code rules (Chapter 220-110 WAC) have been adopted and that copies are available from Association headquarters.

A letter from Bob Campbell referring to the passage of HB 390 was distributed. This new law will allow irrigation districts greater flexibility in borrowing money by allowing the districts to issue short term assessment anticipation obligations at the beginning of each year. The complete text of the new law is available from W.S.W.R.A. headquarters.

The Yakima office of United Pacific/Reliance Insurance Company has requested the Association appoint an individual to serve as a Loss Control Chairman. There being no volunteers for this responsibility, President Warren Dickman agreed to make the preliminary contacts with the carrier. Dick German reported that Gerry Hagarty is no longer employed by Dunning-Ray Insurance but would continue to work with them on this program on a consulting basis.

Paul Chasco was appointed to chair the committee looking into possible revisions of the delinquent assessment/foreclosure statutes. Walt Peterson was recommended for the committee partially because of his significant input in the legislation on this subject that was passed in 1981. Mr. Chasco will select additional committee members.

In regard to NWRA committee appointments, Tom Lyda agreed to continue serving on the Acreage Limitation Committee; John Mayo was reaffirmed on the Energy Water Users Committee; and Paul Chasco was appointed to the Municipal and Industrial Water Users Committee. John Mayo reported that he had discussed the vacancy on the Small Projects Committee with Gary Fischer of the Greater Wenatchee Irrigation District and that there seemed to be a willingness on his part to participate. A number of these committees will be meeting in conjunction with the NWRA Summer Board of Directors meeting in Kalispell.

Notice has been received that the Association Management Committee will also meet in Kalispell on Friday, July 29. Assuming the travel expenses to the Summer Board meeting can be kept to a minimal by securing a ride with others traveling to Montana, Jim Webb made a MOTION that the executive secretary's attendance, lodging and meal expenses be authorized. The motion was seconded by John Mayo and carried.

Merle Gibbens reported that the South Columbia Basin Irrigation District will be commenting on the Water-West brochure that was distributed at last meeting. It was requested that any district or other entity commenting on the report send a copy to W.S.W.R.A. Gibbens stated that, although he did not agree with the conclusions drawn in the report by the authors, the brochure did contain a good deal of valuable information.
The next meeting of the W.S.W.R.A. board of directors will be held at Oroville-Tonasket Irrigation District in Oroville on July 20th.

Following a short discussion, Walt Peterson made a MOTION that the $3,000.00 in 1983 dues paid by the East Columbia Basin Irrigation District to S.A.W.I.D. be transferred to the W.S.W.R.A. fund. The motion was seconded by Jim Webb and carried unanimously.

Joe Horrall reported the following NWRA committee meetings: Association Management - Friday, July 29, 1:30 p.m.; Energy Water Users - Sunday, July 31, 5:00 p.m.; Indian Water Claims - Friday, July 29, 3:00 p.m.; Municipal and Industrial Water Users - Sunday, July 31, 10:00 a.m.; Program & Policy Reassessment - Friday, July 29, 7:00 p.m.; Resolutions - Saturday, July 30, 8:30 a.m.; and Small Projects - Sunday, July 31, 3:00 p.m.

Marvin Jeffries reported that Ed Armbruster, former S.A.W.I.D. director and former manager of Lake Chelan Reclamation District, had suffered a stroke on June 8, 1983 and will be in Central Washington Hospital in Wenatchee until Friday, June 17, 1983.

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:56 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]

Executive Secretary

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MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
WASHINGTON STATE WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION
and
STATE ASSOCIATION OF WASHINGTON IRRIGATION DISTRICTS
July 20, 1983
Oroville-Tonasket Irrigation District, Oroville, Washington

The board of directors of the Washington State Water Resources Association met jointly with the board of directors of the State Association of Washington Irrigation Districts on Wednesday, July 20, 1983, at the Oroville-Tonasket Irrigation District office, 11th and Fir Streets, Oroville, Washington. W.S.W.R.A. board members present were Judy Bear, Marvin Vander Griess, Walt Peterson, Jim Trull, Ron Van Gundy, Warren Dickman and Marvin J. Jeffries (7). S.A.W.I.D. board members present were Judy Bear, Marvin Vander Griess, Walt Peterson, Jim Trull and Ron Van Gundy (5). Others present were Lowell Felt, John Westland, Carl Peterson, Helen Hill, Russ Smith, Merle Gibbens, Nancy Ostby, Randy Jackson, Dick German, Jeanne Peck and Dee Camp of the Cmak Chronicle. President Warren Dickman called the meeting to order at approximately 10:15 a.m.

The minutes of the June 15, 1983 meeting were addressed. A MOTION was made by Walt Peterson, seconded by Dick German and carried that the minutes be approved as mailed.

The S.A.W.I.D. financial report indicated income of $47.88, a transfer of $3,000.00 to W.S.W.R.A. and a cash balance as of June 30, 1983 of $4,618.29.

Income for W.S.W.R.A. was $3,596.27 including the transfer from S.A.W.I.D. Expenses totalled $2,575.22 during the month of June, leaving a balance at months end of $7,194.05.

Because a quorum of the W.S.W.R.A. and S.A.W.I.D. boards was not present, no official actions were taken on the financial reports. (Jim Trull arrived somewhat later.)

John Westland reviewed a recent Opinion handed down by Division III of the Washington State Court of Appeals. In the case of Wenatchee Reclamation District vs. Mustell, the court has declared the foreclosure proceedings in Title 87 of the Revised Code of Washington unconstitutional because of the absence of a hearing. David Sonn, attorney for Wenatchee Reclamation, has filed a motion for reconsideration. Mr. Westland, Walt Peterson and Kermit Rudolf recommend that W.S.W.R.A. petition the court for permission to file an amicus curiae (friends of the court) brief. The Court did not express an opinion on the constitutionality of the foreclosure statutes since amended in 1981, however, those changes still do not provide for public hearing prior to the issuance of the Treasurer's deed. Walt Peterson suggested that, in view of the fact that a quorum of W.S.W.R.A. was not present, the Executive officer make a decision that the Association participate as amicus curiae in this proceeding and that, after a budget is determined, a request for financial assistance be submitted to the membership for payment on a voluntary basis. It was so ordered. According to Nancy Ostby, Pat Andreotti, attorney for S.V.I.D., feels that Chapter 87.03 should be amended and that no foreclosures on delinquent assessments should take place.
until this is accomplished by the legislature. It was suggested that all Washington State irrigation Districts be notified immediately of the importance of this matter and that a copy of the Opinion be sent to each. The Washington Association of County Officials will also be notified of this Opinion as it may affect the Treasurer's sale for delinquent taxes.

Walt Peterson relayed a question posed by Kermit Rudolf in regard to Treasurer's delinquent charges on irrigation assessments. The Spokane County Treasurer is invoking the $10.00 penalty if the 1st half assessment is one day overdue and is also requiring payment of the full year's assessment. According to Walt Peterson, it was the intent of the revisors of RCW 87.03.310 that the $10.00 fee was to cover the Treasurer's costs when it was necessary to prepare a delinquency list, etc., and should not be applied when only the 1st half is over due. According to Marvin Vander Griend, Okanogan County does not impose the fee until November. Other districts concurring with that procedure were those who employ their own treasurer.

The preliminary report on the Water Rights Valuation Seminar was addressed. There were sixty-six registered with approximately 20 additional participants who were also scheduled speakers. Gross receivables for the seminar are estimated at $2,022.20 while expenses to date total $1,358.74. The $663.46 remaining should cover outstanding expense claims for Charles E. Corker, Scott Johnson, and Dennis Johnson. Comments from a number of those who attended the seminar were very favorable and several suggested that this be an annual event. Lowell Felt suggested that any future workshop on this subject include a history of water law as it came from England to the United States and ultimately to the West. It was also suggested that different sites throughout the State be selected for future events.

The President announced that Joe Horrall will be unable to attend the NWRA Summer Board meeting in Kalispell, Montana, July 29 thru August 1, 1983, due to personal reasons. John Mayo, Alternate National Director, will be notified.

