MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
WASHINGTON STATE WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION
and
STATE ASSOCIATION OF WASHINGTON IRRIGATION DISTRICTS
January 18, 1984
Cavanaugh's Inn at the Park, 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 18, 1984 at Cavanaugh's Inn at the Park, Corbin Room, West 303 North River Drive, Spokane, Washington. W.S.W.R.A. board members present were Ron Van Gundy, Lee Carothers, Merle Gibbens, Joe Horrall, Jim Webb, Judy Bear, John S. Mayo, James W. Trull and Paul Chasco (9). S.A.W.I.D. board members present were Ron Van Gundy, Merle Gibbens, Jim Webb, Judy Bear, James W. Trull and Paul Chasco (6). Also present were Randy Jackson, Allen Brecke, John Downs, Paul E. Olberding, Tim J. Mainwaring, Lavon Sanders, Helen Hill, Warren Dickman, Gene D. McIntire, Nancy Ostby, Bob Ashcraft and Jeanne Peck. Eddie Parsons, Kathy Lawson, Larry Tipte, Karl Emery and Joanne Carver of Moab Irrigation District and Gerhardt Ulbretich of North Spokane Irrigation District #8 were also in attendance. Walt Peterson arrived shortly after the meeting began. President Paul Chasco called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

The minutes of the December 21, 1983 meeting were deferred until the February meeting.

The S.A.W.I.D. financial report indicated interest income of $1.13, no expenses and a cash balance at year end of $662.96. A MOTION was made by Ron Van Gundy, seconded by Judy Bear and carried that the S.A.W.I.D. financial report be approved.

The financial report for W.S.W.R.A. indicated income of $3.80, expenses totaling $1,678.66 and a balance at year end of $273.84. A MOTION to approve the W.S.W.R.A. financial report was made by Lee Carothers, seconded by Ron Van Gundy and carried.

President Chasco appointed Nancy Ostby as Chairman of the Auditing Committee.

Lavon Sanders reported that the first meeting of the Administrative Staff Committee will be held on February 10th at the East Columbia Basin Irrigation District office in Othello. Preparation of a calendar/notebook specifying by month the various statutory requirements of irrigation districts similar to what was previously prepared by Rosadell Nutley will be one of the Committee's goals. The President has also charged the Committee with compiling total dollar amounts spent by irrigation district to vendors for use in membership development efforts.

Judy Bear reported that Walt Peterson has been assisting in the drafting of Association bylaws.

Samples of various stationary designs and a membership development pamphlet were distributed for review. It was the consensus of those present that all irrigation districts, whether dues paying members or not, be included in the directory with some notation as to their membership status. President Chasco reported that thus far he had com-
mittments for 7 sponsors at $500.00 each for the 6½ minute video
tape promoting W.S.W.R.A. membership. Merle Gibbens reported that
he had secured 4 sponsors. An additional 9 sponsors will be needed
before the project can be started.

Joe Horrall reported that the Wyoming delegation of NWRA has asked
that guidelines be established which would prescribe what types of
facilities would be acceptable for sites of the National convention.
Apparently, there is some discussion that Spokane would not meet
the proposed criteria and Mr. Horrall questioned whether W.S.W.R.A.
would consider using Seattle as the site if, in fact, Spokane was
not acceptable. Following some discussion, a MOTION was made by
Merle Gibbens, seconded by Gene McIntire and carried unanimously
that we recommend Spokane only as the site for the 1988 NWRA Convention.

The summer meeting of the NWRA board of directors will be held in
Jackson Hole, Wyoming.

Paul Chasco complimented Legislative Committee Chairman Ron Van
Gundy and his Committee for the smooth and efficient way in which
legislation is being handled this year. Mr. Van Gundy reviewed the
structure of the various subcommittees as adopted at the December
meeting. Jim Trull reported that the most significant bill assigned
to the Internal Operations Committee is SB 4422 which would authorize
100 million dollars in bonds for irrigation facilities. The
Legislative Committee has authorized support of this legislation.
SJ 122 is also supported by the Committee. Mr. Trull recommended
that the Association oppose possible substitute HB 857. Walt Peter-
son, Chairman of the subcommittee on Public Relations, stated that
SB 4308 would have no effect on irrigation districts and recommended
we take no position. A position of support was taken on SB 3214 during
the 1983 Session and shall remain in effect during 1984. Ron
Van Gundy reported on the Environmental Concerns Committee stating
that the Committee recommends a passive support position on SB 4324.
Following discussion, Paul Chasco recommended that SB 4324 be actively
supported. Merle Gibbens agreed with this concept. Van Gundy
also reported that SB 4323 will be passively supported and HB 1141
will be monitored until additional information on the intent of the
bill can be established. SHB 843, dealing with retirement, has just
been received by Committee members and no position established as yet.
HB 1173 will be monitored as will SB 4333, SB 4336 and SB 4337.
HB 411 and HB 412 dealing with D.o.E. fees had received a no position
in 1983 and will maintain that status this year. HB 1502 was discussed
and a position of oppose established.

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

Judy Bear reported that Donald L. Thompson, retired manager of the
Greater Wenatchee Irrigation District, has assumed the position of
Secretary-Manager of the Oroville-Tonasket Irrigation District. Lowell
Felt has recently retired due to health reasons. Mr. Thompson has
consented to take the position only on a temporary basis and applications for Secretary-Manager are currently being accepted.

The next meeting of the board of directors will be held on Wednesday, February 15, in Olympia.

Assignments of bills to the various subcommittees followed.

A paper deliniating the various concerns about groundwater rights as drafted by the Legislative Committee was reviewed. Minor corrections were suggested and a MOTION was made by Walt Peterson, seconded and carried that the groundwater rights position paper be approved. (See attached).

Copies of recently introduced bills were distributed and reviewed and the meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Reid
Executive Secretary

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MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
WASHINGTON STATE WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION
and
STATE ASSOCIATION OF WASHINGTON IRRIGATION DISTRICTS
February 15, 1984
Aladdin Motor Inn, 900 S. Capitol Way, Olympia, 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, February 15, 1984 at the Aladdin Motor Inn, Lakeside 2 Room, 900 S. Capitol Way, Olympia, Washington. WSWRA board members present were Walt Peterson, James W. Trull, Judy L. Bear, Joe Horral, Marvin Vander Griend, John S. Mayo, Glen Fiedler, Ron Van Gundy and Paul Chasco (9). The SAWID board members present were Walt Peterson, James W. Trull, Judy L. Bear, Marvin Vander Griend, Ron Van Gundy and Paul Chasco (6). Also present were Nancy Ostby, Lavon Sanders, Helen Hill, Chan Bailey, Warren Dickman, Russ Smith, Randy Jackson and Jeanne Peck. President Paul Chasco called the meeting to order at 10:17 a.m.

Minutes of the past two board of directors meetings were addressed. A MOTION was made by Walt Peterson, seconded and carried that the minutes of December 21, 1983 and January 18, 1984 be approved.

The financial report indicated a balance in the SAWID fund of $664.41. Income for WSWRA as of January 31, 1984, was $16,891.14; expenses totaled $4,355.12 leaving a balance of $12,809.86. A MOTION was made by Ron Van Gundy, seconded by Marvin Vander Griend and carried that the financial report of January 31, 1984, be approved.

President Chasco reported that the case of Wenatchee Reclamation District vs. Mustell had been heard by the State Supreme Court on Thursday, February 9, 1984. There is no indication how soon a decision will be rendered however it was Mr. Chasco's observation that the reaction of the Justices did not seem favorable to the irrigation district despite excellent presentations by Kermit Rudolf and David Sonn.

Jim Trull explained a situation that has developed in the Grandview Irrigation District. Lyle Wandling, who owns about 110 acres of pasture has objected to the irrigation assessment on the basis that he should be charged less for irrigation water because of the low productivity of his land in comparison to other lands within the district. A letter to Mr. Wandling from attorney Donald Bond, seems to support this theory by citing 87.03.240 RCW which states in part "Assessments...shall be made in proportion to the benefits accruing to the lands assessed...". Copies of the letters from the Grandview Irrigation District, Mr. Bond, and the Prosser Irrigation District are to be mailed to the WSWRA board and a letter will be directed to Philip Noon requesting that WSWRA be kept informed of any additional developments in this area.

Lavon Sanders reported that the Administrative Staff Committee had held their first meeting on February 10, 1984 in Othello with 25 to 30 people attending. The Committee is in the process of developing a calendar delineating the appropriate time for certain statutory requirements and should have that completed in one or two more meetings. Various procedures were discussed and statutes identified that are
totally unworkable in their present form.

Judy Bear reported that Jim Trull had joined the committee appointed to draft Association bylaws.

An amendment to the irrigation district omnibus bill, SSB 3868, was discussed. The amendment, which pertains to districts organized under 87.03.018, was introduced by Rep. Curt Smith during a House Agriculture Committee hearing, through Senator Frank "Tub" Hansen, at the request of John Baird, Attorney-Secretary for the Quincy-Columbia Basin Irrigation District. WSWRA had not been made aware of the possible amendment by any of the parties concerned although the House Ag Committee had been led to believe the amendment had full irrigation district support. Following discussion, a MOTION was made by Walt Peterson that the Association direct a letter to the Quincy board of directors indicating our concern over the jeopardy in which the amendment placed SSB 3868 by requiring Senate concurrence this late in the Session; relating our displeasure at not being notified of the need for the amendment and the awkward position in which this placed WSWRA; and requesting that future proponents of legislation be aware of deadlines in order to introduce their own legislation or support an organization that provides such a service for irrigation districts. The motion was seconded by Joe Horrall and carried unanimously.

Russ Smith reported that Merle Gibbens, Chairman of the Convention Committee, is making progress on both the housing situation and the program for the WSWRA Annual Convention.

Turning to the Legislative Committee report, a proposed amendment to SSB 3415 which would strike all of the bill except the last section relating to the protection of sole source aquifers for drinking water, was discussed. Glen Fiedler added that there may be additional amendments by the House Environmental Affairs Committee during executive action.

HCR 36, sponsored by Rep. Jerry Ellis, calls for a study of water resource issues by a commission consisting of 32 individuals. Jim Trull expressed concern that the one member allowed on the commission with the designation of representing irrigated farming would not necessarily represent irrigation districts and that we should be certain that our interests are protected.

Ron Van Gundy reported that the controversy over SB 4422 seems to be resolved. Although the bill would authorize $100 million in bonds for irrigation facilities, the bonds would only be issued as needed. Glen Fiedler suggested that the bill should be characterized as a bond issue for all of irrigated agriculture rather than a "Columbia Basin bill" (as it had been perceived by the Senate) when the bill comes up for hearing by the House Ways & Means Committee. Van Gundy urged those present to contact their Representatives to assure that each was aware of the actual issues and our support for the bill.
A position on SHB 857 regarding underground utilities was not taken during the 1983 Session of the Legislature however the WSWRA Legislative Committee is in opposition to the bill this year. It has just been learned that following the end of last year's Session, the proponents and the opponents of the bill had worked throughout the interim to achieve a compromise bill. SHB 857, as passed the House Committee on Energy & Utilities during the first weeks of the 1984 Session, was the result of the interim effort. Hearings before the House Committee were held prior to WSWRA taking a position of opposition. The bill was heard by the Senate Energy & Utilities Committee on Thursday, February 9, where only one of the interim committee members testifying, the City of Bellevue, remained in opposition to the bill. A few amendments were offered by the supporters, however, and Chairman Al Williams expressed his displeasure at the untimeliness of this action as he understood a compromise between affected parties had already been worked out. WSWRA was not able to testify at that hearing due to time constraints but the Chairman indicated that further testimony would be allowed on the following Thursday, February 16. Based on the foregoing circumstances, the WSWRA Legislative Committee could not come to agreement on what action should be taken at the Thursday hearing and recommended that any district for which this legislation would cause particular problems offer testimony on their own behalf.

SHB 1139 was heard before the Senate Agriculture Committee on Tuesday, February 14. No action was taken on the bill however the Chairman of the Committee, Senator Hansen, has scheduled a round table discussion on this subject for Thursday, February 16, at 1:30 p.m. During discussion of the ground water issue, it was agreed that the Association would not support an amendment that would make this bill applicable to one side of the Cascades and not the other.

Joe Horrall reported that the decision on the site of the 1988 NWRA Convention will be made at the summer board meeting in Wyoming and that WSWRA should be prepared to present a strong pitch for Spokane at that time. Mr. Horrall suggested that President Chasco appoint a committee of three to design possible tour packages and select proper accommodation recommendations. The president deferred action on the previous suggestion.

The possibility of WSWRA and the Columbia Basin Development League jointly sponsoring a tour of the Columbia Basin for the Economic Development group chaired by Senator George Fleming, was suggested by Joe Horrall. The idea met with favorable response but caution was urged in handling possible political sensitivities. Mr. Horrall will secure additional information for next meeting.

Samples of logos and a draft membership pamphlet for the Association were distributed for review. Discussion of a possible expansion of the general membership dues structure to include a more equitable fee for cities, towns, etc., followed. The president appointed a committee consisting of John Mayo, Warren Dickman and Jim Trull to address changes in the dues structure.
Paul Chasco reported that he and Merle Gibbens have commitments to fund up to $10,000.00 of the video tape for membership development. An agreement has been drafted calling for a 6½ minute production at a cost of $6,954.00. The president requested authority to execute the contract upon receipt of the $10,000.00 from the sponsors. A MOTION to this effect was made by Ron Van Gundy, seconded by Jim Trull and carried.

Following a recess for lunch, a MOTION was made by Russ Smith, seconded by Warren Dickman and carried that the next meeting of the boards be held on March 21, 1984, in Walla Walla at 10:00 a.m. The location will be announced at a later date.

In response to a question from John Mayo, it was noted that the Administrative Staff Committee is planning to compile a schedule of assessments levied by the state irrigation districts.

The NWRA 1984 dues billing of $8,200.00 was addressed. Joe Horrall suggested that we select a quarterly method of payment with the first installment to be paid prior to the spring board of directors meeting scheduled for April.

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:10 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
March 21, 1984
Elks Lodge #287, 351 East Rose St., Walla Walla, 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, March 21, 1984, at the Elks Lodge #287, 351 East Rose Street, Walla Walla, Washington. WSWRA board members present were James W. Trull, Jim Webb, Merle R. Gibbens, Lee Carothers, John Mayo, Judy Bear, Rogers Neff, Glen Fiedler, Ron Van Gundy, Paul Chasco and Walt Peterson (11). SAWID board members present were James W. Trull, Jim Webb, Merle R. Gibbens, Judy Bear, Rogers Neff, Ron Van Gundy, Paul Chasco and Walt Peterson (8). Also present were Nancy Ostby, Chan Bailey, Dick Erickson, Gene D. McIntire, Ray Nelson, Warren Dickman, Helen Hill, Gary Fischer, John Downs, Lavon Sanders, Russ Smith and Jeanne Peck. President Paul Chasco called the meeting to order at 10:17 a.m.

The minutes of the February 15, 1984, meeting were addressed. A MOTION was made, seconded and carried that the minutes be approved.

The financial report indicated a balance in the SAWID fund as of February 29, 1984 in the amount of $665.03. Income for WSWRA during the preceding month was $6,577.96; expenses totaled $3,754.83 leaving a cash balance of $15,633.81. A MOTION was made by Ron Van Gundy that the financial report be approved as submitted. The motion was seconded and carried.

A letter dated February 28, 1984 from David E. Sonn concerning a Department of Labor & Industries ruling on prevailing wage rate exemption for irrigation districts was read. The Department's interpretation of WAC 296-127-030 is that districts are not exempt from the provisions of Chapter 39.12, Prevailing Wages on Public Works, solely because they are irrigation districts. Only certain kinds of work performed by irrigation districts are exempt. Any work, construction, alteration, repair or improvement, other than ordinary maintenance, executed at the cost of the irrigation district that is not for the reclamation or development of waste or undeveloped lands would be covered by Chapter 39.04, Public Works, and Chapter 39.12, Prevailing Wages on Public Works, according to Labor & Industries. Mr. Sonn points out that RCW 39.04.010 defines public work as "...all work, construction, alteration, repair, or improvement other than ordinary maintenance, executed at the cost of the state or of any municipality...". RCW 39.04.010 defines municipality as "...every city, county, town, district or other public agency thereof which is authorized by law to require the execution of public work, except...irrigation districts...". Mr. Sonn feels that the WAC goes beyond the requirements of the statutes and is, therefore, invalid. A letter from Kermit Rudolf to Jim Trull in response to an inquiry on the same matter indicates that Mr. Rudolf is of a similar opinion. Mr. Rudolf suggests that WSWRA seek clarification of this issue. John Mayo explained that certain portions of the Yakima-Tieton Irrigation District rehab project has been determined to be subject to prevailing wage rate requirements because of the dual purpose of some of the facilities.
Paul Chasco stated that he had been contacted by Gary E. Lofland of Wilson & Lofland of Yakima, a law firm specializing in labor negotiations and contracts on behalf of management. Apparently, local unions have requested information from the Outlook Irrigation District on wages paid on their current construction project. To date that information has not been received from the district. John Mayo stated that the Outlook job was engineered by CH2M-Hill and is not subject to prevailing wage rates. Therefore, the district is not provided with a schedule of the contractor’s employees salaries and the district would be unable to respond to the union’s request. If irrigation districts feel they are not required to submit this kind of information to unions at their request, Mr. Lofland suggested a class action be initiated rather than each district attacking the problem on an individual basis. Warren Dickman related that the Yakima-Tieton Irrigation District will be letting a contract in the very near future that does not include prevailing wage rates. As a result, the Yakima-Tieton project may become a test case on the legality of Labor & Industries’ interpretation of the prevailing wage rate issue.

Jim Trull reported that the committee assigned to review the general membership dues structure and its applicability to cities and towns, recommends the following revision based on a per capita basis of those cities and towns:

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Following some discussion, Lavon Sanders suggested that the minimum dues be established at $100.00 by changing the first per capita division to 0-10,000. Discussion followed regarding the entire dues structure as it relates to the goals and objectives outlined in the membership development pamphlet and action was deferred on the above recommendation. Jim Trull suggested that the cities which have expressed interest in the organization be sent complimentary information until such time as an appropriate dues structure is adopted. The existing committee of Jim Trull, Warren Dickman and John Mayo was expanded to include Lee Carothers and charged with the responsibility of (1) assessing the equity of services provided in relationship to a possible dues structure for the general membership and (2) directing how interested cities and towns should be addressed until the dues structure is revised. In response to an inquiry from Lee Carothers, Russ Smith stated that the goal of membership development must be to increase the financial base of the organization so that we can, in turn, increase the services to our members. Upon receipt of a synopsis of the comments put forth on this subject, the President will set up a meeting with the committee and the executive secretary.

In an update on the Grandview Irrigation District /Lyle Wandling problem, it was reported that the Grandview board of directors had notified Mr. Wandling that it was "unanimously" determined that the district maintain its current method of assessing. Walt Peterson stated that all of the previous correspondence on this matter has been distributed
to the Attorneys Committee. A meeting will be scheduled within the next few months and this will be one of the topics discussed.

An inquiry from the Arizona Convention Coordinating Committee, in charge of organizing the 1984 NWRA convention, was addressed. From the variety of convention tours offered, Item 3, home tour of area condo's and homes, and Item 4, shopping spree to two of the metropolitan area malls, were recommended for spouses during the convention activities. Item 5, tour Salt River Project headquarters, supervisory control and related computer applications; Item 6, City of Phoenix water treatment plant tour; and Item 7, trip to Salt River dams, were of interest as post convention tours. It was recommended that all costs for spouses tours and post convention tours be separated from the cost of the convention package. No interest was expressed for the family tour packages indicated in items 8 thru 13.

In review of the proposed agenda, Nancy Ostby suggested that the committee meetings scheduled for Tuesday afternoon be moved to the slots designated "Administrative Time" to allow everyone to participate in an organized tour such as suggested in items 5, 6, and/or 7 on Tuesday afternoon. It was mentioned that several committees had complained that not enough time had been allowed during the Tulsa Convention for the completion of necessary business in the 1 to 1 1/2 hours that had been allotted on Monday afternoon. If Mrs. Ostby's suggestion is not workable, it was recommended that the tour or tours be condensed into the three day format. Packets to be distributed to potential exhibitors from Washington State were provided to those interested.