Dick German reported that a few suggestions for the annual meeting have been received. The subjects that have been suggested to date include collective bargaining, new heavy equipment alternatives, the reclamation reform act rules and regulations, proposed statute revisions on delinquency sales, weed control, water rights from a users point of view, new accounting requirements, status of the Yakima River Basin Enhancement Study and progress on the final development of the Columbia Basin Project. United Pacific has requested a slot on the agenda to go over the group insurance package and possibly a medical insurance carrier will have been selected by that time. Sid Morrison was suggested for the banquet speaker. Walt Peterson is in charge of the attorney's panel. Some support was voiced for obtaining information on the State Auditor's examinations of irrigation districts also.
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Because a quorum of the W.S.W.R.A. board was not present no payment on the balance of 1983 NWRA dues was authorized.

The Northwest Small Hydroelectric Association is requesting membership from W.S.W.R.A. Dues are $200.00 annually. Because the organization is not oriented towards the municipality or public entity, we have often had opposing views on legislation. It was recommended that membership be declined. An exchange of news letters could possibly be a beneficial arrangement, however.

It was announced that the Washington State House Agriculture Committee will hold a public hearing on the development of small scale hydroelectric facilities on the Yakima River and a work session on the status of the East Selah re-regulating reservoir on Thursday, August 18, at 6:30 p.m. at the Yakima Valley Community College.

The next meeting of the board was set for Wednesday, August 17, 1983 at 10:00 a.m. at the Sunnyside Valley Irrigation District office.

Mary Jeffries reported that he, Marvin Vander Griend and Ron Van Gundt were on the committee to select a Washington State recipient of the "headgate award" from the Northwest Irrigation Operators. It was recommended by those assembled that the award be given to Rosadell and Van Nutley.

It was announced that Marvin J. Jeffries has been appointed to the board of Tree Top, Inc. Congratulations were offered.

Mutual Benefit Life has agreed to offer a medical insurance package to the membership. The plan will not be underwritten, however, it may require that the carrier submit one billing to the Association. W.S.W.R.A. would then be responsible for collecting and forwarding the premiums from the various covered districts.

It was announced that the publication WATER-WEST has been delayed until September to allow additional comments from W.S.W.R.A. and other interested parties.

Merle Gibbens announced that BPA is holding the final hearing on rate proposals on Thursday, July 21, 1983 in the Federal Building in Richland.

Russ Smith, as Washington's appointment to the NWRA Resolutions Committee, requested authorization to propose a resolution requesting the federal government to honor their contractual obligations. This is in response to the situation that is occurring in Nebraska where the water used to flush the silt out of a reservoir is being charged for on the basis of power generation lost. There was general support for such a resolution.

Marv Vander Griend announced that Dick Hendrick is recovering from pneumonia and therefore was unable to attend this meeting.
Mary Jeffries announced that Ed Armbruster was recovering from his recent illness.

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Executive Secretary

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MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
WASHINGTON STATE WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION
and
STATE ASSOCIATION OF WASHINGTON IRRIGATION DISTRICTS
August 17, 1983
Sunnyside Valley Irrigation District, Sunnyside, Washington

The board of directors of the Washington State Water Resources Association met jointly with the board of directors of the State Association of Washington Irrigation Districts on Wednesday, August 17, 1983, at the Sunnyside Valley Irrigation District office, 9th & Franklin, Sunnyside, Washington. W.S.W.R.A. board members present were Paul Chasco, John S. Mayo, Walt Peterson, Ron Van Gundy, Russ Poff, Jim Webb, Judy Bear, James W. Trull, Glen Fiedler, Rogers Neff and Warren Dickman (11). S.A.W.I.D. board members present were Paul Chasco, Walt Peterson, Ron Van Gundy, Jim Webb, Judy Bear, James W. Trull and Rogers Neff (7). Also present were William C. Kinsel, Chan Bailey, Randy Jackson, Nancy Ostby, Merle Gibbens, John Westland, Allen Brecke and Jeanne Peck. John Grothe, Video Tape Resources, and Rodney J. Carr, Charles F. Gervais Insurance Agency, attended portions of the meeting also. President Warren Dickman called the meeting to order at 10:12 a.m.

The minutes of the June 15, 1983 board of directors meeting were considered. A MOTION was made by Walt Peterson, seconded by Jim Webb and carried that the minutes be approved. Minutes of the July 20, 1983 meeting were then addressed. A MOTION was made by Walt Peterson, seconded by Ron Van Gundy and carried that the July minutes be approved.

The financial report for S.A.W.I.D. indicated $30.08 income for the month of July, no expenses and a total cash balance of $4,548.37. A MOTION was made by Paul Chasco, seconded by Walt Peterson and carried that the S.A.W.I.D. financial report be approved.

Income for W.S.W.R.A. was $132.79, expenses totalled $1,915.86 leaving a balance of $5,410.95 as of 7/31/83. A MOTION was made by Glen Fiedler, seconded by Ron Van Gundy and carried that the W.S.W.R.A. financial report be approved.

John Westland reported that the Washington State Court of Appeals has granted permission to the Association to file an Amicus Curiae brief in support of the motion for reconsideration in the case of Wenatchee Reclamation District vs. Muscell. In addition, the Court has granted an extension in the deadline for filing the brief until September 1, 1983. The original deadline had been set for August 18, 1983. Assisting Mr. Westland in the preparation of this brief are Kermit Rudolf, Walt Peterson and Allen Brecke. Comments are to be submitted to Mr. Westland's office by August 24, 1983. It was noted that the situation had been further complicated by the recent death of Judge C. J. Roe, who had written the Opinion. A decision is not expected for about two months. The Washington Association of County Officials has been apprised of our activities in this area and have requested that they be informed of any new developments. However, they do not wish to be a party to this action. It was suggested that Bob Lee, staff representative to the Senate Ag Committee, be alerted to this situation in case it becomes necessary to seek corrective
legislation during the next session of the Washington State Legislature.

Glen Fiedler reported that the Senate Ag Committee has scheduled a staff briefing joint with the Senate Natural Resources Committee on Yakima River Basin water use issues in Olympia on September 9th. A tour of the Basin and public hearing on the same issues are scheduled for September 20 and 21, 1983 in Yakima.

Discussion of a new law that prohibits a public body from foreclosing on the residence of an individual 62 years of age or older, provided the appropriate papers have been filed, followed. This applies to irrigation assessments as well as property taxes according to John Westland. Walt Peterson mentioned the Algoona case which indicates that a homestead exemption would defeat the ability of a county, city, irrigation district, etc., to sell the residential property to satisfy the lien of assessment.

Glen Fiedler described the reorganization of the Department of Ecology and distributed organizational charts depicting existing departments and those that will be created when the reorganization takes effect on September 1, 1983. Lynda Brothers, Glen Fiedler and Don Dubois will head the newly created Offices of Hazardous Substances and Air Pollution Control, Water and Land Resources, and Water Quality Management, respectively. The Office of Management and Budget and the Office of Operations and Enforcement are not affected by the reorganization. With the transfer of the nuclear waste program from the Department of Social and Health Services, the D.o.E. has picked up an existing advisory and review council which will report directly to the Director. Additional responsibility in the high level nuclear waste area has also been transferred to D.o.E. and a separate unit will be set up for this activity. Glen noted that the position of Referee for the Yakima River adjudication may be filled this fall. Chan Bailey, Columbia Basin Development Director, will coordinate with the Office of Water and Land Resources.

Paul Chasco expressed his concern over the Association’s lack of ability to draw and hold new members. A tool to use in the development of new members is essential and a video tape would provide the greatest amount of information in a very short period of time. John Grothe of Video Tape Resources was introduced and he reviewed the credentials of his company. A video produced for the Yakima Visitors and Convention Bureau by V.T.R. was presented. Mr. Chasco proposed that a promotional tape for W.S.W.R.A. be funded by voluntary contributions from the business membership in exchange for advertising at the conclusion of the tape. Costs for this type of production run about $1,000.00 per minute. Paul proposed a membership development budget of approximately $10,000.00 to be funded solely by the sale of advertising to be used for production of the video tape, printing of promotional material and personnel time for the recruiting process. Mr. Chasco stated that he would be willing to head a committee to solicit contributions for this program.
Following a recess for lunch, Rodney J. Carr, an independent insurance broker from Yakima, was introduced. Mr. Carr had been approached about the possibility of locating an insurance carrier willing to provide a group medical plan to W.S.W.R.A. members. Mutual Benefit Life has agreed to offer their Charter Series to Association members. An overview of the comprehensive medical insurance program was presented. The ultimate goal of the initial program would be to develop at least two years experience in the hope that a true group coverage could be secured at lower premium rates. A representative from Mutual Benefit Life would work directly with the irrigation districts and general business membership in the enrollment process. Five major medical options will be available with guaranteed issue under age 65. A minimum of three employees must be enrolled to qualify. Long term disability, group term life, dental, and loss of time coverage will also be available through the same carrier. Following further discussion, a MOTION was made by Jim Trull, seconded by Paul Chasco and carried that Rodney J. Carr be appointed Broker to secure this coverage on behalf of W.S.W.R.A through Mutual Benefit Life.

Reports on various committee meetings held in conjunction with the NWRA Summer Board of Directors meeting followed. Warren Dickman stated that a great deal of optimism was expressed by the Indian Water Rights Committee as a result of the recent decision indicating Indian water rights can be adjudicated in state courts. Glen Fiedler mentioned that Solicitor Coldiron, U.S. Department of Interior, had indicated that the approach of the current administration is to negotiate settlements with the Indian tribes rather than to litigate. The Solicitor had also stated that he favored the legal interpretation that the Indian water rights were a blanket right to the tribes and that the tribes had a perfect legal right to sell some of their water off the reservation for non irrigation purposes. Merle Gibbens reported that the Resolutions Committee had reviewed and updated standing resolutions and had adopted a new resolution that urged the U. S. Department of Interior to honor commitments where standard operating procedure have been established. The Energy Water Users Committee had discussed the Grace Report which advocates getting government out of the energy and water business, according to John Mayo.

The Association Management Committee held two meeting during the weekend. A concept previously adopted by that Committee that would incorporate an incentive program in the dues structure that would allow additional voting delegates based on the dollar amount of dues paid was vigorously opposed by Washington State. Members of the Committee expressed dissatisfaction with the content of the Nation Water Line published by NWRA, stating that more timely and factual information is desired. This Committee will meet with the Executive Vice President at the Tulsa meeting to exchange ideas for improvement of the format. Another suggestion that was considered was creating a state organization for a portion of the dues paid to National if and when direct business memberships are solicited in individual states. The formula for state dues was also addressed with some
support for basing the state dues on a percentage of the association's operating budget rather than based on population of that state. There was general concurrence with each of these concepts.

John Mayo reported on the NWRA Board of Directors meeting held Monday, August 1, 1983. Joe Herrall had not been able to attend due to personal commitments. The NWRA board has authorized the purchase of additional office equipment for the D.C. office. This should increase the staff's ability to disseminate information in a timely manner. Mr. Mayo reported that approximately 2/3's of National dues have been collected to date. Several states, including Washington, had paid only part of the 1983 assessment. The Farm/Water Alliance is concerned about a letter written by a federal attorney that is on file in the General Accounting Office. Apparently the letter states that cessation of water delivery by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation to existing projects is not a compensable item. The Municipal Water Users Committee suggests that the bylaws be changed to allow three divisions of NWRA: an agricultural water users division, a municipal water users division, and an energy water users division. The Small Projects Committee reported that a bill would be introduced in Congress shortly to raise the $600,000,000 limit on small project loans under PL-130 and PL-984. The Acreage Limitation Committee indicated that there are still some problems and unanswered questions regarding the Reclamation Reform Act of 1982. The Water Policy group was concerned about the lack of active participation in committee work. State caucuses are scheduled for October 23rd at the convention in Tulsa with the seminar and additional caucuses scheduled for October 24th. The convention will be held on October 25th. Reduced rate travel arrangements may be made by calling 1-800-241-5644. A report from the Policy and Reassessment Committee is to be released approximately two weeks before the Tulsa convention. Revisions to the by-laws as suggested by a committee that included John Sayre and John Fraser were adopted by a 15 to 4 margin. Future convention sites for NWRA include 1984 Summer Board Meeting, Jackson, Wyoming; 1984 Annual Convention, Arizona; 1985 Annual Convention, San Diego/Hawaii; 1987 Annual Convention, Reno, Nevada or Rapid City, South Dakota. Washington is still in contention for 1986.

Addressing a matter discussed at the last meeting regarding the $10.00 charged by treasurers for delinquent irrigation assessments, Nancy Ostby reported that both Benton and Yakima Counties collect the $10.00 fee if the assessment is not paid by April 30th. No additional information was available on other counties.

Glen Piedler suggested that the W.S.W.R.A. convention program include something on the completion of the Columbia Basin Project as well as a slide presentation on the damage at Glenn Canyon Dam. The Convention Committee Chairman, Dick German, was not present therefore, a progress report on the November meeting plans was not available.

Randy Jackson reported that he had attended a meeting in Denver,
Colorado on August 2, 1983 at the Bureau of Reclamation to review the forms to be used in reporting under the rules and regulations implementing the Reclamation Reform Act. A memorandum from the Westlands Water District summarizing the meeting was distributed. Once the proposed forms are approved by OMB, the Bureau will be testing the forms. Roza Irrigation District has volunteered to participate in the testing program.

The next meeting of the W.S.W.R.A. board of directors will be held on Wednesday, September 21st, at the Yakima-Tieton Irrigation District office beginning at 10:00 a.m. The October meeting will be held on Wednesday, the 19th, at the South Columbia Basin Irrigation District office.

John Mayo announced that a ground breaking ceremony is tentatively scheduled at the Yakima-Tieton Irrigation District on Friday, September 9, 1983.

It was announced that a micrographic seminar will be held on August 30th and 31st. Additional information and registration forms may be obtained from Association headquarters.

A publication called "Understanding the Principles and Guidelines for Water Project Planning" is also available from Association headquarters.

A committee was appointed to select a recipient for the "Rosadell S. Nutley Award". The committee will consist of John Mayo, Chairman; Paul Chasco; and Jim Trull.

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Executive Secretary

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The board of directors of the Washington State Water Resources Association met jointly with the board of directors of the State Association of Washington Irrigation Districts on Wednesday, September 21, 1983 at the Yakima-Tieton Irrigation District office, Naches Heights Road and Camp 4 Road, Cowiche, Washington. W.S.W.R.A. board members present were Paul Chasco, Walt Peterson, Joe Horrall, John Mayo, Rogers Neff, Warren Dickman and Judy Bear (2). S.A.W.I.D. board members present were Paul Chasco, Walt Peterson, Rogers Neff and Judy Bear (4). Also attending were Doyle Mathews, Russ Smith, John Downs, Lavon Sanders, Mary A. Cole, Tom Cotton, Merle Gibbens, Allen Brecke, Gene McIntire and Jeanne Peck. President Warren Dickman called the meeting to order at approximately 10:20 a.m.

Noting that a quorum was not present for either organization, action on the minutes of the previous meeting was deferred until the October meeting. However, Merle Gibbens suggested the following changes: (1) on page 1, paragraph five, line nine, "September 24" be corrected to read "August 24". (2) page two, last paragraph, line three, the spelling of "essential" be corrected and (3) page four, paragraph two, line 12, the spelling of "compensable" be corrected. Walt Peterson mentioned that on page 1, last paragraph, "amicus curiae" should be capitalized.

Financial reports for W.S.W.R.A. and S.A.W.I.D. were distributed as a point of information only. Cash on hand for S.A.W.I.D. as of August 31, 1983 was $4,679.47. Cash on hand for W.S.W.R.A. was $4,389.56. The final report on the Water Rights Valuation Seminar indicated net proceeds of $433.13.