Nancy Ostby reported that Lavon Sanders and Helen Hill had completed the annual audit of the WSWRA financial records and that the committee had found everything to be in order. The report indicated a balance at year end of $365.05 for both funds which is consistent with the December 31, 1984 financial reports prepared by the executive secretary. A MOTION was made by Russ Smith, seconded by Ron Van Gundy and carried to accept the Auditing Committee's report. It was noted that the accuracy of the 1983 financial records was due in part to the Yakima-Tieton Irrigation District volunteering the use of their computer to post the general ledger entries.

Lavon Sanders reported that the Administrative Staff Committee had met again on March 16, 1984. The Irrigation District calendar for March thru December was addressed and completed at that meeting. The next meeting will be held on April 27, 1984 at 10:00 a.m. in Othello and the topic of discussion will be election procedures. Randy Jackson of the Roza Irrigation District will be the speaker. Future meetings of the Committee will also be devoted to specific subjects. It has not been determined how the calendar will be distributed when printed. The use of WSWRA stationery was recommended for future communications with Committee members to insure that those participating are fully aware that the activities are sponsored by WSWRA.

Judy Bear reported that recommendations for WSWRA bylaws have been
put together and that if there are additional suggestions they should be submitted to her within the next 30 days.

Merle Gibbens reported that he is working on the format for the 1984 WSWRA convention program.

Addressing the Legislative Committee Report, Ron Van Gundy reviewed the events of the final days of the Legislature as they pertained to SB 4422, the irrigation facilities bonding bill. He stated that Booth Gardner, possible democratic contender for the Governor's seat, has set up a meeting with irrigation district representatives for Wednesday, March 28, 1984, in Sunnyside. As the sponsors of SB 4422 have discussed rewriting and running the same legislation in 1985, Van Gundy recommends that representatives from the Columbia Basin and the Yakima Basin districts get together to discuss the appropriate approach. Dr. Norman K. Whittlesey of WSU had delivered damaging testimony on the Columbia Basin Project during the House Ways & Means Committee hearing and it was suggested that the Columbia Basin interests contract with someone from the private sector to analyze and refute his position. Chan Bailey reported that the Department of Ecology and the Bureau of Reclamation will be meeting next Thursday to determine whether the technical data can be developed prior to the 1985 Legislative Session. Chan Bailey agreed to take the lead in setting up a meeting with the concerned parties, including Senate Agriculture staff representative, Bob Lee. It was noted that the bill would impact all areas of the state, not just Yakima and the Columbia Basin. Board members from 3 irrigation districts in Clallam County in Western Washington had been very active in the telephone lobbying effort as had districts in the Oroville, Okanogan and other areas of the State. Glen Fiedler indicated that the most important question is "Can we be ready for January of 1985?" and that testimony before Senate Ways & Means indicated that the State's bond ceiling is not a problem. Dick Erickson pointed out that if the political climate is right during 1985, we should consider escalating our program to be prepared at that time. Ron Van Gundy pointed out that it would be prudent to wait until after 1984 elections before we finalize our plans but, in any event, we should attempt to secure both Democratic and Republican sponsors for bills in both the House and the Senate next go round. It was noted that Dan Grimm may be running for Pierce County Executive and may not be involved with the House Ways and Means Committee in succeeding years.

President Chasco reviewed the correspondence regarding the amendment to SSB 3868. The response from Representative Curt Smith had been distributed to the board as had a subsequent counter letter from Mr. Chasco. Nancy Ostby stated that the President's response had been very diplomatic. This was followed by many praises of the letter dated March 2, 1984 to Representative Smith. It was noted that this type of independent activity by individual irrigation districts would quickly undermine the credibility of WSWRA with the Legislature.

Following a recess for lunch, John Mayo reported that federal legislation introduced last fall, H.R. 4444 and S. 1981, regarding the small loan program, are pending before Congress at this time. The Columbia
Irrigation District has a small projects loan at this time and the Greater Wenatchee Irrigation District has a loan pending. A MOTION was made by Russ Smith, seconded by Rogers Neff and carried that the WSWRA President write a letter to the Washington State Congressional delegation in support of H.R. 4444 and S. 1981.

Russ Smith stated that S. 1132, which would set a cap on charges for non-Federal hydroelectric development at federal dams, is before Congress. FERC now collects various use charges based on net profits, and the Department of Interior may collect other falling water charges. Under the bill, only FERC will collect "an annual rental charge not to exceed $1 per kilowatt of installed capacity and one-half mil per kilowatt hour of energy produced", plus an amount equal to the "actual unreimbursed cost to the United States, if any, resulting from the construction, operation and maintenance of the licensee's project works". This bill would exempt the Columbia Basin project from a potential annual user charge of $300,000. An amendment by Sen. Dan Evans waives user fees precluded by existing contracts. Senate floor action is considered imminent while no action has been taken on the House companion bill H.R. 3660. Mr. Smith recommends support of both bills.

S. 2001 would provide for a fee to be levied against any electrical generation, including hydropower, to fund a nationwide program to reduce acid rain. Mr. Smith feels this would be unfair and recommends opposition to this bill.

A third matter of concern is H.R. 2867 which would establish a 19 member National Ground Water Commission charged with 21 duties in regard to federal and state ground water. The Commission, which would terminate on January 1, 1986, would not have representation from the irrigated agriculture sector and Mr. Smith urges WSWRA to oppose H.R. 2867.

Following discussion on the preceding federal legislation, a MOTION was made by Russ Smith, seconded by Walt Peterson and carried that WSWRA support S. 1132 and H.R. 3660, oppose S. 2001 and H.R. 2867, and that the President write a letter to the Washington delegation to this affect.

Ron Van Gundy made a MOTION that WSWRA support the nomination of John Spencer for Commissioner of Reclamation and that the President send letters to this affect to all Northwest Senators. The motion was seconded by Jim Webb and carried with two dissenting votes.

It was noted that the governor has until March 29, 1984, to act upon those bills which passed both houses of the Legislature by Sine Die, March 8, or they automatically become law. Copies of the bills as amended by the Conference Committees have not been obtained as yet but should be available in the next week or so.

Paul Chasco distributed copies of the final proof of the membership development pamphlet which is currently being printed and should be available shortly. Costs of the printing of the pamphlet and new stationary will be covered out of the fees collected from sponsors of the membership video tape.
John Mayo reported that Joe Horrall will not be able to attend the NWRA Spring Board Meeting scheduled for April 2 and 3, 1984, in Washington, D.C. and therefore, Mr. Mayo, as Alternate National Director, will be attending in his place. At that meeting, WSWRA's position that only Spokane should be considered as the site of the 1988 NWRA convention, will be reaffirmed.

It was reported that the Association continues to receive inquiries from various irrigation districts regarding certain legal and technical issues specific to that particular district. Such letters have recently been received from a Delane R. Bell of Sequim and Robert Murillo of the Highland Irrigation District, also of Sequim. Walt Peterson stated that the Attorneys Committee has concerned itself with problems that are particular to all irrigation districts, not just one, and that we should not place ourselves in a position where the Association is second-guessing another attorney's opinion. Mr. Peterson suggested a response delineating this policy and explaining that we do not have the facilities to respond to such specific problems. Mr. Peterson volunteered to draft language to this affect. Paul Chasco suggested that the letter be concluded on a positive note indicating that WSWRA be contacted should legal problems of interest to all irrigation districts arise.

A letter from Gary Fischer on behalf of the Greater Wenatchee Irrigation District thanking WSWRA for support of their Category II loan application was read to the board.

Judy Bear mentioned that the Oroville-Tonasket dedication ceremony will be held on Friday, May 11, 1984.

The next meeting of the board was set for April 18, 1984 in the Wenatchee area at 10:00 a.m. The exact location of the meeting will be announced at a later date.

It was requested that copies of any correspondence pertaining to issues discussed by WSWRA be sent to WSWRA headquarters to be made a part of a permanent file.

Lavon Sanders inquired if any districts had had problems with the Department of Transportation in regard to lump sum payments for highway lands. Nancy Ostby volunteered to collaborate with Lavon on this matter as S.V.I.D. has had significant experience in this area.

Jim Webb reported that the last issue of Washington Farmer Stockman carried an excellent article on the Yakima-Tieton Irrigation Project.

President Chasco reported that a bill in the amount of $2146.80 has been submitted to the Association by Kermit Rudolf. Walt Peterson explained that originally, he, John Westland, and Kermit Rudolf were going to participate in the Amicus brief for WSWRA in the Wenatchee Reclamation District case before the the Court of Appeals. It was assumed that Mr. Westland would do the major part of the work because the Kennewick Irrigation District would have the greatest interest in the outcome of the case. When the Association's participation as
Amicus Curiae was authorized in July of 1983, a later request for financial assistance from the irrigation district membership on a voluntary basis was contemplated but not authorized. At the time the case was finally scheduled for oral argument before the State Supreme Court, Mr. Westland was out of town and Mr. Rudolf assumed a major role in preparing and presenting the argument. His statements include only a portion of his billable time and his actual out of pocket expenses for transportation, lodging, etc. Mr. Peterson suggested that WSWRA pay the bill in full if possible. Following lengthy discussion, a MOTION was made by Ron Van Gundy that the irrigation district membership be requested to cover the billing on a share cost basis. The motion was seconded by Walt Peterson and carried. Mr. Peterson will draft a letter explaining the basis of WSWRA involvement and the impact of the ultimate decision on irrigation district operations. Following further discussion, a MOTION was made by Jim Trull that the WSWRA President, Vice Presidents and Executive Secretary be given the authority to determine to whom and in what amount the billings for the voluntary contributions should be sent. The motion was seconded by Russ Smith and carried.

Paul Chasco reported that the Kennewick Irrigation District was represented at a meeting designed to set up an agricultural exchange program with delegates from Saudi Arabia in order to sell them more products from Washington State. The Department of Agriculture has spearheaded this program, according to Helen Hill. Following discussion, a MOTION was made by Glen Fiedler, seconded by Walt Peterson and carried that WSWRA act as a non-contributing sponsor of this exchange program.

It was noted that the Northwest Irrigation Operators Tour for 1985 will be held in the Yakima River Basin. The International Congress on Irrigation & Drainage will be held at Fort Collins, Colorado from May 28 thru June 2. Further information on either of the foregoing events may be obtained thru the Boise office of the Bureau of Reclamation.

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:07 p.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
April 18, 1984
Four Seasons Inn, East Wenatchee, 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, April 18, 1984, at the Four Seasons Inn, 11 West Grant Road, East Wenatchee, Washington. WSWRA board members present were Tom Lyda, Walt Peterson, Merle Gibbens, Rogers Neff, Lee Carothers, Ron Van Gundy, James W. Trull, Judy Bear and Paul Chasco (9). SAWID board members present were Walt Peterson, Merle Gibbens, Rogers Neff, Ron Van Gundy, James W. Trull and Paul Chasco (6). Also present were John Downs, Gary Fischer, Sharon Bruggman, Chan Bailey, Nancy Ostby, Jeanne Peck and representatives from Boise Cascade Corp., Phil Hess and Bill Howard. President Paul Chasco called the meeting to order at 10:16 a.m.

The minutes of the March 21, 1984 board of directors meeting were addressed. A MOTION was made to approve the minutes as mailed by Merle Gibbens, seconded by Walt Peterson and carried.

The financial report for the month of March indicated a balance of $665.58 in the SAWID fund. Income for WSWRA was $4,647.15 and expenses totalled $4,858.25 leaving a balance of $ 15,421.91 at month's end. A MOTION to approve the financial report was made by Walter Peterson, seconded by Rogers Neff and carried.

Phil Hess and Bill Howard of Boise Cascade Corp. of Yakima addressed the board on forest management as it influences water yield and designated wilderness areas. According to the foresters, trees use water at the expense of stream flow. Precipitation is intercepted by the forest cover and evaporates. Some of the precipitation falls thru the mantel and is either absorbed or is also evaporated back into the atmosphere. The forest cover can be manipulated by select or clear cut harvest of the timber. Studies show, particularly in the Entiat area, that runoff yield can increase 1/2 to 1-1/2 acre feet per year per acre of ground that is cut. The Washington State Wilderness Bill is now before Congress. Existing National Forest Wilderness areas in this state total approximately 1.5 million acres. In addition, almost 1.6 million acres in the National Parks are managed as wilderness areas. The 1978 nationwide study entitled Roadless Area Review and Evaluation (RARE II) identified a total of 2.1 million acres of unroaded National Forest in Washington State that might fit the criteria for wilderness. Of that, the 1978 Forest Service RARE II recommendations were for inclusion of 257,000 acres. The Administration's RARE II recommendations in 1979 and 1981 were 365,000 and 234,000 acres respectively. In March of 1984, the Washington State Congressional Delegation recommended 877,000 with a final recommendation just recently of 1,050,000 acres. According to the 1964 Wilderness Act, a wilderness area must be 5,000 acres in size minimum, previously undisturbed by man and have certain unique characteristics. No roads, timber harvesting, installation of structures, use of motor boats or landing of aircraft are allowed once an area is designated. Entry may be made only by foot, horseback, or rowboat; and in some areas a permit is required. The timber company.
representatives advocate a reduction in the designated acreage to 200,000/300,000 consistent with previous year's recommendations and good solid release language which would allow the remaining forest area to be managed in perpetuity for timber, recreation, wildlife, watershed, and the forage resources in combinations that best serve the public need. In response to questioning, it was noted that clear cutting an entire watershed could radically change and reduce the annual snowpack. However, selective cutting has been shown to increase the yield without substantially changing the time the water comes off. Lee Carothers pointed out that the past and potential loss of jobs in Washington as a result of timber companies relocating in other states where timber is under private control should be of concern. A reduction in timber tax receipts throughout the state would probably force increases in property taxes, etc., if local government is to maintain current levels of service. The bill is currently in the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee chaired by Senator McClure. Although no formal position was taken by the WSWRA board on this issue, individual districts and members were urged to write all Washington State Congressional Delegates and Chairman McClure to express their opinions.

Paul Chasco reported that the officers of WSWRA had established a rate of request for supplementary funding to cover attorneys fees on the Wenatchee Reclamation vs. Mustnell case. Member irrigation districts under 10,000 acres were asked to contribute $50.00 and $250.00 was requested from the remaining member districts.

Ron Van Gundy reported that the omnibus water bill, H.R. 3678, has been amended to delete the prohibition from withdrawing from the Columbia River. Russ Brown, who has tendered his resignation as staff to the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee as of the end of 1984, is receiving considerable support for a position with FERC. Brown had also been interested in the position of Executive Vice President of NWRA as Pat O'Meara is also retiring at the end of this year. Van Gundy also reported that certain House democrats have made attempts to appease irrigators over the failure of SB 4422, but with little or no success. A meeting of Yakima Basin and Columbia Basin representatives has been scheduled by Chan Bailey for Thursday, April 26, 1984 at 9:00 a.m. in the Roza Irrigation District office to discuss strategy on the irrigation facilities bonding bill during the interim and preparation for the 1985 Session.

It was noted that the Senate Agriculture Committee will hold a hearing on Saturday, May 5, 1984 at 8:00 a.m. to consider alternatives by which to address the groundwater issue during the interim. Two alternatives have been suggested: (A) a policy advisory committee made up of representatives of various agricultural, political and environmental groups, or (B) a staff review and regular public hearings. A MOTION was made by Ron Van Gundy, seconded by Walt Peterson and carried that alternative A be supported by WSWRA.

It was mentioned that, in addition to Senator Flemming’s planned re-introduction of the irrigation bonding bill, the House Ways and Means Committee will most likely schedule hearings on the same issue during the interim.
H.R. 1652 amending the Reclamation Safety of Dams Act passed the House recently. An amendment was approved implementing the Administration's policy requiring non-federal cost sharing only where safety improvements provide additional economic benefits. S. 739, the companion bill is waiting for floor action to be scheduled. A MOTION was made by Ron Van Gundy, seconded by Walt Peterson and carried that WSWRA support H.R. 1652 as amended and that the President write letters to this affect to Washington's Congressional Delegation.

The Washington State House Agriculture Committee has adopted plans for the interim period and will be studying (1) Pesticide Use Control, Enforcement and Penalties, (2) Nursery Dealer License Fees, and (3) Weed Control. The Senate Agriculture Committee subjects scheduled for the interim are (1) Groundwater, (2) Agricultural Liens, and (3) Irrigation Facilities Bonds.

President Chasco distributed copies of the final version of the membership development pamphlet.

It was noted that John Mayo had attended the NWRA board meeting in Washington, D.C. and had reaffirmed our interest in hosting the 1988 NWRA Convention. The State of Oregon has recently indicated its interest in hosting the 1988 Convention as well. WSWRA and the Spokane Chamber of Commerce need to be prepared to make a presentation at the NWRA Summer Board meeting on the value of holding the Convention in Washington State.

The President announced that the committee appointed to assess the dues structure in relationship to Association goals and the benefits provided to the members would meet at the Sunnyside office of Pacific Power and Light Co. on Wednesday, April 25, 1984 at 2:00 p.m.

Judy Bear reported that the Oroville-Tonasket Dedication Celebration will begin on Friday, May 11, 1984 with a luncheon at the Peerless Restaurant in Oroville at 12:00 noon. The actual ceremony will take place at 1:30 p.m. at the Cordell Pumping Plant located south of Oroville on U. S. Highway 97. The public is invited.

In order to allow as many WSWRA board members as possible to attend the Oroville-Tonasket ceremony, it was suggested that the regular board of directors meeting be moved from the third Wednesday of the month to Friday, May 11, 1984 at 10:00 a.m. in the Oroville-Tonasket Irrigation District office. A MOTION to that affect was made by Walt Peterson, seconded and carried.

The meeting was recessed for lunch at 12:03 p.m. and reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

A notice from the Division of Municipal Corporations of the Office of State Auditor advises that a penalty will be imposed for failure of municipal corporations to file form 1099 Information Return to report payments of $600 or more during a calendar year for each individual (non-employee) that performs service for the entity. According to Nancy Ostby, S.V.I.D. has received information that the IRS is not
going to enforce this. Further information on this subject should
be available by the May meeting.

A recent contact from Eldon Thomas, formerly of Consolidated Irriga-
tion District in Greenacres and now with the Patterson Water & Power
District, indicated that he did not understand why WSWRA had support-
ed HB 1380 during the last Washington State Legislative Session. It
was his opinion that this bill was single purpose legislation designed
to allow the City of Spokane to annex certain lands between their ex-
histing boundaries and the airport despite the voters opposition to
the action. Being very familiar with the situation and an advocate
of the bill (which did not pass), Walt Peterson volunteered to contact
Mr. Thomas in an attempt to resolve his concerns.

With no further business to come before the board, a MOTION was made
by Merle Gibbens, seconded by Ron Van Gundy and carried that the meet-
ing be adjourned. (1:08 p.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
May 11, 1984
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 Friday, May 11, 1984 at the Oroville-Tonasket Irrigation District office, 11th & Fir, Oroville, Washington. WSWRA board members present were Paul Chasco, Judy Bear, Rogers Neff, Merle Gibbens, Ron Van Gundy, Glen Fiedler, James W. Trull and Walt Peterson (8). SAWID board members present were Paul Chasco, Judy Bear, Rogers Neff, Merle Gibbens, Ron Van Gundy, James W. Trull and Walt Peterson (7). Also present were Scott N. Brown, Doyle Mathews, John Downs, Chan Bailey, Paul Olberding, Nancy Ostby, Lavon Sanders, Gene D. McIntire, Tom Cotton and Jeanne Peck. President Paul Chasco called the meeting to order at 10:17 a.m.

The minutes of the April 18, 1984 board of directors meeting were addressed. Merle Gibbens pointed out an error in the spelling of "existing" on page four, paragraph two. A MOTION was made by Ron Van Gundy, seconded by Rogers Neff and carried that the minutes be approved as corrected.