The next item on the agenda regarding an effort to repeal state jurisdiction over Indian reservations was addressed. Webb Hallauer, former director of the Department of Ecology and W.S.W.R.A. member, relayed his concerns over the retrocession proposal to Okanogan County Commissioners by letter dated August 31, 1983. A copy of that letter and a request from Mr. Hallauer for our action has come to Association headquarters. A meeting between the Okanogan County Commissioners and the Colville Confederated Tribes is set for September 30, 1983. It was the consensus of those present that the Association should be represented at that meeting, if possible, and that a letter be sent to Mr. Hallauer expressing our desire to be of assistance.

A number of irrigation district water users have expressed concern over a low level hazardous waste disposal site proposed for Grant County near Wanapum Dam on the Columbia River. Geologists for Rabanco, Inc., the proposed site developer, say that there is no danger of contamination of the Columbia. Tom Cotton reported that a need exists for a depository for local farm pesticide containers however the Quincy board of directors have not taken an official position on the project. The S.C.B.I.D. is on record as of several years ago in support of the site. Additional information will be necessary before a position, if any, is taken by W.S.W.R.A. on the cemm site.
Ground water rights were the focus of a hearing held in Odessa on September 16, 1983, by the House Agriculture Committee. Two bills introduced during the last legislative session, HB 364 and HB 365, were addressed as well as two draft bills, H-2792/84 and H-2791/84. Copies of the draft bills were distributed to those present. This same issue and the preceding bills will be discussed at a public hearing of the House Ag. Committee on Saturday, October 8, 1983 at 8:00 a.m. in Olympia. Various philosophies on the protection of works and ground water mining followed, however, no action was taken.

Allen Brefeke reported that the Amicus Curiae brief in the case of Wenatchee Reclamation vs. Mustell has been filed. Answers to the brief were due September 16, 1983. Paul Chasco stated that approximately $7,000.00 in fees have been paid by K.I.D. to date for legal services. Other attorneys contributing time and expertise to this action have also billed their districts. It was suggested that any apportionment of expenses be deferred until all costs have been tabulated.

Reviewing the possibility of developing a video tape for use in membership development as discussed at the August meeting, Paul Chasco reiterated that the costs of producing the tape would be covered entirely by the sale of advertising space or the project would not proceed. Those present voiced support for the project and President Dickman appointed Paul Chasco and Merle Gibbens to a committee to pursue the idea.

In light of the recent division of authority in the South Columbia Basin Irrigation District, Russ Smith recommended that Merle Gibbens replace him on the NWRA Agricultural Waterusers Committee. Mr. Gibbens was so appointed.

Due to the recent resignation of Dick German from the Badger Mountain Irrigation District, President Dickman appointed Paul Chasco as Chairman of the 1983 Convention Committee. Lavon Sanders has agreed to continue working with Paul and his staff.

The President appointed a Nominating Committee consisting of Jim Trull (Chairman), Russ Smith and Dick Hendrick.

Paul Chasco reported that the Convention Committee has selected a theme of "Irrigated Agriculture - Survival at Home and Abroad" to tie in the diversity of subjects in this year's program. The agenda was distributed and reviewed by the board. Dunning-Ray Insurance has agreed to cover the cost of printing the program. Because a "meet and greet" social hour and wine tasting is scheduled for Wednesday evening, the board of directors meeting will be held at 3:00 p.m., November 16th. Mr. Chasco reviewed the menu selections which met with the approval of the board. Merle Gibbens suggested that the title of the presentation given by Bill Shaffer might need revision but no other changes were recommended. A $60.00 registration fee was suggested and approved.

Joe Horrall reported that efforts are still being made to secure
the 1988 NWRA Convention for Washington State. One facility in Seattle that could accommodate such a large group at one location is the Sheraton in the center of town. Guaranteed room rates would range between $65 and $68. Both the National organization and Paul Chasco favor Seattle as the site for the 1988 convention while Mr. Horrall supports Spokane.

Reservations made through World Travel Advisors to Tulsa, Oklahoma, for the NWRA Convention are not necessarily the most economical available. Flights out of Yakima can be obtained thru Adventure Travel Service for at least $50.00 less round trip.

It was reported that the medical group coverage packets will be mailed shortly. There is a scheduled rate increase effective October 2, 1983. Any entity submitting an application prior to that date will be guaranteed the old rate for a minimum of 6 months.

Doyle Mathews reported that the Game Department and the Fish & Wildlife Service have proposed wildlife refuges in the Columbia Basin Project. The proposed sites will be designated duck sanctuaries however muskrats will be protected there as well. He sees this as a potential problem for the entire Columbia Basin Project and suggests that legislation be proposed that would specify that muskrats are not protected within the boundaries of irrigation districts. He also feels that before any new wildlife refuges are established within the boundaries of irrigation districts, approval of the irrigation district board of directors should be required. Merle Gibbens added that such sites are planned for the Yakima River Basin as well.

Russ Smith recommended that association members support federal legislation directed at annual charges on power facilities. HR 3360 is the House version of the bill and favored by the South district while S 1132 is the version originating in the Senate.

It was announced that an Indian Law Symposium will be held at the University of Washington Law School, October 29, 1983. The fee will be $85.00. Registration forms may be obtained from Association headquarters.

The New York office of Merrill, Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith will have a representative speaking at the NWRA convention in Tulsa and has solicited our ideas as to what should be discussed. Russ Smith suggested that they address the effect of the Supreme Court decision exempting contract holders from liability in the WPPS default on future bonding ability, particularly with respect to small hydroelectric facilities.

The President announced that the next meeting of the board will be held at the South Columbia Basin Irrigation District office in Pasco on Wednesday, October 19, 1983 and with no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Peck, Executive Secretary
The board of directors of the Washington State Water Resources Association met jointly with the board of directors of the State Association of Washington Irrigation Districts on Wednesday, October 19, 1983 at the South Columbia Basin Irrigation District office, 402 W. Lewis Street, Pasco, Washington. W.S.W.R.A. board members present were Walt Peterson, Rogers Neff, Judy Bear, Marvin Vander Griend, Paul Chasco, Tom Lyda, Ron Van Gundy, James W. Trull, Russ Poff, Joe Morral, John Mayo and Warren Dickman (12). S.A.W.I.D. board members present were Walt Peterson, Rogers Neff, Paul Chasco, Ron Van Gundy, Judy Bear, James W. Trull and Marvin Vander Griend (7). Also present were Alen D. Brecke, Helen Hill, Lavon Sanders, Mary A. Coie, Joanne Napier, Bob Lund, Chan Bailey, Terry Ingram Fisher, Nancy Ostby, Gene D. McIntire, Russ Smith, Dick Erickson, Merle Gibbens, David J. Newton, John Downs, Doyle Mathews and Jeanne Peck. President Warren Dickman called the meeting to order at approximately 10:10 a.m.

Minutes of the August 17, 1983 meeting were addressed. A MOTION was made by Walt Peterson, seconded by Ron Van Gundy and carried that the minutes be approved with the corrections noted at the September 21, 1983 meeting. A MOTION that the minutes of the September 21, 1983 meeting be approved as mailed was made by Walt Peterson. The motion was seconded by Ron Van Gundy and carried.

The S.A.W.I.D. financial report indicated income of $58,27, no current expenses and a cash balance as of 9/30/83 of $4,737.74. A MOTION was made by Walt Peterson, seconded by Ron Van Gundy and carried that the S.A.W.I.D. financial report be approved.

W.S.W.R.A. income for September was $252.29, expenses totalled $2,072.46, leaving a cash balance at month end of $2,669.39. A review of income from dues for 1983 indicated two new irrigation district members; Agnew Irrigation District and Highland Irrigation District, both located in Sequim. Irrigation districts which paid dues in 1982 but have not paid dues this year totalled 17. In addition to the new district members, 32 new general members have joined W.S.W.R.A. This includes 2 regional businesses, 6 local businesses and 24 individuals. Projected expenses for the remainder of the year total $6,376.17 assuming a payment of $1,100.00 to NWRA on outstanding dues of $5,200.00. Projected income based only on firm commitments for dues and other estimates will be about $3,725.00. This would leave a balance at year end of approximately $18,000. Total expenses could be reduced by about $600.00 if the executive secretary does not attend the NWRA convention in Tulsa. Additional cash carry over could be garnered by charging a fee for revised pages of the Irrigation Laws handbook. Following discussion, Ron Van Gundy made a MOTION that the possibility of a transfer of S.A.W.I.D. funds be addressed prior to a determination being made on the W.S.W.R.A. budget. The motion was seconded by Rogers Neff and carried. A MOTION was made by Ron Van Gundy and seconded by Judy Bear that $4,100.00 be transferred from the S.A.W.I.D. fund to the
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W.S.W.R.A. fund. With only S.A.W.I.D. board members voting, the motion was carried by four yeas, two nays and one abstention. A MOTION was then made by Rogers Neff, seconded by Walt Peterson and carried that the W.S.W.R.A. financial report for September be approved. This was followed by a MOTION by Joe Horrall that $5,200.00 in remaining dues to NWRA be paid. The motion was seconded by Walt Peterson and carried. Rogers Neff made a MOTION that the executive secretary be authorized to attend the NWRA annual meeting in Tulsa, Oklahoma. The motion was seconded by Ron Van Gundy and passed with one dissenting vote cast by Walt Peterson.

Russ Smith reviewed the evolution of the application of the Clean Water Act to irrigation districts and then expressed concern over current efforts to amend the Act. He stated that amendments as contained in S. 431 were not objectionable however attempts to amend that bill by Senator David Durenberger to require mandatory non-point management programs by the various states could be very damaging. He was reluctant to urge W.S.W.R.A. members to take a position on the Durenberger amendment until a copy of the language could be obtained and reviewed. National headquarters will be contacted in an effort to secure the information for review by the Washington delegation in Tulsa.

The House Agriculture Committee addressed four pieces of legislation concerning ground water at a hearing held 10-8-83 in Olympia. Both Russ Smith and the executive secretary attended. Mr. Smith testified on behalf of the South Columbia Basin Irrigation District in support of draft legislation identified as H-2791/84 suggesting that the funding be large and authorized for the entire water resources section of D.o.E. He testified in opposition to H-2792/84. The D.o.E. testified that many areas of the state would be closed to further development if the latter piece of legislation is passed. Because no position had been established on any of the four bills by the board, no testimony was presented by W.S.W.R.A.

The American Water Works Association water users committee met on 10-14-83. Although the W.S.W.R.A. representative was not able to attend, Glen Fiedler had attended and reported that the committee had not supported a push by Dennis Cober, Clark County P.U.D., for legislation implementing ground water management areas under local control. The committee had considered three other options: (1) requesting Gov. Spellman to take executive action to create an authority or task force to study the ground water issue and to make an emergency appropriation, (2) proposing legislation that would create a citizens task force and appropriate funds, most likely to D.o.E., for a study, or (3) proposing legislation that would create an interim committee of the Legislature to study the issue. The committee feels that the full scope of the ground water issue should be addressed; not just quantity but quality, along with protection of works, mining, etc. Members are to meet again on 11-3-83 to decide which of the three options should be pursued. Following lengthy discussion, Tom Lyda made a MOTION that draft bill H-2792/84 be opposed. The motion was seconded by Jim Trull and carried. Jim Trull made a MOTION that the association support option 3 suggested by the AWWA committee which called for legislation authoriz-
ing an interim committee of the Legislature. It was felt that this option would buy sufficient time for the completion of the U.S.G.S. Ground Water Study and review of the technical data generated. The motion was seconded by Joe Horrall and carried.

The convention committee report indicated that all arrangements for the November meeting have been made with the exception of the Thursday luncheon speaker. Advance reservations must be made by 11-1-83.

Tom Lyda highlighted a letter dated October 12, 1983 from the Farm/Water Alliance which indicated that it would probably be the first week in November before the new Secretary of Interior has been cleared. The Alliance suspects that major changes in the rules implementing the Reclamation Reform Act will occur. If the Association feels the current rules and regulations should be adopted without change, it would be prudent to urge enactment before the new Secretary is confirmed.

Paul Chasco and Joe Horrall have been inspecting potential sites for the 1988 NWRA convention. Although the Seattle Sheraton could host the entire convention in its facilities, Joe Horrall favors the Sheraton/Inn at the Park, Spokane. Meals and lodging would be significantly lower in Spokane, however, a Seattle location might guarantee better attendance. Mr. Chasco had originally preferred the Seattle location but now supports Spokane also in light of the aggressiveness of the Spokane business community and the close proximity of all facilities. John Mayo made a MOTION that the W.S.W.R.A. solicit the NWRA convention for Washington State in 1988 and recommend Spokane for the site of the activities. The motion was seconded by Tom Lyda and carried.

At approximately 12:20 p.m. the meeting recessed for lunch.

Reconvening at about 1:30 p.m., Allen Brecke reported on the need to control muskrats in potential wildlife reserves within the Columbia Basin Project. The South district will attempt to resolve the problem with the Dept. of Game. If this fails, they will be seeking support from W.S.W.R.A. for appropriate legislation.

Tom Cotton mentioned alternative coverage available under the State Industrial System. Several meetings have been held recently. It was the general consensus that most districts were better off under the old system.

Judy Bear reported that Web Hallauer had been interested in the vacant position on the Northwest Power Planning Council. The appointment of a Professor Lee was made the previous week.

Ron Van Gundy reported that a Washington State recipient of the "Headgate Award" needs to be selected prior to the Northwest Irrigation Operators Conference in Boise during January. Jim Trull remarked that it would be appropriate for the directors of the Northwest Irrigation Operators, Inc. from Washington State to select a recipient. W.S.W.R.A. members on that board include Merle Gibbens, Ron Van Gundy, Marvin
Jeffries and Marvin Vander Griend.

Merle Gibbens reported on the newly formed National Water Alliance, which is a non-profit, bi-partisan group charged with the task of developing a national water policy. Tom Foley is one of three congressional representatives and three senators appointed to the Alliance.

The next meeting of the board of directors was set for Wednesday, November 16, 1983 at 3:00 p.m.

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Executive Secretary
MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
WASHINGTON STATE WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION
and
STATE ASSOCIATION OF WASHINGTON IRRIGATION DISTRICTS
November 16, 1983
Cavanaugh's Motor Inn, Kennewick, Washington

The board of directors of the Washington State Water Resources Association met jointly with the board of directors of the State Association of Washington Irrigation Districts on Wednesday, November 16, 1983 in Conference Room III of Cavanaugh's Motor Inn, 1101 N. Columbia Center Blvd., Kennewick, Washington. W.S.W.R.A. board members present were Ron Van Gundy, Glen Fiedler, Marvin Vander Griend, Joe Horrall, John Mayo, Walt Peterson, James W. Trull, Judy Bear, Paul Chasco and Warren Dickman (10). S.A.W.I.D. board members present were Ron Van Gundy, Marvin Vander Griend, Walt Peterson, James W. Trull, Judy Bear and Paul Chasco (6). Also present were Tom Cotton, Merle Gibbens, Allen Brecke, Russ Smith, Joanne Napier, Nancy Ostby, Lowell Felt and Jeanne Peck. President Warren Dickman called the meeting to order at approximately 3:05 p.m.

Minutes of the October 19, 1983 meeting were addressed. Tom Cotton noted that his name did not appear in paragraph one, page one, as having attended although he had been present for most of the meeting. A MOTION was made by Walt Peterson, seconded by Marvin Vander Griend and carried that the minutes be approved as corrected.