The financial report for April indicated income of $1,904.55 including a total of $850.00 of obligated funds for the membership video and legal fees. Expenses totaled $2,145.04. In comparing total 1983 expenses as of April 30th with 1984 expenses to that date, most 1984 expenditures were significantly less than the previous year, primarily due to the shorter duration of the Legislative Session during 1984. The 1984 budget projected income from irrigation district dues of $25,985.41. Current projections indicate a potential of about $700.00 additional from that source. However, this may be offset by an expected decline in general membership dues revenues in approximately the same amount. All other income accounts may still be within budget. Based on current projections, 1984 expenses will also be within budget except for travel and meeting expense which is expected to exceed the budgeted amount because of an increase in authorized attendance of meetings. Payments towards the legal fees as of May 10, 1984, that were incurred by Kermit Rudolf on the Wenatchee Reclamation District vs. Mustell case, totaled $800.00. Contributions collected towards the membership development video as of May 10, 1984 are $500.00. A MOTION to accept the financial report was made by Glen Fiedler, seconded by Judy Bear and carried.

A hearing of the Senate Agriculture Committee was held on May 5. Of the various options proposed by the Committee to deal with work on the groundwater issue during the interim, those testifying were in unanimous support of the formation of a policy advisory committee. The Department of Ecology suggested that the advisory committee focus on three main issues: (1) mining, (2) protection of works, and (3) management at the local level. The Department will be adopting rules covering the protection of works prior to the 1985 Legislative Session. Not all commodity groups can be represented on the advisory committee and a steering committee from the Senate Agriculture Committee, Committee staff and the DoE will decide on the final composition. Glen
Fiedler reported that the steering committee had not met to date. At least three meetings of the policy advisory committee will be scheduled with the first meeting probably not being scheduled until some time after the June meeting of the WSWRA board. A MOTION was made by Walt Peterson that the President be authorized to select and appoint a representative from WSWRA to the Groundwater Policy Advisory Committee. The motion was seconded by Jim Trull and carried.

Addressing "worker right-to-know" legislation, it was reported that the Department of Labor & Industries will address certain areas not included in the 1984 legislation by rule. At a recent hearing of the Senate Parks and Ecology Committee, Senator Phil Talmadge challenged the Department of L&I's authority to adopt rules without specific direction from the legislature. Testimony at that hearing indicated a great deal of support for the portions of 2SSB 4831 that were vetoed by Governor Spellman. Some individuals advocated that the Legislature over ride the Governor's veto during the 1985 session while others present recommended the introduction of new legislation with more control than contained in the bill that passed the House and the Senate during 1984.

In testimony before the House Agriculture Committee on May 4, 1984, the Department of Agriculture advocated legislation that would allow the Department to impose a penalty of $1,000 for violations of the Pesticide Application Act. Currently, the DoA has no "middle-of-the-road" enforcement actions available to them. DoA must take violations to the Administrative Law Judge with the only penalty being the suspension of a pesticide applicators license. The legal process is exceedingly cumbersome and costly to DoA and is of very little threat to the private applicator. Because of the cost in time and funds, DoA is now pursuing only the most serious infractions of the law. With the authority to levy a fine that is graduated on the basis of the severity of the violation, DoA can better control violations by both licensed and unlicensed applicators. The Washington Association of Wheat Growers supports this concept. It was suggested that WSWRA monitor any developments in this area and review all draft legislation as it becomes available.

Lobbyists representing agricultural interests meet weekly during the Legislative Session, as time permits, to share each group's concerns and positions on pertinent bills. A meeting of that group had been held on Friday, May 4 at the DoA office in Olympia. A review of legislators who have indicated they would not seek reelection included Duane Kaiser (D), Chairman of the House Agriculture Committee; Jerry Hughes (D), Chairman of the Senate Parks & Ecology Committee; Louis Egger (D), Member of the House Agriculture Committee; Lyle Dickie (R), Member of the House Agriculture Committee; Gene Struthers (R), Member of the House Labor and Ways & Means Committees; Charles Moon (D), Member of the House Agriculture Committee. In addition, Shirley Galloway of the House Agriculture Committee will be running for the position of Superintendent of Public Instruction and Phil Talmadge has tossed his hat in the ring for the Attorney General's seat. Other vacancies and contests will also be occurring. Director Ellis reported that the
DoA budget request for 1985 will have an increase of approximately $500,000 for market development and $60,000 for pesticides and sanitation. The Director commented that he is very much in support of the Yakima River Basin Enhancement and will be speaking to the Ellensburg Chamber during the next few weeks on that subject. He has also been very supportive of the completion of the Columbia Basin Project.

President Chasco reported that a second meeting of those sponsoring the Saudi trade delegation visit to Washington State had been held on May 2, 1984. The DoA is coordinating the activities with the financing coming from various businesses and commodity groups. The tour will begin in Seattle then proceed to WSU at Pullman, Lind, Othello, the Tri-Cities and then the Yakima area. A dinner will be held at the Black Angus Ranch in Kittitas County then the group will return to Seattle. The tour will depart around the 24th of September.

Jim Trull reported that he, Lee Carothers and Jeannine Peck had met on April 25, 1984 to consider (1) assessing the equity of services provided in relationship to a possible change in the dues structure of the general membership and (2) directing how interested cities and towns could be addressed until the dues structure is revised. A report from that committee was distributed and reviewed. Walt Peterson made a MOTION that the recommendations of the committee on dues be accepted. The motion was seconded by Merle Gibbens and carried. 1984 dues for cities and towns will be as follows:

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Lavon Sanders reported that the Administrative Staff Committee had met on Friday, April 27, 1984 and discussed election procedures. Randy Jackson of the Roza Irrigation District led the discussion and distributed a packet of sample forms. The next meeting will be on Friday, June 22, 1984 at the East Columbia Basin Irrigation District office in Othello at 10:00 a.m. The subject for that meeting will be payroll and records retention. A concern that the forms distributed at the meetings might not meet with the approval of individual district attorneys was expressed. Lavon explained that the committee is not taking the approach that the example forms are the only correct way to comply with the law and that they suggest any change in individual district procedures be approved by that district's attorney. Walt Peterson emphasized that irrigation district records are public records and must comply with Chapter 40.14 RCW.

It was suggested that additional exhibitors be sought for this year's WSWRA convention in order to stimulate more interest in membership from the business sector.

Ron Van Gundy reported that he had received a letter from Senator Gorton acknowledging our recommendation of John Spencer as Commissioner of Reclamation. Paul Chasco stated that a letter had been received from Senator Hatfield stating that he is in support of Spencer, also.
The Select Subcommittee on Water Management will meet in Yakima on May 16 at 1:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. at the Yakima Valley Community College. The Committee membership will consist of four Democrat and four Republican Legislators as well as representatives from the Northwest Power Planning Council, Bureau of Reclamation, Yakima Indian Nation and the Governor’s office. Representative Jerry Ellis anticipates chairing the committee. Other D’s assigned to the committee at this time are Dan Grimm, Denny Heck and Gary Locke. The Republican Caucus has not appointed their members as yet. A hearing will also be held at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, Moses Lake, on May 17, 1984. Subsequent hearings will be held by the Subcommittee in Olympia.

President Chasco reported that things are heating up on the bids for the site of the 1988 NWRA Convention. NWRA apparently has no problems with Spokane as a potential site. Rapid City, South Dakota and Portland, Oregon are also vying for the convention. Joe Horrall and Chasco will be meeting in Spokane on the 16th with representatives of the Visitors & Convention Bureau and major hotels to discuss strategy for making our bid at the Summer NWRA Board meeting scheduled for Jackson Hole, Wyoming July 30 thru August 1, 1984. Western Airlines is offering a special air fare for those attending. When making reservations through Western, use Code VX 147 or YB 3730. An impressive array of speakers has been confirmed for July 30th. Committee meetings will be held on the 31st.

A MOTION to hold the June meeting in Othello at the East Columbia Basin Irrigation District office on Wednesday, the 20th, was made by Merle Gibbens, seconded by Walt Peterson and carried.

Judy Bear reported that the Oroville-Tonasket Irrigation District, in conjunction with certain other entities, will be requesting a justification of rates from public utility districts. Scott Brown elaborated that as a part of the O.T.’s repayment contract to the Bureau of Reclamation, they are guaranteed a certain amount of power at a set rate. The rate can only be reassessed and revised once every five years unless otherwise approved by the district. As a result of experience over the last five years and a $36,000 deficit, the PUD has come to the conclusion that they cannot accurately project what they need to assess for the coming five year period to balance their budget. They have requested permission of the district to reassess every year instead of every five. The district’s concerns are that the PUD does not provide adequate information on what the rates are being charged for. They are considering hiring a private power consultant to research the basis for the rates.

Nancy Ostby reported that the Sunnyside Valley Irrigation District has requested a reclassification from the Department of Labor & Industries which has resulted in a reduction in rates retroactive to January 1, 1984. Other districts have similar options. Anyone interested may contact Pat Bailey at SVID. Mrs. Ostby has contacted the IRS in regard to Form 1099 as discussed at the April WSWRA board meeting Apparently the only change is in the penalty for failure to report which
has been increased. This has made it more attractive for IRS to enforce the reporting requirements. The State Auditor's Office does not have audit jurisdiction in this area but recommends compliance. A municipality in the Yakima area has been recently audited and fined for not complying. SVID will begin reporting as of January 1, 1984 while Yakima-Tieton Irrigation District has decided to reconstruct and comply for the 1983 calendar year.

With no additional matters to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Reek
Executive Secretary

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Attachment
To: President

From: Unnamed Committee

Subject: Committee Recommendations

A committee of Lee Carothers, Jeanne Peck and Jim Trull met on April 25, 1984, to consider, 1) assessing the equity of services provided in relationship to a possible dues structure for general membership, and 2) directing how interested cities and towns could be addressed until the dues structure is revised.

It was noted by the committee that most civic and professional organizations are constantly seeking ways to increase their membership list to broaden their financial base. There are three reasons to expand the WSWRA general membership: 1) a broader political base, 2) a captive audience in which to explain goals and concerns on water resource matters, and 3) an additional revenue source.

The committee noted the following services offered by WSWRA: 1) Newsletter, 2) Legislative Report, 3) Title 87 Handbook, 4) Administrative Calendar, 5) Insurance [Medical and Liability], 6) Center for Information, 7) Exhibit Space for Members at Annual Meeting.

In assessing the equity of services provided in relationship to the dues structure for the general membership, the consensus was that irrigation districts pay the bulk of the assessments and receive the bulk of the benefits. The general membership dues are set according to what the traffic will bear. Any substantial change in the dues structure would cause a loss of membership, which is inconsistent with the organization’s goal to broaden membership.

The committee therefore recommends no change in the general membership dues except to charge for additional services as indicated below:
1) Put the legislative report on a subscription basis for non-irrigation district members.
2) Sell Title 87 handbooks and updates.
3) Sell the administrative calendar.

The committee recommends that the dues structure for cities and towns be as set by the Board of Directors on March 21, 1984. The grounds for this recommendation are: 1) few, if any, cities and towns will join WSWRA and a very detailed dues structure analysis is unwarranted, and 2) a dues structure much higher than that adopted by the Board on March 21 will discourage many cities from membership, and their interest and understanding of our problems is probably as important as the financial contribution.

This committee assumes it has discharged its duties as directed by the President, unless otherwise requested.

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Carothers
Jeanne Peck
Jim Trull
MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
WASHINGTON STATE WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION
and
STATE ASSOCIATION OF WASHINGTON IRRIGATION DISTRICTS
June 20, 1984
East Columbia Basin Irrigation District, Othello, 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, June 20, 1984, at the East Columbia Basin Irrigation District office, 55 North 8th, Othello, Washington. WSWRA board members present were Walter Peterson, Lee Carothers, Tom Lyda, Merle Gibbens, Jim Webb, Glen Fiedler, Ron Van Gundy, Joe Horrall, Rogers Neff and Paul Chasco (10). SAWID board members present were Walter Peterson, Merle Gibbens, Jim Webb, Ron Van Gundy, Rogers Neff and Paul Chasco (6). Also present were Craig Liebler, Russ Taylor, Gene D. McIntire, Lavon Sanders, Nancy Ostby, Dick Erickson and Jeanne Peck. The meeting was called to order at 10:15 a.m. by President Paul Chasco.

The minutes of the May 11, 1984 board of directors meeting were addressed. A MOTION was made by Walt Peterson, seconded by Rogers Neff and carried that the minutes be approved as mailed.

The financial report for the month of May indicated a balance of $3,665.80 in the SAWID fund including a recent payment of $3,000.00 in 1984 dues from the East Columbia Basin Irrigation District. Income for WSWRA was $1,413.14 and expenses totaled $2,432.96 leaving a balance of $14,161.60 at month end. It was noted that the $500.00 included in the May financial report for video contributions is no longer reflected on the WSWRA report. A separate savings account has been established for such contributions and these funds will no longer be combined with the operating accounts. A MOTION to approve the financial report was made by Rogers Neff, seconded by Lee Carothers and carried.

A MOTION was made by Joe Horrall, seconded by Ron Van Gundy and carried that the second quarterly dues payment in the amount of $2,050.00 be made to NWRA.

Contributions towards legal fees connected with the Wenatchee Reclamation District v. Mustell case as of June 20, 1984 were $1,950.00. It was noted that an additional $50.00 had been received this date from Outlook Irrigation District, bringing the total collected to $2,000.00. A MOTION was made by Glen Fiedler, seconded by Tom Lyda and carried that Kermit Rudolf be paid $2,146.80 in full payment of billings for services in connection with the foregoing case.

In order to meet on going expenses for 1984, a MOTION was made by Rogers Neff, seconded by Jim Webb and carried that the $3,000.00 1984 dues payment made to SAWID be transferred to WSWRA.

It was noted that beginning July 1, 1984, WSWRA will be enrolled in the Department of Labor & Industries industrial insurance program as instructed by the WSWRA officers. The total premium will be about $8.20 monthly, a portion of which is paid by the employee.

The President announced that Merle Gibbens had been appointed as the WSWRA representative to the Groundwater Policy Advisory Committee to
the Senate Agriculture Committee. Dick Erickson will serve as alternate. According to Glen Fiedler, Gene Wallace has been appointed to serve as the Department of Ecology's designee to GPAC. Mr. Fiedler noted that the committee members will elect a chairman at the first meeting scheduled for July and that the direction the Committee takes will be somewhat governed by that chairmanship. President Chasco reviewed some of the groundwater situations in other states and suggested that WSWRA consider preparing a position paper prior to each state Legislative Session, similar to what is done by the Texas Water Conservation Association, not just on the groundwater issue but all subjects of concern to WSWRA members.

It was reported that representatives from various agricultural groups, including the WSWRA executive secretary, had been invited to the College of Agriculture at Washington State University to discuss potential budget requests for the 1985-87 biennium. During the past year, 27 faculty and research staff members have left the College because of the low pay structure. Therefore, salary increases will be of top priority. A new degree program in agri-business management will be among considerations also. The total budget request for the College will be about $20.19 million. In discussion of Dr. Norman Whittlesey's testimony before the House Ways & Means Committee on the irrigation facilities bonding bill during last Legislative Session, Jim Ozbun, Dean of the College of Agriculture, indicated that WSU had been placed in a very difficult position in that they had no alternative but to allow Dr. Whittlesey to testify when members of the Legislature had specifically requested that he do so. The Dean stated that Whittlesey's report had been reviewed by other professionals in the field prior to that hearing and that the analysis had indicated the report was sound. WSU's posture was to have been as an impartial factfinding source of information. There was every indication that greater effort to present unbiased testimony will be made next year should WSU again be requested to testify on this subject.

Jim Webb reported that the Democratic platform indicates that the party is not in favor of the completion of the Columbia Basin project at this time. Tom Lyda suggested that the Association respond to the Democratic Party Chairman with copies to all Eastern Washington Democratic Legislators. Walt Peterson remarked that local Legislators should be approach and asked to take a stand on further irrigation development prior to upcoming elections.

Merle Gibbens reported that the Department of Ecology has released a Request for Proposals on the social and economic benefits associated with the completion of the Columbia Basin Project. Glen Fiedler reported that the D.o.E. has an agreement with the Bureau of Reclamation that the consulting firm's report that results from the RFP will be a part of the Environmental Impact Statement on the completion of the project. Only three responses have been received on the RFP; one of which is from WSU itself. The study is to be completed this year. A copy of a paper prepared by SGBID attorney, Allen Brecke, in regard to the Whittlesey report, was circulated. A MOTION was made by Tom Lyda to write a letter commending the Bureau of Reclamation and the
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State of Washington for pulling their resources together to authorize
the study on the completion of the Columbia Basin Project in defense
of irrigated agriculture and to urge that the study be completed in
a timely manner; and to write a letter to Dean Ozbun with copies to
President Terrell, Provost Yates and the Chairman of the Board of
Regents, restating our arguments in favor of the Columbia Basin Pro-
ject and expressing our concern over Dr. Whittlesey's testimony. The
motion was seconded by Walt Peterson and carried. Lee Carothers sug-
gested that copies of the letter to Dean Ozbun also be sent to select-
ed Legislators.

Glen Fiedler reported that the Senate Ways & Means Committee and the
Senate Agricultural Committee will be holding a joint meeting on
the proposed expansion of the Columbia Basin Project during the first
part of July.

Lavon Sanders reported that the next meeting of the Administrative
Staff Committee will be held on Friday, June 22, 1984 at the ECBID
office in Othello, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Stan Case of the Kennewick
Irrigation District will be making a presentation on payroll and records
retention.

Merle Gibbens reported that plans for the 1984 WSWRA convention are
shaping up. The theme is "Water and Land - Is the Marriage Tenacious?" Tentative speakers include NWRA Executive Vice President, Pat O'Meara;
Aaron Jones, Staff Assistant with the Big Bend Electrical Coop; Larry
Lennox, Deputy Director of the Department of Game; and Norm Glenn,
Department of Ecology. A panel on effective lobbying is also being
planned as is the traditional attorneys panel.

Ron Van Gundy reported that the Cattlemen's Association is concerned
about the current language of various wilderness bills before Congress
and advocate additional language be added to clarify that Congress is
not implying a reserved water right for wilderness areas and that the
right to control and appropriate water lies with the state. A MOTION
was made by Walt Peterson, seconded by Ron Van Gundy and carried that
WSWRA support the position of the National Cattlemen's Association and
the insertion of the following language: "Nothing in this Act shall
constitute an express or implied reserved water right on the part of
the Federal Government."

At a June 15, 1984 meeting of the Ag Lobbyists, further clarification
of possible changes in pesticide application laws was made by the
Department of Agriculture. 1985 legislation will be substantially
the same as SB 4677 introduced last session. However, instead of a
fixed penalty of $1,000.00, a graduating fine will be suggested. The
penalty would be imposed against the licensee; in the case of irriga-
tion districts, against the employee rather than the district. Pro-
onents of legislation benefiting aquaculture met with the Department
of Agriculture prior to the June 15th meeting. The D.o.A. is very
supportive of the program and agrees with the federal position that
artificial propagation of fish for commercial use should be classified
as "farming". Washington State laws have not been designed to accom-
moderate aquaculture. The representative from the Cattlemen’s Association reports that the group is still fighting the State over the hydraulics code and is ready to take legal action if necessary.

At a hearing of the House Labor Committee on June 15, 1984, a representative of the AFL-CIO reproved the Department of Labor & Industries for not enforcing prevailing wage rate laws. Labor & Industries responded that the Department does not have enough money or staff to investigate and enforce the laws on all jobsites. Certain changes in federal requirements and standards will be forthcoming. L&I noted that the prevailing wage is based on all workmen in a specific field within a county, regardless of union affiliation or the lack of it. When no “prevailing wage rate” has been established for a county, the Seattle area rate is used. No mention was made of the irrigation district exemption from prevailing wages at the hearing.

The Departments of Game and Fisheries have jointly hired a retired fisheries biologist to prepare a pamphlet explaining the hydraulic permit process. This was prompted by the controversy between the Departments and other entities such as the Washington Cattlemen’s Association. Ray Johnson will be circulating a draft of the pamphlet to WSWRA and other interested groups upon its completion. Public meetings will follow. Anyone wishing to reach Mr. Johnson regarding this subject may leave a message at (206) 753-3318 or call his home also in Olympia (206) 943-4369.

It was noted that the hearings scheduled by the Select Subcommittee on Water Management during May had been cancelled and rescheduled for June 25th and 26th, as noted in the May 31st newsletter. Republican appointments to the subcommittee are Curt Smith, Early Tilly and Emilio Cantu. Ron Van Gundy reported that Jim Waldo had declined appointment to the subcommittee. A third meeting of the subcommittee will be held on Tuesday, July 17, 1984 in Olympia.

Paul Chasco reported that he, Gary Fischer and the executive secretary had met on Friday, June 8, in Wenatchee to develop a more active new membership program. Directors or managers of specific areas will be asked to set up appointments with potential members on one day in a given week. The executive secretary, the WSWRA President and/or the Membership Development Committee Chairman will meet with the potential members in addition to the individuals setting up the appointments and go over some of the benefits and functions of the Association. The first such effort will be made in the Tri-Cities area during the week of July 9, 1984. Sample membership development packets were distributed to the members present.

Joe Horrall reported that he had received a letter from John Fraser following the May board meeting indicating that the NWRA Convention Committee had scheduled a meeting for June 12, 1984 in Denver to review proposals for a site for the 1988 NWRA Convention. Brent Dahl of the Spokane Visitors and Convention Bureau made the presentation on behalf of Washington State. No representative of WSWRA was able to be present. The Committee will make a recommendation to the NWRA board and voting on the site will take place at the NWRA Summer Board Meeting
scheduled for August 1, 1984, in Jackson, Wyoming. It was noted that the Virginian Lodge, the site of the NWRA board meeting, is filled to capacity. Other hotels/motels in the area are holding rooms for NWRA participants until July 1. A list of those motels can be obtained from Association headquarters.

A MOTION was made by Merle Gibbens, seconded by Walt Peterson and carried that the July meeting of the WSWRA board be held on Wednesday, July 18, 1984, at the Quincy-Columbia Basin Irrigation District office, providing their meeting room facilities are available. If not, efforts will be made to hold the meeting at the Ephrata office of the Bureau of Reclamation.

Craig Liebler of the firm of Westland, Liebler, Ivey and Alden, and representing the Kennewick Irrigation District, addressed the board regarding the June 14 decision of the Washington State Supreme Court which upheld the Court of Appeals decision regarding the Wenatchee Reclamation District v. Kenneth A. Mustell, et al. The Supreme Court states that "Former RCW 87.03.310 does not provide the requisite notice reasonably calculated under the circumstances to apprise interested parties of the pendency of the foreclosure action, nor does the statute provide a hearing regarding the foreclosure." In Mr. Liebler's opinion, this renders the current foreclosure statutes unconstitutional also as they do not provide for the constitutional infirmities which are presented by the decision. Numerous issues were raised. It seemed to be a consensus that properties sold to a third party were in little jeopardy. The main problem occurs where a district has taken title but has not showed evidence of possession. Mr. Liebler suggests that each district adjust their foreclosure procedures to insure that the constitutional requirements are met until such time as legislation can be enacted to correct the defect in current law. In considering legislative changes, the entire foreclosure procedure should be reviewed and streamlined within a constitutional framework. Lengthy discussion followed. The Attorneys Committee will review the matter in depth and report back to the board.

Several small districts in the Sequim area have been informed recently by the Department of Fisheries that they will be obligated for the cost of maintaining the fish screens on their diversion structures. One district would like to challenge the Departments order and seeks guidance in the matter. Ron Van Gundy stated that several small districts in the Yakima Basin have recently dealt with a similar situation. Advice from legal counsel indicated efforts to avoid such costs would probably be futile. A Yakima attorney, J. W. McArdle, represents several of the districts involved and could be contacted for additional information.

Following some discussion of the many common interests of WSWRA and the Department of Agriculture, a MOTION was made by Tom Lyda, seconded and carried that a letter be sent to Director Keith Ellis requesting a representative from that Department be appointed to attend WSWRA board meetings.

Tom Lyda reported on a recent publication entitled Western Water Short-
age which is available for $10.95 from Nero and Associates in Portland, Oregon.

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Lert

Executive Secretary

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Minutes
Board of Directors Meeting
Washington State Water Resources Association and
State Association of Washington Irrigation Districts
July 18, 1984
Bureau of Reclamation, 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, July 18, 1984, at the Bureau of Reclamation office, 32 "C" Northwest, Ephrata, Washington. WSWRA board members present were Judy Bear, Walt Peterson, Ron Van Gundy, Lee Carothers, Merle Gibbens, Joe Horrall, Jim Webb and Paul Chasco (8). SAWID board members present were Judy Bear, Walt Peterson, Ron Van Gundy, Merle Gibbens, Jim Webb and Paul Chasco (6). Also present were Paul Allison, Paul Olberding, Chan Bailey, Gary Fischer, Nancy Ostby, Henry Schafer, Don Derfield and Jeanne Peck. President Paul Chasco called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

The minutes of the June 20, 1984 board of directors meeting were addressed. A MOTION was made by Walt Peterson, seconded by Merle Gibbens and carried that the minutes be approved as mailed.

The financial report for the month of June indicated a balance of $667.39 in the SAWID fund. Income for WSWRA was $1,754.12 and expenses totaled $4,746.62 leaving a balance of $11,169.10 as of June 30, 1984. A MOTION to approve the financial report was made by Lee Carothers, seconded by Judy Bear and carried. It was noted that $1,500.00 has been received to date towards the video production.

A membership development effort conducted by Paul Chasco, Merle Gibbens and the executive secretary on Friday, July 13, 1984 resulted in a commitment for membership from nine Tri-Cities local business and potential income of $900.00. President Chasco indicated that similar recruitment efforts will be made at least once a month in various areas of Eastern Washington.

Walt Peterson reported that David Sonn on behalf of the Wenatchee Reclamation District has filed a petition with the State Supreme Court requesting clarification of the Court's Order in the Mustell case. Questions have been raised concerning the fact that the Court quieted title in the name of the previous owner of the property without requiring payment of the delinquent assessment which originally started the foreclosure process; and the Court does not indicate whether the district can levy an assessment for the intermediate years, from 1962 forward. A letter has been sent to the Attorneys Committee which will be meeting to discuss this and other aspects of the Decision.

The first meeting of the Senate Agriculture's Groundwater Policy Advisory Committee was held on July 16, 1984 in Seattle according to Merle Gibbens. Bills on groundwater that were introduced during the 1983/1984 Sessions of the Legislature were reviewed. Areas on the state with current groundwater management problems such as the Odessa, upper Moxee Valley and Horse Heaven Hills areas were also discussed. Senator Hansen will be acting as Chairman of the GPAC until a permanent chairman is elected from among the Committee members. The next meeting will be in Yakima on August 28 at 10:00 a.m. (Later information indicated that meeting will be held on Monday, August 27, 1984 at the
central regional office of the Department of Ecology in Yakima.

A letter from Nancy Ostby complimenting the Administrative Staff Committee and particularly Chairman, Lavon Sanders, was read to the board. Mrs. Ostby recommends the Committee be continued on a regular, on-going basis following completion of the initial task of compiling the irrigation district calendar.

Merle Gibbens reported that preregistration information on the WSWRA annual meeting/convention should be mailed out mid August.

The Select Subcommittee on Water Management met on July 17, 1984 in Olympia. Merle Gibbens attended that hearing and reported that the Committee was urged to consider whether the State of Washington is in support of future water development rather than focussing on the viability of any one project. Representative Dan Grimm continues to express concern about "writing a blank check" when the federal/state cost share basis is not spelled out. The next hearing will be held on Thursday, August 2, 1984 at 3:30 p.m. in Olympia.

According to Merle Gibbens, the tone of a recent joint hearing of the Senate Agriculture Committee and the Senate Ways & Means Committee in Moses Lake indicated that the Democratic chairmen of those committees will be ignoring the platform of the State Democratic Party. That platform is reported to oppose, at this time, efforts to complete the Columbia Basin Project. The President reported that written testimony was submitted on behalf of WSWRA following the Moses Lake hearing, the text of which was read to the board.

Gary Fischer reported that the next general membership development effort will be made in the Wenatchee area during August.

Joe Horrall reported that the Convention Site Selection Committee's recommendation to the NWRA board is that the 1988 convention be held in Portland, Oregon. Brent Dahl of the Spokane Area Visitors and Convention Bureau has arranged a reception for NWRA directors on Tuesday evening, July 31st, at the Virginian Lodge in Jackson, Wyoming, to promote Spokane as the '88 site. Joe Horrall recommends that we continue our bid for hosting the 1988 convention in spite of the Committee's recommendation.

The next meeting of the board of directors will be held at the Quincy Columbia Basin Irrigation District on Wednesday, August 15, 1984 at 10:00 a.m., providing a meeting room is available at that location.

A letter from the American Society of Civil Engineers to the Department of Natural Resources asks for information on the value of water in relationship to its use. The letter has been forwarded to WSWRA for response. It was suggested that a letter be returned explaining that such information has not been compiled.

Paul Chasco reported that a recommendation has been made to the Departments of Fisheries and Game that certain WSWRA members be contacted for
assistance and guidance in the compilation of the pamphlet on the hydraulic permit application process. Merle Gibbens added that the Washington Cattlemen's Association is still at odds with the State over hydraulic permits.

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
August 15, 1984
Quincy-Columbia Basin Irrigation District, Quincy, 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 15, 1984, at the Quincy-Columbia Basin Irrigation District office located on Highway 281, Quincy, Washington. WSWRA board members present were Jim Webb, Joe Horrall, James W. Trull, Merle R. Gibbens, Lee Carothers, Walt Peterson, Ron Van Gundy and Paul Chasco (8). SAWID board members present were Jim Webb, James W. Trull, Merle R. Gibbens, Walt Peterson, Ron Van Gundy and Paul Chasco (6). Also in attendance were John Downs, Nancy Ostby, Lavon Sanders, Don Derifield, Tom Cotton and Jeanne Peck. President Paul Chasco called the meeting to order at 10:19 a.m. Judy Bear arrived during the 3rd agenda item.

The minutes of the July 18, 1984 meeting were addressed. A MOTION was made by Jim Webb, seconded by Walt Peterson and carried that the minutes be approved as mailed.

The financial report for the month of July indicated a balance of $667.98 in the SAWID fund. Income for WSWRA was $1,008.87 and expenses totaled $1,966.00 leaving a balance of $10,211.97 as of July 31, 1984. Projected income for the period from August 1 thru December 31, 1984 was indicated at $6,767.51. Expenses for the same period should run about $15,350.00 which would result in a balance at year end of approximately $1,600.00. A MOTION to approve the financial report was made by Lee Carothers, seconded by Ron Van Gundy and carried.

A review of various administrative procedures followed. Paul Chasco stated that the WSWRA officers and executive secretary have met and discussed how current procedures might be revised to project a more professional image and operate more efficiently. Moving the executive office out of a private residence into leased office space was one of the recommendations. Estimates of the increase in operating costs based on a site currently available at 3803 West Nob Hill Blvd., Suite B, in Yakima, are $764.00 for the remaining four months of 1984. The increased cost for 1985 would run about $2,000.00. President Chasco indicated that the funds budgeted for travel to the 1984 NWRA convention could be used to operate the office for the balance of this year. Following lengthy discussion, a MOTION was made by John Downs that the president and executive secretary be authorized to execute a sublease at the terms presented and at the location specified, assuming that office is still available. The motion was seconded by Ron Van Gundy and carried.

The procedure for handling legislation during the 1985 Legislative Session was also discussed at length with the following changes recommended: (1) the legislative packet (bills, status reports, bill digests, etc.) will be sent to the Yakima office rather than picked up personally by the executive secretary in Olympia; (2) the executive secretary will distribute new bills of possible impact to subcommittee chairmen only (the chairman of the affected subcommittee will be responsible for distributing the bills to his subcommittee
members as necessary); and (3) the executive secretary will coordinate with WSWRA directors and members on hearing schedules, attending and/or testifying only when other Association representatives who are knowledgeable in the specific subject matter are unavailable. Some further adjustments may be necessary as we proceed to make this activity as effective as possible.

Alternatives for the proration of dues for new general members were discussed. It was the consensus of those present that when billing the new member for the first full year's membership, they should be credited, on a quarterly basis, for the unused portion of the previous year's dues, i.e. a company which enrolled August 10, 1984 would be credited for 50% of the 1984 dues payment towards 1985 dues.

There were no suggestions for changes in the format of the monthly newsletter, however, continuation of the complete year's calendar (opposed to showing only a month at a time) was urged.

President Chasco announced the appointment of a Nominating Committee consisting of Warren Dickman (Chairman), Jim Trull and Russ Smith. Marvin Jeffries, manager of the Lake Chelan Reclamation District, will be retiring as of January 1, 1985 and therefore will be resigning his position as WSWRA director. Glen Fiedler, whose current term expires this year, may not seek a second term.

Lavon Sanders reported the the next meeting of the Administrative Staff Committee will be held on Friday, August 24, 1984 at the East Columbia Basin Irrigation District office in Othello at 10:00 a.m.

Merle Gibbens reported that Pat O'Meara has been confirmed as convention banquet speaker. The preliminary program will be distributed the week of August 20 in adequate time for irrigation districts to address the matter of registration at September board meetings. Ron Van Gundy added that the members of the panel discussing "Effective Lobbying and the Political Process" have also been confirmed. The speakers will be Senator Frank "Tub" Hansen, Representative Eugene Prince, and Jim Waldo. Governor Spellman's October calendar has not been confirmed as yet but he has indicated that he is willing to give the keynote address if possible.

It was reported that testimony before the Select Subcommittee on Water Resources on August 2, 1984 indicated that the Columbia Basin Project would need a commitment for cost share funding from the State during the next legislative session but the Yakima Enhancement Program would not need this until 1986. Ron Van Gundy stated that the Yakima Basin would be seeking this type of legislation next session and that steps are being taken to straighten out this misconception. The Senate Natural Resources Committee heard testimony on August 3, 1984 concerning the advisability of combining the Department of Fisheries and the Department of Game. Most of the testimony was in favor of such action. However, the Department of Game was very much opposed. The hearing on prevailing wage rates before the House Labor Committee was cancelled.

The President reported that he, Gary Fischer and the executive secre-
tary had solicited WSWRA memberships in the Wenatchee area on August 9, resulting in five commitments with potential income of $500.00. Another such effort is tentatively planned for the Okanogan and Oroville areas for September 7, 1984.

Joe Horrall reported that, based on the information that Portland will be selected as the site for the 1988 NWRA convention, the Spokane Area Visitors and Convention Bureau had cancelled plans to host a cocktail party at the summer board meeting in Wyoming. However, while attending the Jackson Hole meeting, Mr. Horrall was able to gather strong support among the NWRA directors for holding the convention in Spokane. As a result, a decision was delayed until the board meeting scheduled during the Arizona convention.

Following a recess for lunch, Joe Horrall reported that the water seminar held in conjunction with the NWRA summer board meeting had drawn about 150 people. Pat O'Meara has indicated his intention of retiring, ideally between the summer and fall meetings next year. Recommendations for a replacement should be directed to the Washington, D.C. office. Discussion of the advisability of soliciting M/I memberships for NWRA and/or our state association, followed. A revision in the organizational structure to accommodate such memberships in NWRA will be discussed at the Arizona meeting. Merle Gibbens reported that Russ Smith had attended the Resolutions Committee meeting in Wyoming, at which time a resolution supporting repeal of Section 203B, the so-called "hammer clause", of the Reclamation Reform Act was drafted. The resolution will be presented for action by the full membership at the Arizona convention.

It was suggested that the September meeting be scheduled for Wednesday, the 19th, in the Yakima area so that those wishing to inspect the new office facilities may have an opportunity to do so following the meeting. A MOTION to this affect was made by Merle Gibbens, seconded by Jim Webb and carried.

The Employment Security Department has notified WSWRA that it is required to pay taxes on wages paid to its single employee. Two methods of payment are available: (1) quarterly payments of 3.3% of total wages paid or (2) payment in lieu of tax equal to benefits paid to former workers. Ron Van Gundy stated that employers of less than 3 people are not subject to Employment Security taxes and therefore WSWRA should contest the Departments order.

Merle Gibbens reported that the Groundwater Policy Advisory Committee will meet on August 27, 1984 at the Department of Ecology in Yakima at 10:00 a.m. The U.S.G.S. will give a presentation on (1) groundwater hydrology, (2) the Spokane and Odessa-Lind aquifers and San Juan Island groundwater situations and (3) the regional aquifer system analysis. The D.O.E. will review procedures for processing applications for groundwater permits and present proposed groundwater regulations.

Walt Peterson stated that new SEPA guidelines are to be adopted by October 1, 1984. An attempt will be made to designate someone on
the convention attorneys panel to review this requirement.

Merle Gibbens stated that he has available a draft copy of the pamphlet on hydraulic permits. According to Ron Van Gundy, someone from the Department of Fisheries will be making a presentation on this at the Yakima River Basin Association of Irrigation Districts on August 23, 1984.

Tom Cotton mentioned that irrigation districts who have their own treasurer can qualify for lower state industrial insurance rates. The Quincy-Columbia Basin Irrigation District had requested a reclassification based on a recommendation from Nancy Ostby of SVID.

The request from the American Society of Civil Engineers that was originally addressed at the July 18, 1984 meeting was brought up. Following some discussion, a MOTION was made by Jim Trull, seconded by Lee Carothers and carried that the current irrigation district roster be sent to the Society without solicitation for membership.

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
September 19, 1984
Conference Room, Airport Terminal, 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 Wednesday, September 19, 1984, in the Conference Room of the Airport Terminal, Yakima, Washington. WSWRA board members present were Paul Chasco, Ron Van Gundy, Rogers Neff, Judy L. Bear, Lee Carothers, John S. Mayo, Merle R. Gibbens, James W. Trull and Walt Peterson (9). SAWID board members present were Paul Chasco, Ron Van Gundy, Rogers Neff, Judy L. Bear, Merle R. Gibbens, James W. Trull and Walt Peterson (7). Also present were Gary Fischer, Lavon Sanders, Bob Kramer, Nancy Ostby, Marion A. Gunn (Buena Irrigation District), Richard D. Brown (Franklin County Irrigation District #1), G. A. Rivard (Buena Irrigation District), John Downs, John P. Daly, Warren Dickman and Jeannette Peck. President Paul Chasco called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. Ray Nelson, Project Superintendent of the Yakima Project Office, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, was also present during the first portion of the meeting.

The minutes of the August 15, 1984 meeting were addressed. A MOTION was made by Merle Gibbens, seconded by Jim Trull and carried that the minutes be approved as mailed.

The financial report for the month of August indicated a balance of $668.61 in the SAWID fund. Income for WSWRA was $379.48 and expenses totaled $2,443.36 leaving a balance of $8,148.07 as of August 31, 1984. A MOTION to approve the financial report was made by Rogers Neff, seconded by Ron Van Gundy and carried.

A review of state law has revealed that WSWRA is not exempt from the Washington State Employment Security Act. Two options are available; (1) payment of the regular tax at 3.3% of gross wages or (2) payment in lieu of tax equal to the share of benefits paid to former workers. Following discussion, a MOTION was made by Merle Gibbens that WSWRA enroll as a fully reimbursable employer until the end of the year; at which time consideration will be given to changing the method of payment. The motion was seconded by Jim Trull and carried.

Deviating from the agenda, Ron Van Gundy reported that a conflict in scheduling with the WSWRA Convention has developed. The Yakima Basin Enhancement Dedication is also scheduled for the morning of October 25 with the Secretary of the Interior expected to participate. Therefore, several individuals planning to participate in the convention program will no longer be available including Governor Spellman, Jim Waldo and Ron Van Gundy. The possibility of rescheduling the Thursday morning program was discussed but not resolved.