The S.A.W.I.D. financial report indicated income of $34,18, expenses of $11,29, a transfer of $4,100.00 to W.S.W.R.A. and a cash balance as of October 31, 1983 of $660.63. A MOTION was made by Ron Van Gundy, seconded by Walt Peterson and carried that the S.A.W.I.D. financial report be approved.

W.S.W.R.A. income for October was $6,252.66 including the transfer from S.A.W.I.D., expenses totalled $7,614.62, leaving a cash balance at month end of $1,307.43. A MOTION was made by Jim Trull, seconded by Marvin Vander Griend and carried that the W.S.W.R.A. financial report be approved.

Joe Horrall reported that the NWRA dues for 1984 will remain at the same level as 1983, which was $6,200.00 for Washington State. Future NWRA conventions will be held at the following locations: 1984 - Phoenix, 1985 - Hawaii, 1986 - San Diego, 1987 - Reno, with South Dakota and Washington State both vying for 1988. Indications are that the NWRA board favors Washington State.

Brief reports were also given on various NWRA committees that met during the NWRA convention in Tulsa. Warren Dickman reported on the Indian Water Rights Committee, Russ Smith reported on the Resolutions Committee, Jeanne Peck reported on the Association Management Committee and John Mayo reported on the Municipal and Industrial Water Users Committee.

Discussion of amendments to the Clean Water Act followed. Glen Fiedler reported that no action was expected to take place on S. 431 until Congress reconvenes in January.
Turning to 1984 State legislation, it was reported that the irrigation district omnibus bill will revert to Senate Rules III as the session begins and should not be controversial this year. Walt Peterson stated that we should again attempt to obtain legislation to make certain that irrigation districts are not subject to adverse possession laws. Although RCW 7.28.090 specifies that RCW 7.28.070 and 7.28.050 "shall not extend to --- lands held for any public purpose", there is some dispute and several court decisions that would indicate irrigation districts do not hold land for a public purpose but rather perform a proprietary function. Russ Smith stated that the South Columbia Basin Irrigation District is currently involved in a case involving adverse possession.

Discussion of irrigation district foreclosure statutes followed. The petition for reconsideration filed by Wenatchee Reclamation District in the case against Mustell has been denied. There is still disagreement among W.S.W.R.A. attorneys whether the changes made to Title 87 RCW in 1981 correct due process procedures found to be absent in the foreclosure statutes prior to that time. In addition to this issue, there are additional problems with the delinquency process. Walt Peterson suggested that the details of such problem areas be sent to him so that he can call a meeting of the attorneys committee to address the possible changes needed. Concern was expressed that there was not sufficient time prior to the 1984 Legislative Session to study this matter thoroughly.

Allen Brecke announced that the Department of Game has provided the South District with a letter stating that trapping muskrats in game reserves will be allowed on a limited basis. Therefore, legislation in this area will not be needed at this time.

Jim Trull stated that S.V.I.D. may be seeking legislation to amend RCW 87.03.240 to provide authority for irrigation districts to levy a minimum charge on residential lots. S.V.I.D. may also seek support for legislation amending RCW 58.17.310 to require subdividers of land within irrigation districts to install the distribution system instead of just providing easements for irrigation lines.

RCW 87.03.135 requires that a notice be published at least 20 days prior to the sale or lease of any district property and that the property be sold or leased to the highest bidder. An exception is granted when the value of the property is less than five hundred dollars. Walt Peterson recommended that the five hundred dollars be increased to twenty-five hundred dollars.

Possible new language to RCW 87.03.435 clarifying irrigation district bidding requirements was distributed by Allen Brecke. He may or may not seek support for this change.

Russ Smith requested support for two pieces of federal legislation, H.R. 3660 and S. 1132 pertaining to falling water charges and hydro development.
Discussion of proposed rate increases by the State Department of Labor and Industries followed. Tom Cotton suggested that a representative from the Department be invited to attend a future meeting to explain optional self-insuring criteria.

The report from the nominating committee, consisting of Jim Trull (Chairman), Russ Smith and Dick Hendrick, recommended the following slate of officers and directors.

For the State Association of Washington Irrigation Districts:

President  
1st Vice President  
2nd Vice President  
Director, Division 3 (1986)  
Director, At Large (1986)  
Director, At Large (1984)  
Paul Chasco  
Ron Van Gundy  
Merle Gibbens  
Ron Van Gundy  
James W. Trull  
Merle Gibbens

For the Washington State Water Resources Association:

President  
1st Vice President  
2nd Vice President  
Director, Division 3 (1986)  
Director, Division 5 (1986)  
Director, Division 6 (1986)  
Director, At Large (1984)  
Director, At Large (1986)  
Director, At Large (1985)  
Director, At Large (1986)  
National Director  
Paul Chasco  
Ron Van Gundy  
Merle Gibbens  
Ron Van Gundy  
James W. Webb  
Judy Bear  
Merle Gibbens  
Joe A. Horrall  
Lee Carothers  
John S. Mayo  
Joe A. Horrall

The possibility of allowing alternates or proxies for board members who cannot attend meetings was discussed and will be addressed again in the adoption of Association bylaws.

It was noted that 1983 revenue from general membership dues totalled approximately $6,500.00 while revenue from the same category in 1982 was about $4,000.00. While the number of members in the general membership category has increased significantly during the past year, 17 irrigation districts paying dues in 1982 have not paid 1983 dues to date.

It was announced that Robert A. Olson, scheduled as the Thursday Convention Banquet speaker, would not be able to attend and that Darrell Mach, Chief of Planning, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, Washington, D. C., would be substituting. A total of 73 individuals have preregistered for the convention. Because attendance at the Friday luncheon will be greater than early estimates, the luncheon has been moved from the Clearwater Room to the Atrium. The board of directors breakfast, scheduled for Friday morning, will be $5.00 each rather than the $5.25 previously announced.
Paul Chasco stated that he felt the Bureau of Reclamation should receive some recognition for their efforts and work on Washington irrigation projects and suggested that a plaque be presented to L. W. "Bill" Lloyd, Regional Director of the Pacific Northwest Region. A MOTION was made by Joe Horrall, seconded by Jim Trull and carried that presentation of a plaque in recognition of the Bureau's efforts be authorized.

Joe Horrall stated that we need to establish communications with newly elected Senator Dan Evans.

In the interest of time, item 7, ground water legislation, was deferred until the Friday morning board of directors meeting.

The preliminary budget for 1984 projected an operating budget of approximately $35,000.00 based on no increase in irrigation district or general membership dues. It was noted that if the 1984 dues calculation was made on 1982 O&M expenses, rather than 1981 O&M expenses, additional revenue might be garnered. Russ Smith suggested that it might be appropriate to raise the maximum dues level paid by a single district up from $4,000.00 also. Further discussion of the 1984 budget will take place at the Friday board meeting.

The December meeting of the W.S.W.R.A. board was set for Wednesday, the 21st at 10:00 a.m. at the Ephrata office of the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, providing their meeting room will be available.

a MOTION was made by Jim Trull, seconded and carried that the meeting be recessed at approximately 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Lee
Executive Secretary

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MINUTES
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
WASHINGTON STATE WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION
and
STATE ASSOCIATION OF WASHINGTON IRRIGATION DISTRICTS
November 17, 1983
Cavanaugh's Motor Inn, Kennewick, Washington

A meeting of the general membership of the Washington State Water Resources Association and the State Association of Washington Irrigation Districts was held on Thursday, November 17, 1983 in Conference Room I of Cavanaugh's Motor Inn, Kennewick, Washington. Approximately 85 individuals had registered their attendance of the convention.

President Warren Dickman called the joint meeting to order at approximately 3:45 p.m.

Jim Trull, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, reported the Committee's recommendations.

Nominated to serve three year terms on the Board of Directors of W.S.W.R.A. were the following: Division 3, Ron Van Gundy; Division 5, James W. Webb; Division 6, Judy Bear; At Large, Joe A. Horrall; and At Large, John S. Mayo. Merle Gibbens was nominated to fill the position of Director, At Large, expiring in 1984 and Lee Garothers was nominated to fill the position of Director, At Large, expiring in 1985. There being no further nominations from the floor, a MOTION to elect the board of directors as nominated by the committee, was made, seconded and carried.