Jim Trull reported on a recent State Supreme Court decision in the matter of Michael R. Foster, et al v. Sunnyside Valley Irrigation District. Two issues were before the Court. The first, whether the
district had the right to assess landowners who do not receive water, was upheld on the basis of the district’s contract with the landowners. The validity of RCW 87.03.240 was not addressed. In the second matter, the Court found that the denial of voting rights as provided for in RCW 87.03.045, to be unconstitutional and ordered the district to refund the appellants assessments taken while they were denied the right to vote in district elections. SVID has petitioned the Court for a rehearing in the hope that the ruling will be made prospective only. If they are unsuccessful, a definition of when the landowners were denied the right to vote will be necessary, i.e., when the excluding resolution was adopted, when the parcels were subdivided to fit the exclusion definition, or when the first election took place after these actions were taken. It is also possible that the statute of limitation may also apply to these claims. Another problem is the upcoming director elections. Although the Court seems to approve of a weighted voting scheme of some sort, it appears legislative action will be required before the voting method can be modified. SVID would welcome an Amicus brief from any district which may ultimately be affected by this decision. Nancy Ostby urged the districts to be very closely involved in drafting the voting scheme legislation. Additional discussion followed.

Paul Chasco stated that the Kennewick Irrigation District is in the process of drafting legislation that would require the physical installation of irrigation water delivery facilities by the developers of subdivisions. KID will seek the approval of the WSWRA board prior to introduction of such a bill.

Werle Gibbens reported that the Groundwater Policy Advisory Committee met on August 27, 1984 at the Department of Ecology office in Yakima. At that meeting, Ben George, representing the Washington Cattlemen's Association, was elected Chairman and Dennis Coburn of Clark County Public Utility District, was elected Vice Chairman. There seems to be support from the GPAC for placing the groundwater issue under local control, as in SB 4700 introduced during the 1984 Session of the Legislature. Following lengthy discussion, a MOTION was made by Lee Carothers that WSWRA reaffirm the position that policy and management of groundwater should remain at the state level but that we are not opposed to local advisory committees for sub areas. The motion was seconded by Ron Van Cundy and carried. The next meeting of the GPAC will be on September 24, 1984 at 10:00 a.m. in Ellensburg.

Groundwater protection conferences will be held during October. On October 10, the State of Washington Water Research Center and the American Water Resources Association will present "Protection and Management of Aquifers, With Emphasis on the Spokane-Rathdrum Aquifer" in Spokane. On October 17, 1984, "Groundwater Protection in Washington State, Preventing Aquifer Contamination and Depletion" will be presented in Bellevue. Further information is available at the WSWRA office.

Proposed revisions to Chapters 173-150 and 173-154 of the Washington Administrative Code were discussed. The Department of Ecology intends to hold hearings on these revisions in October.
President Chasco reviewed previous appointments to NWRA committees and appointed Gary Fischer to fill the vacancy on the Small Projects Committee. A vacancy still exists on the Program, Policy and Reassessment Committee.

Joe Horrall, Lynn Ludlow and John Rosholt are serving as the NWRA Awards & Memorials Committee for the 1984 convention. Recommendations for Water Statesman of the Year, Life Memberships and Memorials should be submitted to the Committee as soon as possible.

The Association Management Committee will be discussing the advisability of bringing in the municipal and industrial sector at the Arizona convention. If the NWRA membership is not expanded, state dues will have to be increased in 1985. The Committee will also address the question of whether the chairmen of the various NWRA committees should be given a seat on the board of directors and allowed to vote. These items will be brought before the WSWRA board at the October 24th meeting.

Lavon Sanders reported that the Administrative Staff Committee will hold one more meeting during 1984 to discuss LID formation. No date has been set as yet.

Rogers Neff reported that the Awards Committee will be meeting immediately following the board of directors meeting.

Judy Bear reported that the Bylaws Committee will also be meeting after the board meeting.

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

Ron Van Gundy reported that the Legislative Budget Committee will be holding a hearing on October 19, 1984 in Seattle. He will be attending and representing the Yakima River Basin Association of Irrigation Districts.

Proposed legislation removing certain aspects of aquaculture regulation from the jurisdiction of the Department of Fisheries and placing it under the Department of Agriculture was discussed. Although a copy of the draft bill was not available for review, it was the consensus of those present that the scope of the proposal would not impact WSWRA.

Scheduling for the September Legislative Committee weekend was reviewed. The Subcommittee on Water Management will meet on September 27, 1984 at 3:30 p.m. in House Hearing Room A, House Office Building and the Legislative Budget Committee will meet on September 26, 1984 at 9:30 a.m. in House Hearing Room A, House Office Building. The agenda for the LBC includes a presentation on the Columbia Basin project completion.

Paul Chasco reported that he had met with John Fraser, Chairman of the NWRA Site Selection Committee; Litza Deck; and Sherl Chapman,
who is also on the Committee. A tour of Spokane convention and hotel facilities had been arranged. Although the group was impressed with the city’s facilities, they stand firm on the recommendation of Portland for the 1988 NWRA convention. Both Portland and Spokane will host a reception for the NWRA directors at the Arizona convention. The board reaffirmed their support for the efforts of the Spokane Visitors and Convention Bureau.

It was reported that the IRS has recently clarified an area in employee expense accounts. A new rule states that when a mileage reimbursement exceeds 20.5¢ per mile, the full sum must be reported on the employee’s W-2 form. The employee must list the full reimbursement as income, but may then take a deduction of 20.5¢ per mile by filing Form 2106 for employee business expense.

It was noted that arrangements to lease the office space at 3803-B West Nob Hill Blvd. have been finalized and that the premises is now occupied by WSWRA.

A letter in response to Subsection 9 of the 1984 State Democratic Platform was read to the board and approved for distribution.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Joanne Reed
Executive Secretary

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MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
WASHINGTON STATE WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION
and
STATE ASSOCIATION OF WASHINGTON IRRIGATION DISTRICTS
October 24, 1984
Hallmark Inn, Moses Lake, 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, October 24, 1984, in the Lake Room of the Hallmark Inn, 3000 Marina Drive, Moses Lake, Washington. WSWRA board members present were Merle Gibbens, Rogers Neff, Judy Bear, Glen Fiedler, Jim Webb, Walt Peterson, James W. Trull, Joe Horrall, Paul Chasco, John Mayo and Lee Carothers (11). SAWID board members present were Merle Gibbens, Rogers Neff, Judy Bear, Jim Webb, Walt Peterson, James W. Trull and Paul Chasco (7). Also present were Nancy Ostby, George Krill, Warren Dickman and Jeane Peck Dickman. President Paul Chasco called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

The financial report for the month of September showed a balance of $669.20 in the SAWID fund. Income for WSWRA was $745.53 and expenses totaled $2,213.12 leaving a balance of $6,680.48 as of September 30, 1984. A detailed report of dues paid during 1982, 1983 and 1984 was also distributed and reviewed.

Glen Fiedler reported that the Groundwater Policy Advisory Committee has been meeting frequently, although no product, i.e. draft legislation, has come out of the Committee as yet. The Department of Ecology will be going through the rule making process to deal with the same subject. Notice of the public hearings on the proposed WAC's will be forthcoming.

Jim Trull reported that the Sunnyside Valley Irrigation District has not received any indication whether the Washington State Supreme Court will re hear the matter of Foster v. S.V.I.D. The Court has asked the attorney for the plaintiffs for a response to S.V.I.D.'s petition for rehearing, however. Nancy Ostby reported that the Yakima-Tieton Irrigation District has filed an Amicus brief.

A letter from the Dungeness Irrigation District in Sequim indicates that a petition for dissolution is being circulated in that district. The Dungeness comprises approximately 1500 acres, most of which have been subdivided into residential lots. Because of the one man/one vote concept with no limitation contained in the Foster decision, there is a distinct possibility that the residential lot owners would prevail in any election for these purposes.

A major issue to be resolved at the Phoenix convention is whether or not various NWWA Committee Chairmen should be allowed a seat on the board. Lengthy discussion culminated in a recommendation that those WSWRA members attending the Washington State caucus be charged with the responsibility of establishing a position on this issue.

Warren Dickman, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, reported the Committee's recommendations. Nominated to serve three year terms on the board of directors of WSWRA were: James W. Trull, Division 6; Paul Chasco, At Large; Glen Fiedler, At Large; Merle Gibbens, At
Large and Chan Bailey (replacing Tom Lyda), At Large. Gary Fischer was nominated to fill the position of Director, Division 6, expiring in 1985; this vacancy occurring as a result of Marvin Jeffries resignation. Nominated to serve three year terms on the board of directors of SAWID were: Paul Chasco, At Large; and Merle Gibbens, At Large. Gary Fischer was again nominated to fill the unexpired term of office held by Marvin Jeffries. The Nominating Committee recommends that the 1984 slate of officers be re-elected to their respective positions for 1985. President Chasco advised the board that the SAWID officers would be elected by the general membership on Thursday afternoon. The WSWRA officers will be elected by the new board at the Friday board breakfast meeting, however. Directors of both associations will be elected by the general membership during the business meeting.

The NWRA Program & Policy Reassessment Committee will tentatively meet on Monday, November 12, at 2:30 p.m. No representative from WSWRA has been appointed to serve on that committee. Jim Trull volunteered to attend the Monday meeting provided that he did not have a conflict with other scheduled events.

Nancy Ostby reported that the Administrative Staff Committee will meet on Friday, November 9, at 10:00 a.m. in the East Columbia Basin Irrigation District office. The topic of discussion will be Local Improvement Districts (LIDs).

Rogers Neff reported that the Awards Committee had met immediately following the September 19 board meeting and have selected a 1984 recipient of the Rosadell S. Nutley Award. Dick Hendrick will make the presentation of the award at the convention banquet on Thursday evening.

Judy Bear reported that the Bylaws Committee had also met on September 19. The final draft may be ready for presentation to the board by the November meeting.

A van will leave the Hallmark Inn at 7:00 a.m. on Thursday to transport any interested individuals to the Yakima fish enhancement dedication ceremony, according to Merle Gibbens, Convention Committee Chairman. Jim Trull stated that he will have a car going down also. A tour of the Summer Falls Power Plant is planned to run concurrently with the general business meeting scheduled for Thursday afternoon. It was mentioned that one of the Thursday panel members had canceled over the past weekend. Blair Patrick, President of Organization Management, has agreed to fill the vacancy. Advance registrations numbered 51 in comparison to 57 advance registrations in 1982 and 73 advance registrations in 1983. A total of 85 registrations were recorded in 1982 and again in 1983.

Paul Chasco distributed a copy of draft legislation proposed by the Kennewick Irrigation District that would revise RCW 58.17.310 to require that subdividers of land install irrigation distribution systems. Walt Peterson voiced his objection to the proposal as he feels it would expose the districts to greater liability. Jim Trull stated
his support for the concept of the proposed bill. Additional dis-

cussion followed but no action was taken. John Mayo agreed to take

an active part in restructuring the draft bill.

Glen Fiedler reported that the hearing on the Yakima Enhancement be-

fore the Legislative Budget Committee was not favorable. He felt

the Committee's response to the testimony was quite negative, particu-

larly following a statement from Bob Tuck that 50% of the down stream

migrant fish in the Yakima River do not survive because of the ir-

rigator. It appears that the Yakima Enhancement Project is now tak-

ing a back seat to the Columbia Basin Project.

It was noted that only one new member had been garnered recently and

that none of the general members have signed up for exhibit space
during the convention.

Joe Horrall reported that representatives of the Spokane Visitors

and Convention Bureau will be attending the Phoenix convention in

support of Spokane for the 1988 NWRA convention. Washington State
delegates will organize their strategy in support of Spokane at

the first state caucus.

Merle Gibbens stated that there will be a follow-up meeting on the

rules and regulations implementing the Reclamation Reform Act on Tues-

day, November 13, from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m.

NWRA has indicated that they would like to have their 1985 Summer

Board Meeting in Seattle, according to Joe Horrall. WSMWRA would not

be responsible for making the arrangements.

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, the November board meeting was post-

poned until Wednesday, the 28th at the Sunnyside Valley Irrigation

District.

Addressing the minutes of the September 19, 1984 board of directors

meeting, Walt Peterson made a MOTION that the minutes be approved as

mailed. The motion was seconded by Jim Trull and carried.

Walt Peterson made a second MOTION that the financial report be ap-

proved. This was seconded by Jim Trull and also carried.

Merle Gibbens reported that the next meeting of the Groundwater

Policy Advisory Committee will be held on November 15, 1984 during

the NWRA Convention. As Merle will be in Phoenix, he will submit

written comments to Bob Lee prior to that meeting. Copies of the

proposed WACs dealing with the groundwater issue were distributed.
The welldrillers association will be seeking legislation to strength-

en the laws governing welldrilling.

The letter from the Dungeness Irrigation District was reviewed in
greater detail. It was noted that any change in Title 87 with re-
gard to a weighted voting scheme would probably occur too late to aid
the board in resisting the petition for dissolution. A copy of the
Foster v. S.V.I.D. decision will be forwarded to Dungeness along
with a written response to their letter.
Merle Gibbens, substituting for President Paul Chasco who had left earlier, appointed a Committee to address the voting scheme problem, as follows: Jim Trull, Chairman; Judy Bear; Merle Gibbens; Walt Peterson; and Jeanne Peck.

John Mayo announced that a public announcement would be made on Thursday, October 25, 1984 in Wenatchee that the Greater Wenatchee small project application has been approved and funded. The $600 million appropriation for additional small projects was not made by Congress. As a result about 20 projects remain in the tube with only enough money remaining to fund about half of them.

With no additional business to come before the board, the meeting was recessed until Friday, October 26, 1984 at 7:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Hitchcock
Executive Secretary

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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, October 25, 1984 in the Lake Room of the Hallmark Inn, Moses Lake, Washington. President Paul Chasco called the meeting to order at 3:45 p.m.

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

For the State Association of Washington Irrigation Districts:

- President: Paul Chasco
- 1st Vice President: Ron Van Gundy
- 2nd Vice President: Merle Gibbens
- Director At Large (1987): Paul Chasco
- Director At Large (1987): Merle Gibbens

For the Washington State Water Resources Association:

- Director, Division 6 (1987): Jim Trull
- Director At Large (1987): Paul Chasco
- Director At Large (1987): Glen Fiedler
- Director At Large (1987): Merle Gibbens
- Director At Large (1987): Chan Bailey
- Director, Division 6 (1985): Gary Fischer

President Chasco opened the nominations to additional recommendations from the floor for the Washington State Water Resources Association. There being no nominations from the floor, Warren Dickman made a MOTION that the nominations be closed and the secretary instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for the WSWRA slate of directors. The motion was seconded by Jim Webb and carried.

Additional nominations for officers and directors of the State Association of Washington Irrigation Districts were requested by President Chasco. There being no nominations from the floor, Warren Dickman made a MOTION that the nominations be closed and the secretary be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for the slate of SAWID officers and directors. The motion was seconded by Rogers Neff and carried.

A financial report on the associations' activities since January 1, 1984, was distributed. Total income for the combined funds amounted to $34,465.18; expenses totaled $28,052.30. A cash balance of $936.80 as of the beginning of the year coupled with 1984 activities resulted in a combined cash balance as of September 30, 1984 of $7,349.68.

Discussion of the decreased registration followed. It was noted that the earlier projection of $3,000.00 net proceeds from the convention would have to be revised downward. President Chasco urged the various district managers to allocate adequate time for vigorous membership.
development efforts in light of this shortfall.

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

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]

Executive Secretary

jpd
MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
WASHINGTON STATE WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION
and
STATE ASSOCIATION OF WASHINGTON IRRIGATION DISTRICTS
October 26, 1984
Hallmark Inn, Moses Lake, Washington

The board of directors of the State Association of Washington Irrigation Districts and the board of directors of the Washington State Water Resources Association reconvened on Friday, October 26, 1984 in the Penninsula Room of the Hallmark Inn, Moses Lake, Washington, at 7:00 a.m.

The first item of business was the election of WSWRA officers. The nominating committee’s recommendations were as follows:

President
1st Vice President
2nd Vice President
National Director
Paul Chasco
Ron Van Gundy
Merle Gibbens
Joe Horrall

There being no additional nominations from the floor, Lee Carothers made a MOTION that the nominations be closed and that the secretary be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for the WSWRA slate of officers. The motion was seconded by Rogers Neff and carried.

Addressing the portion of 1984 NWRA dues remaining unpaid to date, a MOTION was made by Jim Trull, seconded by Glen Fiedler and carried that the entire unpaid balance of $4,100.00 be remitted in full prior to the convention in Phoenix.

Merle Gibbens requested that anyone with comments on the fifth draft of the proposed rules regarding protection of withdrawal facilities associated with ground water rights and protection of upper aquifer zones submit them to him as soon as possible. He will be preparing a position paper for the Groundwater Policy Advisory Committee.

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

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]
Executive Secretary
MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
WASHINGTON STATE WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION
and
STATE ASSOCIATION OF WASHINGTON IRRIGATION DISTRICTS
November 28, 1984
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, November 28, 1984, at the Sunnyside Valley Irrigation District office, 9th and Franklin, Sunnyside, Washington. WSWRA board members present were Jim Webb, Glen Fiedler, Chan Bailey, James W. Trull, Lee Carothers, Ron Van Gundy, Merle Gibbens, Joe Horrall, John Mayo, Walt Peterson, and Paul Chasco (11). SAWID board members present were Jim Webb, James W. Trull, Ron Van Gundy, Merle Gibbens, Walt Peterson and Paul Chasco (6). Also present were Joyce Gould, Connie Benson, Dick Erickson, Tom Cotton, Helen Hill, Mary Coie, Lavon Sanders, Jim Michels, Don Colladay, Harry Visser, Doug Simpson, Nancy Ostby, Gene D. McIntire, Gunder Hanson, Jack Holcroft, John Daly, Dave Rothchild and Jeanne Dickman. President Paul Chasco called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

The minutes of the October 24, 1984 board of directors meeting and the minutes of the October 25, 1984 general membership meeting were addressed. A MOTION was made by Lee Carothers, seconded by Jim Webb and carried that both sets of minutes be approved.

Income for WSWRA for the month of October was $1,965.72 which included net revenue from the annual convention. Expenses totaled $2,040.37 leaving a balance as of October 31, 1984 of $6,605.83. Projected income for the remaining two months of the year is $680.25, expenses should run $8,404.97 leaving a deficit of $1,118.89 according to a report prepared by the executive secretary. It was noted that the income projections were based on actual cash at hand which included two new business memberships. The total projected income will be approximately $1,000.00 less than budgeted primarily due to a shortfall in net proceeds from the annual meeting and new membership development. Expenses will be about $400.00 over the budgeted amount. The SAWID balance as of October 31 was $669.79. Preliminary budget projections for 1985 indicate little or no increase in irrigation dues income while expenses will be increased due to a longer legislative session. Discussion followed regarding methods to meet anticipated expenditures. A MOTION was made by Jim Trull that the 1985 irrigation district dues be set at $0.002 of the individual district's 1983 operation and maintenance expense with a $5,000.00 maximum and $100.00 minimum per district; that statements be sent out on that basis; and that the executive secretary prepare a budget for the December meeting. The motion was seconded by Ron Van Gundy and carried.

President Chasco reported that Joe Horrall has requested that he be replaced as National Director. Jim Trull was selected by the Washington State delegates at the caucus at the NWRA convention in Phoenix to assume that position. A MOTION to confirm that action was made by Merle Gibbens, seconded by Joe Horrall and carried. The newly appointed National Director distributed a report on the 1984 NWRA convention,
a copy of which is attached. He also noted that 1985 NWRA dues will increase 10% or an additional $820.00 for Washington State.

President Chasco extended the Association's thanks to Joe Horrall for his many years of service to WSWRA as National Director. Mr. Horrall emphasized the need to become very active on each of the NWRA Committees and volunteered to continue serving on the Ground Water Committee. Jim Trull added that the chairmanship of the Indian Water Claims Committee is vacant and that the M&I Committee chairmanship will probably open up next year. Joe Horrall suggested that each WSWRA representative to a NWRA Committee prepare a short article describing that specific committee's activities for inclusion in the newsletter as a tool to aid new membership development.

Brief reports were given by those who attended NWRA committee meetings in Phoenix, as follows: Association Management Committee - Jeanne Peck Dickman, Indian Water Claims Committee - Gene McIntire, Energy Water Users - John Mayo, Ground Water Committee - Joe Horrall. Paul Chasco reported on the state association presidents' luncheon and Merle Gibbens reported on the Bureau of Reclamation's workshop on implementation of the Reclamation Reform Act rules and regulations.

Dave Rothchild, Washington State Department of Agriculture, reported on the Washington Conservation Corps' origin, purpose and current funding. Irrigation districts are encouraged to submit proposals for the 1985-87 biennium. The optimum project will be of a six-month time frame, however, shorter projects can often piggy back with some other entity. Work for a crew of four to eight with the irrigation district able to supply a supervisor and any necessary equipment is also desirable. The trainees will be paid by the WSDA. The main purpose of the program is to broaden the experience for the WCC enrollees so as to enhance their employability. Districts interested in more information about the program may contact Mr. Rothchild at (206) 754-1850 in Olympia.

The meeting was recessed at approximately 11:40 a.m. and reconvened, following lunch at the Tillicum Inn, at 1:05 p.m. John Daly, Assistant to the Director of the Washington State Department of Agriculture, discussed proposed legislation to authorize the formation of an agricultural irrigation commission during the lunch recess.

Merle Gibbens noted that the Senate Agriculture Committee will be holding a hearing on the irrigation commission draft bill on Saturday, December 8, and has solicited our comments. Lengthy discussion followed however no action was taken on the proposed legislation.

Jim Trull reported that he, Walt Peterson and Merle Gibbens had met on Tuesday, November 20, 1984 in Moses Lake to work on language to revise irrigation district voting laws pursuant to the State Supreme Court's decision in Foster v. Sunnyside Valley Irrigation District. He reported that SVID's petition for rehearing had been denied by the Court, therefore the decision will stand. They proposed a weighted voting scheme that would allow one vote for each acre or fraction thereof up to and including 320 acres and 1 additional vote for all land in excess of 320 acres. Lengthy discussion followed but no con-
sensus was reached. The committee appointed to work on this legislation, which also includes Judy Bear and Jeanne Dickman, are scheduled to meeting with Senator Frank "Tub" Hansen on Monday, December 10, 1984 at 10:00 a.m. at the Dano Law Offices in Moses Lake. Anyone having additional comments or suggestions should submit them to Jim Truell by Friday, December 7.

Walt Peterson reported that the WSWRA Attorneys Committee will be meeting on Wednesday, December 5, and will be discussing the weighted voting formula as one of the items on their agenda. Possible changes in the irrigation district delinquent assessment foreclosure procedures will also be discussed. Mr. Peterson will respond to Ed Thorpe, staff attorney to the Senate Agriculture Committee, in regard to the draft legislation he authored in response to Wenatchee Reclamation District v. Mustell.

Paul Chasco reported on efforts to garner support for revisions to RCW 58.17.310 that would make it mandatory for subdividers of land to install irrigation facilities. According to Mr. Chasco, the Washington Association of Realtors will support such legislation if the Washington Home Builder's Association will approve it. The major concern of WHBA is the standard by which the facilities must be built. President Chasco will submit the proposed legislation and any amendments suggested by either WAR or WHBA to the Attorneys Committee for review. No action was taken by the WSWRA board.

It was reported that the Washington State Department of Fisheries has proposed rules to guide administration of RCW 75.20.060 and 75.20.061 which require that dams or other obstructions across or in a stream be provided with a fishway approved by the Director of Fisheries. Copies of the proposed rules were distributed and members were urged to comment on any possible adverse affects at the public hearing to be held on December 3, 1984 at 10:00 a.m. in the General Administration Building, Olympia, Washington.

Merle Gibbens reported that the Groundwater Policy Advisory Committee had met in Ellensburg on November 15, 1984. As Mr. Gibbens was attending the NWRA Convention at the time, John Downs attended on behalf of WSWRA. The GPAC does not plan additional meetings and has forwarded the committee recommendations to the Senate Agriculture Committee. Those recommendations include that the legislature give formal recognition to the GPAC, charging it with the responsibility of participating in the development of legislation and agency rules for the purpose of providing advice to the Legislature and the DoE on protection of the state's groundwater resource. They also recommend adoption of DoE's proposed rules, WAC 170-154 and WAC 173-150. A temporary committee of representatives from the well drilling industry, appropriation of additional funds to DoE, sub-area designations and retention of seniority were also among the Committee's suggestions. Mr. Gibbens noted that the DoE will be holding hearings on the proposed WACs on December 11, in Ephrata; on December 12, in Spokane; and on December 17, in Seattle. A copy of the final draft of the proposed rules is available from the Association office.

Along a similar line, the DoE has requested representation from WSWRA
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at two workshops involving DoE's policy with respect to ground water quality. Paul Chasco will cover the Spokane workshop on December 13 and Joe Horrall volunteered to attend the Seattle workshop on December 18. Both workshops will begin at 9:00 a.m. and should conclude about 3:30 p.m.

Lavon Sanders reported that members of the Administrative Staff Committee would be meeting with the WSWRA executive secretary immediately following the board meeting.

Response to the questionnaire about future state conventions was very good. Of the 39 received to date, 17 favored Yakima, 18 favored Wenatchee with 4 indicating no preference. The majority of the responses indicated they would not attend a convention if held in Seattle including 11 who normally attend the convention. The majority also indicated a November convention would make it easier to attend. Attendance at this year's convention was down primarily due to schedule conflicts and individuals being too busy during the latter part of October. The last time a convention was held in Wenatchee was 1979 while the last time Yakima was selected as the state convention site was 1978. Merle Gibbens made a MOTION that the 1985 WSWRA convention be held in Yakima. The motion was seconded and carried. The last week in November or the first week in December were suggested as potential convention dates.

Chan Bailey noted that certain positions may be open with the election of the new Governor. It is possible that Department of Agriculture Director, Keith Ellis, will be replaced, although there has been significant support for his retention. Linda Brothers, Charlie Roe, Webb Hallauer, Brock Evans and Walt Dahlringle are all seeking the position of Director for the Department of Ecology. Following some discussion, Merle Gibbens made a MOTION that the President write a letter to Governor Elect Booth Gardner in support of retaining Keith Ellis as Director of the Department of Agriculture. The motion was seconded by Joe Horrall and carried. A MOTION was made by Jim Trull, seconded and carried that a letter also be sent to Gardner stressing the importance of irrigated agriculture to the state and asking that someone knowledgeable in this area be appointed to fill the position of Director of the Department of Ecology.

Joe Horrall stated that a letter should be written to the Spokane Area Convention and Visitors Bureau commending Brent Dahl for his efforts to secure designation of Spokane as the site for the 1988 NWRA Convention. President Chasco appointed himself and Joe Horrall as Co-chairmen of the 1988 NWRA Convention Committee. Following some discussion, a MOTION was made by Joe Horrall, seconded by John Mayo and carried that the 1988 NWRA Convention be held on or about October 22.

The December meeting of the board of directors was set for Wednesday, the 19th at the Kittitas Reclamation District in Ellensburg, providing that facility will be made available to us.

Discussion of the possibility of holding a board of directors seminar during 1985 followed. Paul Chasco appointed Jim Trull as Chairmen of a committee to organize such an event. A MOTION was made by Lee
Carothers, seconded by Jim Trull and carried that such a workshop be held and that the date of the event be tentatively scheduled for February 19th in the Tri-Cities area.

A water rights workshop was also discussed for Thursday, June 27, 1985 in Yakima. The executive secretary will organize this event.

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]

Executive Secretary
The 53rd Annual Convention of the National Water Resources Association was recently concluded with a record attendance of 1259. A large delegation was present from the State of Washington.

Two items receiving considerable discussion at the caucuses were the site of the 1988 convention and a proposed change to the By-Laws which would seat five (5) committee chairmen on the Board of Directors.

The 1988 convention was a hotly contested battle between Spokane and Portland. Spokane was selected by a vote of 0 to 8. States voting for Spokane were Arizona, Idaho, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, Texas, Washington, Wyoming, and the Associate Members Director. States voting for Portland were California, Colorado, Hawaii, Nevada, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, and Utah.

The proposed By-Laws change was a plan to seat the chairmen of the Resolutions Committee, the Agricultural Waterusers Committee, the Association Management Committee, the Energy Waterusers Committee, and the Municipal and Industrial Waterusers Committee on the Board of Directors. The stated purpose of the proposal by the proponents of this change in the By-Laws was to give greater representation to those states having municipal and industrial water customers. The proposed change in the By-Laws required a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote, or a total of twelve affirmative votes. The proposal failed with the following states voting in favor: Arizona, California, Colorado, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Texas. The following states voted in opposition to the proposal: Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, Washington, Wyoming, and the Associate Members Director. Oregon abstained.

At the first Board of Directors meeting held by the newly installed president, John Sayre, he proposed the recognition by the Board of Directors of three (3) new caucuses in addition to the caucuses represented by the state associations. This representation by caucus is authorized by existing language in the By-Laws. The three (3) caucuses proposed were the Commercial and Industrial Caucus (includes railroads), the Financial Institutions Caucus, and a Municipal and Industrial Caucus. The caucuses each would be required to provide a minimum contribution of $7,500 to NWRA. For 1985 only, President Sayre appointed the following
chairman: for the Commercial and Industrial Caucus, Linus Tumbleson; for the Financial Institutions Caucus, James W. Ziglar; and for the Municipal and Industrial Caucus, Harry Griffen. If the caucuses are successful, they will select their own chairman for 1986 and thereafter. The proposal, as outlined above, was adopted unanimously by the Board of Directors. There was some feeling that this still does not achieve what some of the larger states were trying to accomplish, but it appears to be a good first step. It results in a net increase of two (2) directors on the Board, which appears to be consistent with the consensus of the Washington State Caucus.

President Sayre appointed the Executive Committee, consisting of himself, Vice President Jeff Nelson, Past President George Proctor, John Specht, and Raymond Rummins. The President reappointed all committee chairmen, with the exception of the Indian Water Claims Committee Chairman, which is open at the present time.

I received adverse comments from two people who heard National Director Vern Fahy from North Dakato reporting on the Garrison Project Advisory Committee. The impression received by some was that he was making an attack on Executive Director Pat O'Meara. That confusion was cleared up at the Board meeting following the Business Meeting. Unfortunately, many had left and were not aware that is was simply a matter of an unclear presentation. I called this misunderstanding to the Board's attention, and was assured both by Pat O'Meara and Vern Fahy that none of the caustic remarks had been intended to be directed to Pat O'Meara.

The Spring Board Meeting will be held again in Washington, D.C., at a time to be set later. The Summer Board Meeting will be held in Park City, Utah. The time for that meeting will also be announced later.
MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
WASHINGTON STATE WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION
and
STATE ASSOCIATION OF WASHINGTON IRRIGATION DISTRICTS
December 19, 1984
Kittitas Reclamation District, Ellensburg, 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 19, 1984, at the Kittitas Reclamation District office, 4th and Water Streets, Ellensburg, Washington. WSWRA board members present were Merle Gibbens, James W. Trull, Joe Horrall, Rogers Neff, Lee Carothers, Ron Van Gundy, Gary Fischer, John Mayo and Paul Chasco (9). SAWID board members present were Merle Gibbens, James W. Trull, Rogers Neff, Ron Van Gundy, Gary Fischer and Paul Chasco (6). Also attending were John Downs, Lavon Sanders, Mary A. Coie, Gunder Hanson, Jack Holcroft, Paul E. Olberding, Dawna Anderson and Jeanne Dickman. President Paul Chasco called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

The minutes of the November 28, 1984, board of directors meeting and the October 26, 1984, board of directors meeting were addressed. A MOTION was made by Lee Carothers, seconded by Jim Trull and carried that both sets of minutes be approved as mailed.

Income for WSWRA for the month of November was $725.55 and expenses totaled $6,221.77 including the final payment of 1984 dues to NWRA of $4,100.00. The fund balance as of November 30, 1984 showed a total of $1,109.61 remaining. The SAWID balance as of that date was $670.41 while the video contributions remain at $1,500.00 plus interest. A MOTION was made by Rogers Neff, seconded by Gunder Hanson and carried that the financial report be approved.

The 1985 proposed budget was presented and line item income and expenses reviewed in detail. Income was projected at $45,929.75 and expenses were estimated to range from $43,204.41 to $45,904.41 depending on optional equipment purchases and NWRA board meeting travel. Following discussion, a MOTION was made by Joe Horrall, seconded and carried that the executive secretary's salary for 1985 be increased by 4% to $20,280.00. Ron Van Gundy made a MOTION that the purchase of items one and two on the budget supplemental sheet, a message recording device and electronic calculator, be authorized. The motion was seconded by Joe Horrall and carried. A MOTION to authorize the purchase of the current issue of the Revised Code of Washington and the 1985 edition was made by Jim Trull, seconded by Merle Gibbens and carried. Approval of the total budget proposal was withheld pending selection of a word processing/personal computer package purchase or contract. The executive secretary was instructed to present various options at the January board meeting.

Jim Trull reported that he, Paul Chasco, Judy Bear and the executive secretary had met with Senator Frank "Tub" Hansen on Monday, December 10, 1984. As a result, certain changes in the proposed legislation governing irrigation district voting had been made. A copy of the latest draft was distributed and reviewed. Certain revisions were suggested. The bill will be redrafted and submitted to the board for final action at the January meeting.
Paul Chasco reported that no proposed legislation on irrigation district foreclosure procedures will be coming from the Attorneys Committee in time for the 1985 Session. In response to an independent inquiry from the K.I.D., that district's attorney indicates the time involved in drafting appropriate legislation could run from 16 to 32 hours. A complete re-write of the delinquency laws would take 2 or 3 people about 5 days. K.I.D. has not pursued such action.

A revised draft of legislation proposed by the Kennewick Irrigation District to require subdividers of land to install irrigation facilities was addressed. Following discussion, a MOTION was made by Merle Gibbens, seconded by Jim Trull and passed unanimously that WSWRA support the legislation as written.

Jim Trull, chairman of the committee to set up a workshop for directors, reported that the program was scheduled for Tuesday, February 19, 1985, beginning about 10:00 a.m. and concluding around 3:00 p.m. A tentative agenda was distributed. Suggestions for a luncheon speaker with subject matter of somewhat of an entertaining nature, were requested.

Both Ron Van Gundy and Merle Gibbens attended the Legislative Budget Committee hearing on Friday, December 14, 1984 at which time the Department of Ecology's Socio-Economic Analysis on the second half of the Columbia Basin Project was revealed. According to Mr. Gibbens, the attitude of the Committee was negative and nonsupportive of the Yakima River Basin Enhancement Program as well as the Columbia Basin Project completion. He also reported that representatives from both basins plan to meet with Senator Hansen to discuss possible bonding legislation for the 1985 or 1986 Session.

The meeting was recessed at 12:20 p.m. and reconvened at 1:25 p.m.

Joe Horrall and Gary Weatherly attended workshops conducted by the Department of Ecology on groundwater quality on Tuesday, December 18, in Seattle; and on Thursday, December 13, in Spokane, respectively. The DoE was seeking direction from the public on what the Department's role should be in this area. A written report on the Spokane meeting was distributed. It was the consensus of those present at the Spokane meeting that Option III, to assure all waters are protected at background levels of quality, should be the goal of the Department.

President Chasco reviewed the list of legislative subcommittee chairmen and subcommittee members as appointed for the 1984 Session. It was suggested that Merle Gibbens replace Allen Brecke as chairman of the Employee Relations committee if Mr. Brecke does not wish to serve in that capacity. Each subcommittee chairman was directed by the president to contact their respective committee members to determine if those members wish to continue to serve during the 1985 Session.

Lavon Sanders reported that the Administrative Staff Committee had
met with the executive secretary following the November meeting of the board. It was determined that the individual reports and forms were not in a format suitable for inclusion in the handbook at this time. The committee will undertake to revise the reports to a more uniform format for inclusion at a later date. It was noted that the RCW revision packets will be available within the week. An additional feature of the '84 packet is the inclusion of the calendar established by the Administrative Staff Committee.

Merle Gibbens reported that various Yakima hotel/motel facilities will be contacted during the first week in January regarding possible locations for the WSWRA 1985 convention. A memo requesting suggestions for convention topics, speakers, etc., was distributed.

It was noted that the AWWA legislative committee will be pursuing ground water legislation similar to SB 4700 during the 1985 Session. A copy of the most recent draft is available at the WSWRA office.

Other legislation regarding boundary review boards will also be proposed during the coming session. The bill, which is similar to SHB 1380, will be sponsored by the Senate Committee on Local Government. WSWRA supported SHB 1380, however, negative comments on this legislation were received from Eldon Thomas, Receiver for Patterson Water & Power and former manager of Consolidated Irrigation District #19.

President Chasco appointed Lavon Sanders and Stan Case to the Auditing Committee.

Jim Trull reported that the NWRA has established certain dates by which 1985 dues must be paid if the individual state associations are to retain their voting power. According to a memo which was distributed to the WSWRA board, the first half must be paid by June 28, 1985 and the final half by September 30, 1985. Mr. Trull also reported that Warren Dickman, with the sanction of the Yakima-Tieton board of directors, would be willing to serve as Chairman of the NWRA Indian Water Claims Committee should a vacancy occur.

A MOTION was made by Rogers Neff, seconded by Ron Van Gundy and carried that the January meeting be held on either the 15th or 16th in the afternoon in Spokane so that members can participate in the Pacific Northwest Farm Forum and Ag Expo '85. Copies of the Farm Forum program will be distributed with the notice of meeting.

It was noted that the Washington Conservation Corps project applications solicited by Dave Rothchild of the Department of Agriculture at the November meeting, were to be for projects beginning after July 1, 1985.

Merle Gibbens reported that the University of Washington is organizing a "Public Conference on Ground Water in the Pacific Northwest". A planning meeting is scheduled for January 10, 1985 at the U. Joe Horrall will try to attend on behalf of WSWRA.
With no additional business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Dickman
Executive Secretary

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MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
WASHINGTON STATE WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION
and
STATE ASSOCIATION OF WASHINGTON IRRIGATION DISTRICTS
January 16, 1985
Sheraton-Spokane 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 16, 1985, at the Sheraton-Spokane Hotel, North 325 Spokane Falls Blvd., Spokane, Washington. WSWRA board members present were Paul Chasco, Walt Peterson, James W. Trull, Ron Van Gundy, Chan Bailey, John S. Mayo, Judy Bear and Rogers Neff (8). SAWID board members present were Paul Chasco, Walt Peterson, James W. Trull, Ron Van Gundy, Judy Bear and Rogers Neff (6). Also present were Warren Dickman, Nancy Ostby, Gene D. McIntire, Shannon McDaniel, Paul Olberding, Bob Ashcraft, Kermit Rudolf, Roger Beierle, Jack Holcroft, Gunder Hanson, Connie M. Benson and Jeanne Dickman. President Paul Chasco called the meeting to order at approximately 1:45 p.m.

The minutes of December 19, 1984 meeting were addressed. A MOTION was made by Rogers Neff, seconded by Jim Trull and carried that the minutes be approved as mailed.

Income for WSWRA for December was $789.01; expenses were $2,113.07 leaving a deficit at year end of $214.45. The year end combined fund financial report showed total income of $37,947.27 and expenses of $38,427.51. This resulted in a deficit from 1984 operations of $480.24. Balance sheet figures indicated total assets at $9,675.11, liabilities of $9,218.55 and retained earnings of $456.56. A review of 1984 memberships indicated that 54 irrigation districts were dues paying members, a net gain of 5 districts from 1983. The general membership was down 11 to 59 in 1984, however new members totaled 21 resulting in total membership for all categories of 134. A MOTION was made by Ron Van Gundy, seconded by Gunder Hanson and passed that the December 31, 1984 financial report be approved.

A report comparing various computer/word processing quotations was reviewed. Following lengthy discussion, Ron Van Gundy made a MOTION that a committee be appointed to select a computer and purchase terms with a maximum expenditure of $5,000.00. President Chasco appointed Lavon Sanders and Nancy Ostby to serve on the committee with the President acting as chairman. The motion was seconded by Rogers Neff and carried.

As a result of the previous motion, a revision to 1985 budget figures was necessary. Jim Trull made a MOTION that the budget be approved with the addition of $2,92.65 for office equipment and/or surplus funds. Total income and expenditures will then total $45,929.75. The motion was seconded by Ron Van Gundy and carried.