The following individuals were placed in nomination by the committee to serve as board members of S.A.W.I.D.: Ron Van Gundy, Director, Division #3, expiring in 1986; James W. Trull, Director, At Large, expiring in 1986 and Merle Gibbens, Director, At Large, expiring in 1984. Also placed in nomination were Paul Chasco for President, Ron Van Gundy for 1st Vice President, and Merle Gibbens for 2nd Vice President. There were no additional nominations from the floor and a MOTION to elect the board and officers as nominated by the committee, was made, seconded and carried.

Gerry Hagarty addressed the membership regarding the group liability coverage available through United Pacific Insurance Co. Although the program was in place on April 1, 1983, all information was not disseminated to the agents until later. To date, 6 irrigation districts have subscribed to this Association sponsored program and others are expected to convert during the first part of 1984 when anniversary periods occur.

Rod Carr, broker of record to secure a medical insurance package through Mutual Benefit Life for W.S.W.R.A., explained the various coverages available in the plan. Current rate schedules have just been released. Once experience has been established, a true group plan may be negotiated to bring the rates down. Mr. Carr introduced Bob Brown, who will assist in managing the program. Current hospital rates in the Yakima area were discussed and various questions from the audience were responded to.
MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
WASHINGTON STATE WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION
and
STATE ASSOCIATION OF WASHINGTON IRRIGATION DISTRICTS
November 18, 1983
Cavanaugh's Motor Inn, Kennewick, Washington

The board of directors of the Washington State Water Resources Association and the Board of Directors of the State Association of Washington Irrigation Districts reconvened on Friday, November 18, 1983 in the Clearwater Room of Cavanaugh's Motor Inn, Kennewick, Washington. W.S.W.R.A. board members present were Judy Bear, Marvin Vander Griend, Merle Gibbens, Paul Chasco, John Mayo, Joe Horrall, James W. Trull, Lee Carothers, Glen Fiedler and Ron Van Gundy (10). S.A.W.I.D. board members present were Judy Bear, Marvin Vander Griend, Merle Gibbens, Paul Chasco, James W. Trull, and Ron Van Gundy (6). Also present were Russ Smith, Nancy Oetby, Joanne Napier, Dick Hendrick, Shannon McDaniel, John T. Downs, Warren Dickman and Jeanne Peck. President Warren Dickman called the meeting to order shortly after 7:00 a.m.

The report from the nominating committee, given by Chairman Jim Trull, recommended the following slate of officers for W.S.W.R.A.:

President
1st Vice President
2nd Vice President
National Director

Paul Chasco
Ron Van Gundy
Merle Gibbens
Joe A. Horrall

There were no additional nominations and a MOTION to elect those placed in nomination by the committee was made, seconded and carried with no dissenting votes.

The President then appointed John Mayo as Alternate National Director.

Addressing proposed ground water legislation, the executive secretary reported that a new draft bill authored by the Department of Ecology and calling for a one year study of the issue had been submitted at the AWWA water users committee meeting on November 3rd in Olympia. Glen Fiedler added that the bill was not received favorably by all parties. Apparently, Dennis Coburn of the Clark County PUD, will be pursuing other legislation which would turn over ground water management to local government. Rep. Jerry Ellis also intends to introduce a study bill as revealed during her luncheon address on Thursday.

Following lengthy discussion, Russ Smith made a MOTION that W.S.W.R.A. reaffirm its position on water management throughout the State being left in the control of the Department of Ecology and that it not be fragmented into local control or otherwise. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously. Jim Trull requested that Glen Fiedler prepare a summary of the bills and concepts entertained by various sponsors to date for the board to address at the December meeting.

Discussion of the 1984 preliminary budget followed. Russ Smith suggested that an inflationary factor be considered when determining dues for 1984. President Paul Chasco requested that in addition to 1984 budget projections and the 1983 budget comparison, the actual expenses expected for 1983 also be shown on the budget report for next meeting.
A letter from the Greater Wenatchee Reclamation District was read to the membership. The district is seeking a Category II loan from the Bureau of Reclamation for the upgrading of their system and they request W.S.W.R.A. support this effort. A MOTION was made by Jim Trull that the President send a letter to all Washington Congressional delegates in support of Greater Wenatchee's project. The motion was seconded by Joe Horral and carried.

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Executive Secretary

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MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
WASHINGTON STATE WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION
and
STATE ASSOCIATION OF WASHINGTON IRRIGATION DISTRICTS
December 21, 1983
U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Office, Ephrata, Washington

The board of directors of the Washington State Water Resources Association met jointly with the board of directors of the State Association of Washington Irrigation Districts on Wednesday, December 21, 1983 at the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Office, 32 "C" Northwest, Ephrata, Washington. W.S.W.R.A. board members present were Paul Chasco, Ron Van Gundy, Jim Webb, Merle Gibbens, Marvin Vander Griend, Judy Bear, Lee Carothers, and John Mayo (8). S.A.W.I.D. board members present were Paul Chasco, Ron Van Gundy, Jim Webb, Merle Gibbens, Marvin Vander Griend, and Judy Bear (6). Also present were Richard A. Lemargie, Nancy Ostby, John Downs, Allen D. Brecke, Chan Bailey, Gary Fischer, Paul Lemargie, Russ Smith, Warren Dickman, Randy Jackson and Jeanne Peck. President Paul Chasco called the meeting to order at 10:12 a.m. (Walt Peterson arrived after the approval of the 1984 budget.)

Minutes of the November 16, 1983 board of directors meeting, the November 17, 1983 general membership meeting, and the November 18, 1983 board of directors meeting were addressed. A MOTION was made by Lee Carothers, seconded by Marvin Vander Griend and carried that the minutes be approved as submitted.

The S.A.W.I.D. financial report as of November 30, 1983, indicated $1,20 income from interest on investments, no expenses and a balance of $661.83. A MOTION was made by Marvin Vander Griend, seconded by Lee Carothers and carried that the S.A.W.I.D. financial report be approved.

Income for the Washington State Water Resources Association totaled $6,169.68 including gross receipts for the previous 30 day period attributed to the Convention. Expenses totaled $5,528.41 including the Convention expenses for the period. The fund balance as of November 30, 1984 was $1,948.70, however, $1,239.75 of that amount represented outstanding convention accounts receivable. Projections for December expenses totaled $1,697.71 resulting in a projected balance at year end of $256.99. It was noted that unless payment is received on outstanding accounts, all anticipated December expenses cannot be met. A MOTION to approve the WSWRA financial report was made by Lee Carothers, seconded by Marvin Vander Griend and carried.

The final report from the W.S.W.R.A. Annual Convention indicated 85 paid registrations. Attendance at the banquet was just over 100. This compares similarly to the attendance at the 1982 convention. Net proceeds totaled $2,890.65.

Paul Chasco remarked that Walt Peterson should be complimented on the excellent response and appreciation for the attorneys panel.

A revised 1984 budget was submitted for review. Although no increase in the factor used to calculate irrigation district dues is contemplated for 1984, a small increase in total income from irrigation district dues should result due to the fact that 1983 calculations were based on 1981 O&M expenses and the 1984 dues will be calculated on the 1982 O&M ex-
expense. Total income projected in the 1984 budget was $38,200.41 including an anticipated increase in membership of $2,000.00. Total expenses were estimated at $38,043.34, including $19,500.00 in executive secretary fees (payable at $2,000.00 for January, February and March and $1,500.00 for the remaining months of 1984) and a weekly living allowance of $100.00 during the period the executive secretary is required to be in Olympia for the Legislative Session. The possibility of increasing the minimum dues payment for irrigation districts from $100.00 met with opposition. The budget projections had contemplated a 5% increase in the maximum irrigation district dues assessment which would raise the ceiling to $4,200.00. Following additional discussion, a MOTION was made by Lee Carothers, seconded by Ron Van Gundy and carried that the 1984 budget be accepted as presented. President Paul Chasco urged the larger districts to prepay their 1984 dues if possible in order for the Association to meet anticipated January expenses.