The most recent draft of proposed legislation on a weighted voting formula for irrigation districts was reviewed. Jim Trull stated that even further revisions are anticipated. The staff counsel for the Senate Agriculture Committee does not believe that the 320 acre
cap is consistent with the Supreme Court's Decision. Deletion of the local option as to which formula a district would fall under is also forthcoming. Lengthy discussion followed. Recognizing that further review of this legislation by the entire board will be impossible because of the legislature's time constraints, Ron Van Gundy made a MOTION that the Committee on the Weighted Voting Formula revise the proposed legislation as necessary after reviewing information gleaned from the individual districts and the Senate Agriculture staff and that the Association support the bill as ultimately revised by the Committee. The motion was seconded and carried.

Kermit Rudolf inquired about the current status of the irrigation districts' exemption to prevailing wage requirements. Apparently no district has decided to contest the Department of Labor and Industries interpretation of the statute, although there is some contention that the interpretation is incorrect.

Discussing the need for revision to the foreclosure statutes, it was noted that Senator Sellar has expressed an interest in introducing legislation in this area.

Chan Bailey reported that there has been no decision as yet whether an irrigation bonding bill will be introduced this session.

Jim Trull reported that the final arrangements for the Directors Workshop have been made. Confirmed speakers include Walter L. Peterson, Eldon Thomas, Gene D. McIntire, Mr. Trull, Paul Chasco and Richard Turner. The deadline for advance registration is February 11, 1985.

Under committee reports, the Convention Committee is recommending that the 1985 WSWRA convention be held at the Holiday Inn, 9 North 9th St., in Yakima, on December 5th and 6th. Following a review of the proposal, the President authorized the Committee to proceed with arrangements.

Paul Chasco reported that the Spokane Visitors and Convention Bureau estimates that a 1250 attendance at the 1988 convention will bring approximately $686,000 into the community.

National Director, Jim Trull reported that the NWRA Spring Board Meeting will be held at the Capitol Holiday Inn in Washington, D. C. on April 22 thru 24 and the Summer Board Meeting will be held at Park City, Utah, July 29 thru 31, 1985. Following some discussion of an article in the January 11 issue of National Waterline, a MOTION was made by Jim Trull, seconded by Chan Bailey and carried that WSWRA officially oppose the proposed merger of the USBR and the civil works functions of the Corps of Engineers under the Department of Defense.

It was noted that the February meeting of the board will be held in conjunction with the Directors Workshop on Wednesday, February 20, at the South Columbia Basin Irrigation District office beginning at 10:00 a.m.
John Mayo suggested that the April meeting of the WSWRA board be scheduled for Yakima in conjunction with a luncheon meeting with the Agriculture Committee of the Yakima Chamber, followed by a tour of the Yakima-Tieton project.

It was reported that the Ag Lobbyists group will host an Ag Appreciation dinner on Monday, February 25, 1985 at the Thurston County Fair Grounds in Olympia. The group has invited WSWRA to participate at $150.00 donation. No action was taken on the request.

In order to obtain the best utilization of WSWRA funds and still be in compliance with the new deadlines imposed by NWRA, it was proposed that NWRA dues be paid under the following schedule: $2,255.00 by March 30, 1985; $2,255.00 by June 15, 1985 and $4,510.00 by September 30, 1985. The preceding schedule was so authorized.

The Greater Wenatchee Irrigation District has inquired about the availability of a records retention schedule for irrigation districts. A recent audit by the Office of the State Auditor recommends that the district comply with state law in this regard. Paul Chasco suggested that anyone interested in such a schedule contact the Kennewick Irrigation District for a copy of the one they have established.

Following some discussion of a long time member who is no longer extremely active, a MOTION was made by Chan Bailey, seconded by Gunder Hanson and carried that J. A. "Jake" Weber be granted an honorary lifetime membership.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Neuhard
Executive Secretary

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MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
WASHINGTON STATE WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION
and
STATE ASSOCIATION OF WASHINGTON IRRIGATION DISTRICTS
February 20, 1985
South Columbia Basin Irrigation District, Pasco, 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, February 20, 1985, at the South Columbia Basin Irrigation District office, 402 West Lewis Street, Pasco, Washington. WSWRA board members present were Paul Chasco, Judy L. Bear, Walt Peterson, Ron Van Gundy, Rogers Neff, Gary Fischer, Lee Carothers, James W. Trull, and Merle Gibbens (9). SAWID board members present were Paul Chasco, Judy L. Bear, Walt Peterson, Ron Van Gundy, Rogers Neff, James W. Trull, Gary Fischer and Merle Gibbens (8). Also present were Jack Holcroft, Gunter Hanson, Dick Erickson, Doyle Mathews, Mary A. Coie, Lavon Sanders, John Downs, Warren Dickman, Nancy Ostby and Jeanne Dickman. President Paul Chasco called the meeting to order at approximately 10:10 a.m.

The minutes of the January 16, 1985, meeting were addressed. A MOTION was made by Ron Van Gundy, seconded by Gunter Hanson and carried that the minutes be approved as submitted.

Lavon Sanders reported that the financial records of the association had been inspected by her and Stan Case on January 28, 1985. The audit report, as submitted to the board, indicated a beginning cash balance on January 1, 1984 of $563.05; expenses*of $63,701.66 and income of $70,318.69 including prepaid items; leaving a balance as of December 31, 1984 of $7,180.08. The Auditing Committee indicated that the financial records for 1984 were in good order. A MOTION was made by Ron Van Gundy that the Auditing Committee's report be accepted. The motion was seconded by Gunter Hanson and carried.

Income for WSWRA for January was $29,043.13; expenses were $4,479.73 leaving a cash balance of $23,624.73 after adjustments of $724.22 for capital expenditures and prepaid items. A MOTION was made by Lee Carothers, seconded by Judy Bear and carried that the financial report be accepted as presented.

A report by the executive secretary on a meeting of the committee appointed to review and analyze various computer package proposals revealed that the committee authorized purchase of the IBM Personal Computer (PC) model, provided the 27% state discount could be obtained. Because the execution of a loan through a bank would require a co-signature and cost WSWRA more in the long run, the committee recommended an outright cash purchase of the equipment, which amounted to $3,535.30 including tax. This does not include the cost of a word processing program which is yet to be selected. The total cost of the package may exceed the budgeted amount and some prepayment of 1986 dues may be necessary if WSWRA is to remain solvent during the final months of the year.

President Chasco reported that Marvin Vander Griend is unable to complete his term as WSWRA and SAWID Director of Division #4. The Presi-
dent recommended that Gary Fischer be appointed to serve the remainder of that term which expires this year and that Jack Holcroft of the Benton Irrigation District be elected to serve as Director of Division #6, which would become vacant by Fischer's election and which also expires in 1985. There were no additional nominations from the floor and Lee Carothers made a MOTION that the nominations be closed and that a unanimous ballot be cast in favor of the nominations for the two director positions. The motion was seconded by Ron Van Gundy and carried.

Lavon Sanders reported that the Administrative Staff Committee meeting scheduled for February 8 had been cancelled due to adverse road conditions. That meeting has been rescheduled for Friday, March 8, and will cover the formation of Local Improvement Districts.

Ed Ray of Dunning-Ray Insurance Co. joined the meeting and attempted to explain the basis behind recent refusals by United Pacific Insurance to renew certain irrigation district liability insurance policies. Under current market conditions, Mr. Ray considers a 25% increase in premium to be good and a 50% increase tolerable. Increases of 100% have not been unusual. He expects this current situation to shake out in 3 to 4 months, although he feels the only long term solution for the municipalities is to regain immunity through the legislative process. Ray stated that there is some possibility that United will revise its position within the next week to 10 days and he will advise President Chasco should that occur. After responding to several inquiries, Mr. Ray left the meeting.

The procedure for reporting the status of bills to the board was revised by the Legislative Committee at their meeting on Tuesday, February 19. Instead of listing all bills with impact on the membership on the weekly status report, only bills that will be actively lobbied or bills that need to be constantly monitored for amendments will be listed. Other bills determined by the Committee to have impact but not needing constant surveillance will be placed on a separate list for inclusion in the Final Legislative Report if they become law. A report was then given by each Legislative Committee Chairman on the affect of bills assigned to his sub-committee. Following conclusion of those reports, a MOTION was made by Jim Trull, seconded by Walt Peterson and carried that the positions recommended by the Legislative Committee be accepted.

National Director, Jim Trull distributed an up-date on the NWRA Spring Board meeting. Final selection of the new NWRA Executive Vice President will be made at that meeting. Mr. Trull indicated that the chairmanship of the Indian Water Claims Committee had been given to Mr. Lowell Weeks. Discussing the appointments to various other NWRA committees, it was recommended by President Chasco that Rogers Neff fill the vacancy on the Agricultural Water Users Committee. He also recommended that an alternate be appointed to attend Association Management Committee meetings in the absence of the WSWRA executive secretary. Anyone wishing to serve as an alternate on any of the NWRA committees should contact Jim Trull as soon as possible. NWRA is also seeking individuals to serve on a legislative task force on the En-
dangered Species Act. There were no volunteers.

Discussion followed regarding the need to remedy the defects in current law covering irrigation district foreclosure procedures. In an effort to reach a consensus of WSMRA members on the appropriate changes by mid-summer, the Administrative Staff Committee will devote the April 12 meeting entirely to this subject. Fred Sagare, representing the Washington Association of County Officials, will be invited to attend. The Committee will prepare a working draft of proposed changes which will then be referred to the Attorneys' Committee for review.

President Chasco reported that he and Don Derifield of the East Columbia Basin Irrigation District had attended a workshop in Seattle on January 10, 1985 which was sponsored by the Washington State Energy Office. As a result of that meeting, the assistance program for conservation methods will be opened up to irrigation districts and other special purpose districts. The Energy Office has requested that a representative of the irrigation districts participate on the panel which will oversee the local government technical assistance program. Approximately six meetings will be held during the year at Seattle-Tacoma Airport. Travel and related expenses will be covered. Tim Mainwaring of the Badger Mountain Irrigation District was suggested as a possible candidate.

Jim Trull gave an up-date on recent developments as a result of the Foster v. S.V.I.D. decision. Some additional questions have been raised regarding (1) the Appearance of Fairness Doctrine as it would relate to the board of directors setting the assessment and then sitting as the official board of equalization, (2) the basis on which director divisions are divided, and (3) the legality of establishing a minimum billing based on one acre when federal contracts designate a minimum billing based on one acre foot of water.

The next meeting of the board will be held on Wednesday, March 20, at 10:00 a.m. in Olympia. The April meeting is scheduled for Yakima and the new Director of the Department of Ecology, Andrea Beatty, has been invited to attend.

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]
Jeanne Dickman, Executive Secretary

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MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
WASHINGTON STATE WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION
and
STATE ASSOCIATION OF WASHINGTON IRRIGATION DISTRICTS
March 20, 1985
Aladdin Motor Inn, Olympia, 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, March
20, 1985, at the Aladdin Motor Inn, 900 S. Capitol Way, Olympia,
Washington. WSWRA board members present were Paul Chasco,
Ron Van Gundy, Jack Holcroft, Chan Bailey, Jim Trull, Glen Fiedler,
Merle Gibbens and Rogers Neff (8). SAWID board members present
were Paul Chasco, Ron Van Gundy, Jack Holcroft, Jim Trull, Merle
Gibbens and Rogers Neff (6). Also present were Connie Benson, Dick
Erickson, Nancy Ostby, Paul Olberding and Jeanne Dickman. Presi-
dent Paul Chasco called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

The minutes of the February 20, 1985 board of directors meeting
were addressed. A MOTION was made by Jack Holcroft, seconded by
Jim Trull and carried that the minutes be approved as submitted.

Income for WSWRA for February was $6,339.78; expenses amounted to
$2,954.12; leaving a cash balance of $23,534.36 after adjustments
of $3,476.03 for capital expenditures and prepaid items. Net pro-
cceeds from the Directors Workshop were $680.09 and it was noted
that the costs of revising the Irrigation Laws handbook have been
covered by subsequent sales of the revision packets. A MOTION was
made by Rogers Neff, seconded by Ron Van Gundy and carried that the
financial report be approved.

National Director, Jim Trull, reported that Gordon Nelson has with-
drawn his application for the NWRA Executive Vice President's po-
sition, leaving Tom Donnelly as the only remaining eligible candi-
date. Rather than award the position to Donnelly by default, the
NWRA Executive Committee has asked the state affiliates to make
additional recommendations. Members of the board were urged to
contact the National Director as soon as possible with any sug-
gestions they may have of qualified candidates for the position.

Nancy Ostby reported that the Administrative Staff Committee had met
on March 8, 1985, with approximately 20 in attendance. Kennewick
Irrigation District presented a complete and precise report on the
formation and operation of local improvement districts. Needed re-
visions to the irrigation district delinquency and foreclosure pro-
cedures were also discussed. Two subcommittees were formed to ad-
dress specific areas of the law. One group will review 87.03.270
through 87.03.305 RCW. The second will address 87.03.310 RCW to
the end of that section. Each subcommittee will draft proposed
changes for review by the full committee at the April 12, 1985, meet-
ing. A representative of the Washington Association of County Of-
ficials, representing the interests of the Treasurer's Association,
has been invited to attend also.

In discussion of plans for the 1985 WSWRA convention scheduled for
December 5 and 6, Merle Gibbens suggested that the Wednesday board
meeting be held in the evening rather than mid afternoon to prevent
needless disruption of a third working day for those attending. It was noted that the Bel Canto Choir Sextet of Yakima has agreed to perform after the banquet on Thursday, as a result of efforts by Mrs. John Mayo. Jim Trull suggested that an award similar to the defunct WSRA Bankers Award recognizing outstanding service of the non irrigation sector, be reinstated. The Awards Committee will consider the suggestion.

The legislative status report dated 3-15-85 was distributed and the changes recommended by the Legislative Committee at their earlier meeting were noted. Discussion of irrigation facilities bond authorization legislation followed. 2SSB 4136 must pass House Ways & Means by 5:00 p.m. on April 5, or it cannot be considered by the full body. Friday, April 19, is the final day to pass bills that are not exempt from the cut off dates. Paul Chasco reported that some difficulties had occurred with SHB 1044. It had been placed on the Consent Calendar for Monday, March 18, but had been pulled by Rep. Rayburn due to calls from the Yakima area opposing the bill. Apparently the problems have been solved and the bill will be placed on the House Calendar later this week.

Paul Chasco reported that membership development efforts have been suspended during the state legislative session but will resume immediately following.

It was stated that the next meeting of the board would be held on Wednesday, April 17, 1985 at 10:00 a.m. in Ballroom A of the Holiday Inn, 9 North 9th Street, in Yakima.

Merle Gibbons suggested that the Association consider becoming involved with central collective bargaining as delineated in a letter to ECBID, SCBID and KID from Bill Shaffer of Northwest Wage & Hour Service. Discussion of the benefit of having one central source for employee wage and benefit information followed. It was suggested that Mr. Shaffer be invited to a future WSWRA board meeting to explain the proposed program in greater detail.

With no additional business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]

Executive Secretary
MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
WASHINGTON STATE WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION
April 17, 1985
Holiday Inn, Yakima, Washington

The board of directors of the Washington State Water Resources Association met on Wednesday, April 17, 1985 at the Holiday Inn, 9 North Ninth Street, Yakima, Washington. Board members present were Judy Bear, Gary Fischer, Merle Gibbens, James W. Webb, James W. Trull, Ron Van Gundy, John Mayo, Walter Peterson and Paul Chasco (9). Also present were Lavon Sanders, Dick Hendrick, Ty Wick, Bob Hammond, Bill Shaffer, Paul Allison, Henry Schafer, Warren Dickman, Les Knudsen, Lee Henderson, Gerry Dodge, Keith Franklin, Tom Cotton, Nancy Ostby, May St. George, Tom Gibbs, I. J. Sunford, Russ Taylor, Andrea Beatty Riniker and Jeanne Dickman. President Paul Chasco called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

The March 31, 1985 financial report was distributed and reviewed. Income for the prior period was $1,103.50; expenses totalled $5,141.11 including the first quarter payment of NWRA dues of $2,255.00; leaving a cash balance of $19,486.90 after adjustments of $9.85 for prepaid items.

The minutes of the board of directors meeting held on October 24, 1984 indicated that the nominating committee recommended Gary Fischer replace Marvin J. Jeffries as director on both the State Association of Washington Irrigation Districts board and the Washington State Water Resources Association board. When the minutes of the general membership meeting were typed, Mr. Fischer's name was inadvertently omitted from the listing for SAWID, although the committee's report at that October 25, 1985 meeting had included Mr. Fischer also. A MOTION was made by Ron Van Gundy, seconded by Jim Trull and carried that on line 7 of paragraph 3, page 1, minutes of October 25, 1984, the following be inserted:

Director At Large (1985) Gary A. Fischer

President Chasco introduced Bill Shaffer, President of Northwest Wage & Hour Service Inc. Mr. Shaffer represents the Kennewick Irrigation District, South Columbia Basin Irrigation District and East Columbia Basin Irrigation District in labor relations and labor negotiating matters. He recommends that state irrigation districts consider (1) establishing a single data collection center to provide current contract comparisons, proposed settlements and other related information; and (2) central control of bargaining for the industry. The data collection could be accomplished by one irrigation district, through WSWRA, or by a
professional in the field, such as Mr. Shaffer. After responding to several questions, Mr. Shaffer left the meeting. Following discussion, a MOTION was made by Ron Van Gundy, seconded by Merle Gibbens and carried that the President appoint a committee to analyze the various alternatives. President Chasco indicated that he would notify those individuals selected.

Returning to item six on the agenda, a MOTION was made by Jim Trull, seconded by Judy Bear and carried that the March 31, 1985 financial report be approved as submitted.

Walt Peterson reported that a number of districts with which he is familiar have not complied with RCW 42.17.260 which seems to require indexes of all public records. He has written Owen Clarke, Jr., the Senior Assistant Attorney General who made a presentation at the WSWRA annual meeting in 1984, and asked for clarification of this and other related statutes.

Another item of concern revolves around certain new rules adopted by the Internal Revenue Service regarding the use of public or company vehicles for personal purposes. Mr. Peterson reports that the rules in effect at the beginning of the year required extensive record keeping or applying a charge to the employee for the benefit of using a public or company owned vehicle even if that employee is required by his employer to keep the vehicle at his residence at night. Apparently, Congress has voted to repeal certain portions of those rules. As soon as any information on the final resolution of this matter has been obtained, it will be made available to the membership.

Returning to item two on the agenda, Jim Trull introduced Andrea Beatty Rinkker, the Director of the Department of Ecology. In her remarks, the Director indicated that SHB 223 has passed the Senate and has been sent to the Governor for signature. The irrigation facilities bond bill has been reduced to $40 million, includes no project specification, had not moved out of House Ways & Means as of April 16, 1984 but appears to have adequate support to keep the bill alive until the end of the session, according to the Director. Following a few brief questions, the Director and Russ Taylor left the meeting.

Jim Trull reported that Gordon Nelson is, again, available and in contention for the NWRA Executive Vice President's position. The NWRA board of directors will vote on the replacement for Pat O'Meara during the Spring Board Meeting and Federal Water Seminar to be held in Washington, D. C., April 22 - 24, 1985.

Discussion followed regarding the reauthorization of the Endangered Species Act. John M. Sayre, NWRA President, has
requested the help of the state associations in opposing a 5 year authorization period and support for a 2 year period. As the Senate hearings were to be held on April 16, 1985, the day before the WSWRA board meeting, President Chasco has responded as directed by Mr. Sayre's letter of April 1, 1985 in support of the two year period.

In another matter before Congress, NWRA has requested input on H.R. 1650 which would include groundwater protection provisions in the Safe Drinking Water Act. NWRA Resolution 84-15 regarding Clean Water Act Amendments does not speak to the groundwater issue. A copy of the congressional record with section analysis of the proposed amendments has been referred to Merle Gibbens for his review and comment.

It was reported that the federal budget proposed by the Administration would eliminate the snow survey conducted by the Soil Conservation Service. Following a discussion of the value of the program and the concern for duplication of effort on the part of federal and state entities, a MOTION was made by Merle Gibbens, seconded by Gary Fischer and carried that WSWRA support the continuation of the collection of snow survey data and notify the appropriate individuals and agencies.