Paul Chasco appointed Ron Van Gundy as Legislative Committee Chairman and opened discussion on any ideas for structuring the 1984 Legislative Committee. A review of 1983 procedures for handling bills and discussion culminated in a MOTION by Russ Smith that four people be appointed to assist the Chairman, Ron Van Gundy, and that this Committee be empowered by the board to take an official position on any state or federal legislation not just during Legislative Sessions but during the interim period. The motion was seconded and carried. Legislative subcommittees covering the subject matter of Employee Relations, Public Relations, Internal Operations, Water Rights and Environmental Concerns were formed with Allen Brecke, Walt Peterson, James W. Trull, Warren Dickman and Ron Van Gundy appointed as chairmen of the respective subcommittees in conformance with the foregoing motion. Other members of the Association will be called upon to act as resource people for the various subcommittees as necessary. Each subcommittee will be responsible for indepth analysis of bills with subject matter falling under that particular subcommittee.

Merle Gibbens was then appointed Convention Committee Chairman for 1984. Mr. Gibbens made a MOTION that October 24 thru 26, 1984 be selected as the dates for the Convention and that the Hallmark Inn in Moses Lake be approved as the site. The motion was seconded by Marvin Vander Griend and carried. It was noted that the NWRA Convention will be held November 11 through November 15 this year. A form requesting suggestions for a convention theme, program topics, and speakers was distributed. Suggestions are to be submitted to Merle prior to the January 18, 1984 meeting.

Paul Chasco appointed Marvin Vander Griend and Gary Fischer as Co-Chairmen of a Membership Development Committee. The Committee will be broken down into divisions based on the same geographic areas as the WSWRA director divisions. Each director will act as membership subcommittee chairman for his director division, as follows: Division 1, Walt Peterson; Division 2, Rogers R. Neff; Division 3, Ron Van Gundy; Division 4, Marvin Vander Griend; Division 5, James W. Webb; and Division 6, Judy Bear, Marvin Jeffries, and James W. Trull. The membersip
development subcommittee chairmen are requested to make contact with all nonmember irrigation districts within their division and establish contact with other potential members in their area. As an alternative, the division director may appoint some other individual or individuals to perform this function. A listing of WSWRA activities that have been implemented since the merger of WSWRA and SAWID during the fall of 1980 was distributed for reference in membership development attempts. John Mayo mentioned that some sort of pamphlet stating goals, interests, etc., was an invaluable tool when soliciting new members and President Chasco stated that every attempt would be made to have something along that line available soon. A small stock of the "membership interest" cards designed during 1981 are still available. A MOTION was made by Ron Van Gundy, seconded by Jim Webb and carried that the Membership Development Committee and plan be approved.

Helen Hill, Assistant Secretary of the Kennewick Irrigation District, reported on the preliminary plans for the organization of an Administrative Staff Committee. Lavon Sanders, appointed Chairman of that committee, was not able to attend the board meeting. The basic idea for the committee is to provide an arena of free exchange of problems and ideas for office staff and administrative personnel. A MOTION to approve the formation of the Administrative Staff Committee and the appointment of Lavon Sanders was made by Walt Peterson, seconded by Judy Bear and carried.

Judy Bear was appointed to serve as Bylaws Committee Chairman; Joe Horral was appointed Chairman of the 1988 NWRA Convention Committee; and Rogers Neff was appointed as Chairman of the Awards Committee. A MOTION was made by Lee Carothers, seconded by Marvin Vander Griend and carried that the foregoing appointments be approved.

Following a recess for lunch, the meeting was reconvened at approximately 1:15 p.m.

The final rules and regulations implementing the Reclamation Reform Act are effective January 5, 1984. Randy Jackson stated that workshops will be held by the Bureau of Reclamation to acquaint district personnel with the new requirements. Russ Smith invited the membership to join the South Columbia Basin Irrigation District in challenging the constitutionality of the new law.

Discussion of 1984 WSWRA sponsored legislation ensued. Because of the deadlines imposed by a 60 day session, the Code Revisor's office is already overloaded with request bills. Walt Peterson stated his intention to submit proposed language to Senator Hansen for changes in adverse possession and irrigation district quiet title laws. It was noted that the two draft bills tentatively proposed by Sunnyside Valley Irrigation District would not be introduced this year and that the irrigation district omnibus bill will revert to Senate Rules at the start of the 1984 Session.

A summary of proposed legislation on groundwater management prepared by Glen Fiedler at the request of Jim Trull was reviewed. It was reported that the House Agriculture Committee intends to take executive action
on one or a combination of four bills before the Committee during the January meeting. Following lengthy discussion, a MOTION was made by Russ Smith that WSWRA oppose all of the ground water legislation reviewed by the board to date (HB 364/SSB 3415, HB 365/SB 3362, H-2792, H-3006, Z-904, H-2874 and the AWRA draft legislation) until the USGS groundwater study has been completed. As a point of clarification, Smith stated that he was not including possible study bills previously discussed but not yet received. The motion was seconded by Warren Dickman. The motion was defeated. Merle Gibbens made a MOTION that WSWRA support HB 364 and HB 365. The motion was seconded by Russ Smith. The motion was defeated. Walt Peterson made a MOTION to support a study of ground water problems. The motion died for lack of a second. Walt Peterson made another MOTION that WSWRA oppose legislation under which the state would permit additional development to further exhaust our underground water supply. The motion died for lack of a second. Warren Dickman made a MOTION that we convey to the Legislature that we recognize that we have a serious groundwater problem in the State, but until such time as legislation is proposed that recognizes the value of mining groundwater in certain areas and the curtailment of groundwater mining in other areas, the WSWRA cannot reach a majority decision. The motion was seconded by Lee Carothers and carried unanimously.

It was reported that the amendment to the amendment to the Clean Water Act of concern to Russ Smith and discussed at previous meetings, had been introduced as S.2006 just prior to the recess of Congress for the holidays. Attempts to obtain a copy of that amendment have been unsuccessful to date.

Warren Dickman made a MOTION that the January meeting of the board be held on the 16th at the Inn at the Park in Spokane and that the February meeting be held in Olympia on the 15th. The motion was seconded and carried.

Ron Van Gundy reported on the status of the water right problems within the Yakima River Basin stating that agreement has been reach between most parties of interest except for the Bureau of Reclamation and the National Alliance of Fisheries. A MOTION was made by Lee Carothers that WSWRA support by letter the Enhancement Package as submitted by Van Gundy. The motion was seconded by Chan Bailey and carried.

Allen Brecke reported on a case that has come out of Superior Court in Spokane. It deals with the rights to surface water in Dead Man's Creek. The decision by Judge Shields indicates that riparian rights take precedent over rights appropriated under the Washington State Water Code. The D.O.E. has appealed the decision. Brecke will attempt to file an Amicus Curious brief if the appeal is heard and was authorized to use the Association's name in support of that effort.

Bob Broadbent is being considered for the position of Under Secretary of the Department of Interior. A MOTION was made by Ron Van Gundy, seconded by Marvin Vander Griend and carried unanimously that WSWRA submit a letter recommending Broadbent for this position.

Marvin Vander Griend conveyed the appreciation of Dick Hendrick for receiving the Rosadell S. Nutley award.
President Chasco reported that L. W. "Bill" Lloyd, Regional Director of the Pacific Northwest Region, had recently sent a letter thanking the Association for the plaque presented to the Bureau of Reclamation during the 1983 annual convention.

Merle Gibbens reported that fees may be established for the storage of hazardous materials. Apparently, if the product is used within the year, it is classified as "utilization" for which there are no charges. Districts were urged to classify any hazardous materials as "active" inventory.

Chan Bailey reported that John Daley, Assistant Director of the Dept. of Agriculture, is heading a group, including Bailey, that is negotiating with the BPA for firm power rates for irrigation.

With no additional business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Executive Secretary

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