Lavon Sanders reported that the Administrative Staff Committee had met on Friday, April 21 and had worked on revisions to irrigation district foreclosure statutes. Nancy Ostby distributed copies of proposed revisions to RCW 87.03.270, RCW 87.03.272, RCW 87.03.310 and RCW 87.03.311 as well as a synopsis of those recent decisions that have mandated the need for such change. The Committee hopes to have the Attorneys Committee review the proposals prior to the next WSWRA board meeting and submit the revised draft to all irrigation districts for comment with the intention of obtaining a consensus of the WSWRA membership by July 1, 1985. At that time, the proposed legislation will be referred to the Senate Agriculture Committee for additional review and public hearing. Nancy Ostby reviewed the major changes and possible points of disagreement.

Under legislative matters, it was noted that very little change had occurred in the status of bills since the WSWRA Legislative Status Report was compiled on April 10, 1985 except as noted by Andrea Beatty Riniker earlier in the meeting. Paul Chasco remarked that both the irrigation district voting bill and the mandatory facilities bill, SSB 3594 and SHB 1044 would be signed by the Governor this week.

A draft of the proposed agenda for the water rights workshop scheduled for June 26, 1985 at the Towne Plaza Motor Inn was distributed. Comments or proposed changes should be made to the executive secretary by Friday, April 19, 1985.
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A MOTION was made by Judy Bear, seconded by Walt Peterson and carried that the next meeting of the board be held on Wednesday, May 15, 1985 in Wenatchee, at a location yet to be determined.

Merle Gibbens reported that the American Water Resources Association will be holding a workshop entitled "Decision Making Values For Water Management - Yakima River Basin" on Friday, May 31, 1985, in Yakima.

It was reported that Stan Powers, Secretary-Manager of the Kittitas Reclamation District, is seriously ill. Cards and messages may be sent to him at his home in Ellensburg.

Returning to item 4 on the agenda, a MOTION was made by Ron Van Gundy that the minutes of the March 20, 1985, board of directors meeting be approved as mailed. The motion was seconded by John Mayo and carried.

It was noted that the luncheon with the Yakima Chamber representatives would begin at 12:15 p.m. and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Peck Dickman,
Executive Secretary

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MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
WASHINGTON STATE WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION
May 15, 1985
Four Seasons Inn, East Wenatchee, Washington

The board of directors of the Washington State Water Resources Association met on Wednesday, May 15, 1985, at the Four Seasons Inn, 11 West Grant Road, East Wenatchee, Washington. Board members present were Jim Trull, Walt Peterson, Merle Gibbens, Rogers Neff, Judy Bear, Ron Van Gundy, Gary Fischer, Paul Chasco and Jack Holcroft (9). Also present were Nancy Ostby, Lavon Sanders, Tim Mainwaring, Sharon Bruggman, Michael McNeill, Gunter Hanson and Jeanne Dickman. President Paul Chasco called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

The minutes of the board of directors meeting held Wednesday, April 17, 1985 were addressed. It was noted by Merle Gibbens that on page three, paragraph four, line fourteen, "review" was spelled incorrectly (revue). A MOTION was made by Walt Peterson, seconded by Jim Trull and carried that the minutes be approved as corrected.

Larry Mathews, Central Washington Representative for the State of Washington Committee for Deferred Compensation, reviewed the components of that program and distributed a brochure and other information regarding the plan. The State Legislature authorized the program in 1978 and it has been on line since 1981. All public agencies have been allowed to participate in the plan for the past year. It is similar to an IRA but is more flexible and can be subscribed to in addition to the IRA account. Mr. Mathews indicated that he would be available to meet with the employees of individual districts to explain the program in greater detail. To enroll in the program, a district must complete a resolution of prescribed form and send it to the Committee for Deferred Compensation in Olympia. After responding to several questions, Mr. Mathews left the meeting.

The April financial report indicated income of $1,945.97, expenses of $1,792.00 and a cash balance of $19,518.94 after adjustments for prepaid items and capital expenditures. A detailed report of 1985 income from dues with comparisons for 1983 and 1984 was also distributed. A MOTION was made by Jim Trull, seconded by Jack Holcroft and carried that the financial report be accepted as presented.

National Director Jim Trull distributed a report on the NWRA Spring Board Meeting held April 22 thru 24, 1985 in Washington, D.C., a copy of which is attached and incorporated as a part of the official minutes of this meeting.
Merle Gibbens reported that the theme for the 1985 WSWRA Convention will be "Water Resources Management - Making Tomorrow Better". It was also mentioned that Governor Booth Gardner has been invited to be the keynote speaker.

Discussion followed regarding the implementation of SSB 1044. Paul Chasco stated that the KID has developed guidelines that are geared to installation of facilities on lots of one acre or less. They anticipate issuing a supplement to those guidelines in the next few weeks. He suggested that these might be used as a basis for standardization among all districts. President Chasco plans to meet with Jim Trull and other interested members in the hope recommendations can be made for standardization throughout the industry.

Merle Gibbens reviewed some of the negative aspects of H.R. 1650 however no action was taken by the board.

Some of the difficulties that may be encountered in the implementation of SSB 3594 regarding voting in irrigation district elections were also discussed. Of particular concern was the question of whether owners of "dryland" would be allowed to vote and hold office. Further discussion of this subject was deferred until a later date.

President Chasco requested volunteers to work on the 1988 Convention Planning Committee. Nancy Ostby and Lavon Sanders expressed interest.

On Monday, May 13, 1985 representatives of WSWRA including Paul Chasco, Ron Van Gundy, Dick Erickson and I. J. Sunford met with Bill Shafer to discuss central control bargaining. The Committee felt that there was enough interest to hire Mr. Shafer to compile a Bargaining Brief at an initial cost of approximately $4,000.00 to $5,000.00. It would be necessary to update the brief continually at an annual cost of about $1,500.00 to $2,000.00. According to the Committee's plan, the brief would only be available to those districts willing to contribute financially to the cost of its development. Once letters of intent have been obtained from the interested districts, the cost would be divided up among the subscribers. It was recommended that the costs be prorated to the districts on the basis of the total number of individuals employed by that district. Collection and disbursement of the funds would be handled through the WSWRA office however it is not the intent of the Committee that WSWRA subsidize the effort financially. Jim Trull stated that one criteria for obtaining the brief should be membership in good standing in WSWRA. Merle Gibbens mentioned that the information could be compiled by WSWRA without incurring the cost quoted by Mr. Shafer. However, it was noted that Mr. Shafer's firm, Northwest Wage & Hour Service, is already equipped with the appropriate computer
programs, etc. necessary to compile and analyze the information whereas WSWRA is not.

Walt Peterson revealed a new concept with regard to possible revisions to the foreclosure statutes. He suggested that instead of holding a treasurer's sale, a certificate of delinquency be issued. Then one year from that date, the quiet title action would be commenced with appropriate notice to all parties. No sale would actually take place until after the quiet title action, however, provisions would be made so that the certificate could be assigned. The Attorneys Committee hopes to meet prior to the next WSWRA meeting to discuss possible language for this concept in conjunction with the language developed by the Administrative Staff Committee.

Addressing other potential legislation for 1986, a MOTION was made by Walt Peterson, seconded by Rogers Neff and carried that WSWRA seek introduction of a bill to increase irrigation district directors' pay. Following some discussion, a MOTION was made by Jim Trull that revision to the enabling legislation for the association also be pursued for 1986. The motion was seconded by Walt Peterson and carried.

The latest draft of the program for the water rights conference scheduled for June 26, 1985 at the Towne Plaza Motor Inn in Yakima was distributed. It was noted that the Department of Ecology was no longer co-sponsoring the event. It was suggested that one revision be made to the proposed program and Donald H. Bond be included under the segment entitled "Recent Decisions in the Legal Arena" with Charles B. Roe of the Attorney General's Office.

Discussion followed regarding the possibility of holding the August board of directors meeting in the Sequim area to allow representatives of districts from that area to attend the meeting. The suggestion received support however it was suggested that the meeting be scheduled on a Friday so that members would not find it necessary to take 3 days away from their regular work in order to attend. In regard to the next meeting of WSWRA, a MOTION was made by Jack Holcroft, seconded by Walt Peterson and carried that the board meet in Moses Lake on Wednesday, June 19, 1985 at a location yet to be determined.

Jim Trull reported that Cyril Lentz has done extensive work in the preparation of a history for WSWRA. It has been turned over to Mr. Trull for completion. He will be contacting various members for help in obtaining information for the needed additional biographies. It is his intent to have the history typed and printed in time for presentation at the annual meeting.
Merle Gibbens reported that a conference on ground water entitled "The Invisible Resource" will be held at the Sheraton-Tacoma Hotel on June 14 and 15. Further information will be available at Association headquarters.

It was also noted that registration information for the AMRA conference on the Yakima River Basin and the NWRA Summer Board meeting in Park City, Utah, is available from the executive secretary.

With no additional business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Peck Dickman,
Executive Secretary

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TO: WSWRA Board of Directors  
DATE 5/15/85

FROM: National Director

SUBJECT: NWRA Spring Board Meeting, April 22 - 24, Wash. D.C.

During the Spring Board Meeting the Directors interviewed candidates for the successor to Pat O'Meara as Executive Vice President. Tom Donnelly, Gordon Nelson, and Joan Kovalic were the finalists; Tom Donnelly was selected.

Mr. Donnelly likes Pat's approach to Congress, cautions NWRA about expanded membership, and has long term objectives of membership service, larger office staff in Washington, and an expanded newsletter. Personally, I believe Tom brings some fine talent to NWRA. It might be advisable to have Tom attend the WSWRA convention next Fall.

Tom Donnelly will be employed as of May 20, 1985. He will assume the positon of Executive Vice President June 1, 1985. Pat O'Meara will retire June 20, 1985. Tom's beginning salary is $50,000, plus disability insurance. No other fringe benefits are provided at the present time.

NWRA is in good shape financially. The convention in Phoenix brought in $50,000. The organization's cash position is $37,000 greater now than one year ago. The Water Seminar was tried this year as an alternative to the Congressional Reception. Last year the Spring Board Meeting resulted in a loss of about $300. The Spring Board Meeting held this year will make a profit of about $7200. Any suggestions about future Congressional Receptions/Water Seminars?

The new caucuses are a mixed bag. You will recall that the board recognized three caucuses for 1985: Commercial, Financial, and Municipal. It was stipulated that the dues for each will be $7500. The Commercial and Financial Caucuses have raised in excess of $7500 each, and contributed accordingly. The Municipal Caucus has collected no money. My personal observation is that the Chairman, Harry Griffen, was a poor choice and the lack of leadership will result in a greater division between M & I users and NWRA than the hoped for union.

The Water Seminar was good program. The speakers from the House and the Senate all professed to be good friends of NWRA. If only that were true! Unfortunately, we are entering a new era of water development in the West. There is a growing feeling of regionalism so that it is tougher to develop a coalition of Eastern Congressmen/Senators and their Western counterparts to get the necessary support for water projects. Additionally, the problems will be compounded with the rise in power of Western Congressmen such as George Miller.

The Kesterson Reservoir issue could be a big problem, west-wide. It is probably a worthy subject for the WSWRA annual convention. Generally, water quality and ground water will be the issues of the 1980's.
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
WASHINGTON STATE WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION
July 17, 1985
Lake Chelan Reclamation District, Manson, Washington

The board of directors of the Washington State Water Resources Association met on Wednesday, July 17, 1985, at the Lake Chelan Reclamation District office, Manson, Washington. Board members present were Ron Van Gundy, James W. Trull, Judy Bear, Jack Holcroft, John S. Mayo, Gary Fischer, Paul Chasco and Walt Peterson (8). Also present were John Downs, Nancy Ostby, Paul Olberding, Gene D. McIntire, Marvin J. Jeffries and Jeanne Dickman. President Paul Chasco called the meeting to order at approximately 10:35 a.m.

The minutes of the board of directors meeting held on Wednesday, June 19, 1985 were addressed. It was reported that Merle Gibbens had requested that the board consider a correction to the minutes on page 4, paragraph 7, 2nd sentence, as follows: "Any district which is using this type of trap should notify the Department of the Interior their congressional delegates".

The June financial report disclosed income of $2,461.04; expenses of $5,954.92 and a cash balance of $15,254.14 after adjustments for prepaid items and capital expenditures. The detailed report on income from dues was also distributed. The preliminary report on the water rights conference held June 26, 1985 reflected income from paid registrations of $1,720.00, accounts receivable of $430.00, miscellaneous income of $69.38, paid expenses of $1,295.03 and estimated outstanding expenses of $450.00. Net proceeds from this activity are expected to be about $500.00. More than 75 individuals attended the conference, 54 of which paid registration fees. Budget projections for the remainder of 1985 indicate that total income should be about $47,000, or about $1,000 more than earlier projections, and expenses should run approximately $42,800 which is nearly $1,000 less than the original budgeted amount. This should generate sufficient surplus funds to cover the purchase of the IBM PC and accessories without resulting in a deficit at year end.

Ron Van Gundy moved that the minutes of the June 19, 1985 meeting be approved as corrected and that the June 1985 financial reports be accepted and approved as presented. The motion was seconded by John Mayo. MOTION CARRIED.

National Director, Jim Trull, reported that Tom Donnelly has officially taken over the duties of NWRA Executive Vice President and that each state's National Director has been asked to sign letters of introduction to their respective state's congressional delegation. It was noted that the Association Management Committee has scheduled a meeting on
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July 30 at 2:00 p.m. in conjunction with the Summer Board Meeting and Federal Water Seminar. A representative of Roza Irrigation District will try to attend in the absence of the WSWRA executive secretary.

Suggestions for recipients of the Northwest Irrigation Operator's headgate awards were discussed. It was moved by Jim Trull and seconded by Jack Holcroft that Walt Peterson be nominated for the Washington State award. John Mayo moved that the motion be amended to include that Pat O'Meara be recommended for the At Large award. The amendment to the motion was seconded by Jack Holcroft and carried. MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED unanimously.

Plans for the 1985 WSWRA convention entitled "Water Resource Management – Making Tomorrow Better" are underway. Representative Margaret Rayburn has consented to be the Thursday luncheon speaker.

It was noted that the State's final Legislative Report has not been released as yet even though the majority of bills will take effect on July 28, 1985.

A preliminary draft of the 1988 NWRA convention planner was distributed. The planner suggests that the committee chairmen be appointed during the fall of 1985; the exhibit committee should begin plans for soliciting exhibitors early in 1986 and the other committees should be activated by fall of that year. President Chasco plans to depart for the 1985 NWRA convention a few days early to observe and work with this year's convention committee. It was moved by Judy Bear and seconded by Walt Peterson that the executive secretary be authorized to attend the 1985 convention and arrive a few days early also in order to work with the convention committee; provided that travel arrangements can be obtained at a reasonable cost. MOTION CARRIED. Jim Trull pointed out that the 1988 convention planner referred to a convention "executive committee". In that the bylaws committee is now working out a proposal for an executive committee with an entirely different function and consisting of the WSWRA officers, he suggested that the convention executive committee name be changed to something else to avoid confusion. A convention "steering" committee was suggested.

Jim Trull noted that the Historical Committee, headed by Cyril Lentz, should be given recognition as an authorized committee and listed on the board meeting agenda.

It was reported that Merle Gibbens had attended a meeting on July 12, 1985 in Olympia to discuss the implementing regulations being developed by the Department of Ecology for SHB 232. The first draft of the rules should be out by July 24, 1985 and another discussion group meeting is planned for August 30, 1985 for the purpose of suggesting any needed
revisions. Public hearings will be scheduled for the first part of November and the discussion group will meet again on November 19. The final rules are to be adopted by January of 1986. Gibbens will continue to represent WSWRA in that discussion group.

Walt Peterson reviewed proposed legislation for 1986. A change in the association's enabling laws, Chapter 87.76 RCW, would expand the language from "a State Association of Washington Irrigation Districts" to "a Statewide association dedicated to the promotion of irrigated agriculture". A raise in directors' fees is also contemplated. Suggested language centers around a certain minimum or a sliding scale based on the wages of other district management personnel. Problems with proposed amendments to the irrigation district foreclosure statutes abound. Numerous suggestions have been considered by the Lawyers Committee with no resolve. It is their general consensus, however, that the foreclosure statutes must be completely rewritten rather than attempting to "patch up" the existing law. The Lawyers Committee has established certain criteria for that rewrite, as follows:

1. The bill must meet the constitutional requirements of Wenatchee Reclamation District v. Mustell and the case involving a Mrs. Brower in Yakima.
2. The bill must avoid upset price requirement which stipulates that you must bid 90% of the fair market value to foreclosure a lien.
3. The bill must provide early revenue for small districts with cash flow problem.
4. The bill should have only one judicial proceeding and one necessity for a title report.
5. The bill should address the concern that irrigation district as only bidder may invalidate a sale.
6. The bill must correct the retroactive nature of the foreclosure laws as passed in 1981.

Because of the time commitment involved to accomplish such a rewrite, it appears that it will be necessary to employ an attorney with a background in constitutional law if this is to be accomplished this year. Mr. Peterson estimates that the costs for such an effort would run in the neighborhood of $2500.00. Both Kermit Rudolf and Mr. Peterson could act as advisors if someone from Gonzaga University were contracted to complete the task. It was moved by Jack Holcroft and seconded by John Mayo that Mr. Peterson be given the authority to act on behalf of WSWRA to secure an individual to rewrite the foreclosure statutes within the prescribed guidelines. MOTION CARRIED.

In regard to all proposed 1986 legislation, it was noted that legislative staff members indicate bills which follow a precedent are much easier to pass than bills which establish new concepts.
The possibility of establishing a Central Bargaining Information Center (CBIC) was discussed. Based on a sampling of the major districts who had expressed interest, districts with a total of about 400 employees can be expected to enroll. With such enrollment, the costs to a district would be approximately $12.50 per employee, including union and administrative personnel, but excluding temporary help. Subsequent years enrollment in the CBIC plan would cost each district about $5.00 per employee. If additional districts wished to enter into the program at some later date, they should be required to pay the full $12.50 enrollment fee, which would, in turn, reduce the costs of updates in subsequent years. President Chasco indicated that letters would be sent to those districts which have indicated interest in the program, stating the cost and the time table for enrollment in the program, and asking for a firm commitment before any further action is taken on the matter.

It was reported that the Northwest Power Planning Council has requested an opportunity to address the WSWRA membership at the August 21st meeting of the board. As a result, the proposed meeting in Sequim will be postponed until the following month.

John Mayo inquired whether WSWRA has taken a position on the Phase II study of the Yakima Enhancement. Receiving a negative response, he recommended that the Association do so, even though the deadline for comments has passed. It was moved by Walt Peterson and seconded by John Mayo that the President appoint a committee to write a response to the Phase II report. **MOTION CARRIED.** President Chasco selected Ron Van Gundy, Jim Trull and John Mayo for that committee and directed that they meet on Friday, July 19 at 2:00 p.m. in the Yakima office of CH2M-Hill to accomplish the appointed task.

President Chasco reviewed a letter from John Keyes, Assistant Regional Director of the Bureau of Reclamation, stating that Floyd Oliver and the Agronomist position are being retained.

In regard to the funding of the Columbia Basin Development Director's position, John Downs reported that the controversy has not been resolved. WDOE plans to appoint someone from their department to the position and the Columbia Basin districts have stated their unwillingness to fund anyone not well versed and supportive of irrigation.

A note from Chick Powers thanking the board for the funeral arrangement for her husband, Stan, was read to the board.

John Mayo reported that an election to approve a contract to finance improvement and expansion of the Greater Wenatchee Reclamation District was held yesterday, July 16, 1985. The
vote was overwhelmingly in support of the project, with 87% voting yes and 13% voting no. The Bureau will be funding the project through the Small Projects Act with construction expected to begin this winter. Total project costs are estimated to be in the $8 million bracket.

Marvin Jeffries reported that, according to county planners, implementation of SHB 1044 has become extremely difficult for some small irrigation districts. They feel a revision will be necessary during the 1986 session. Gary Fischer stated that he feels the problem lies with misinterpretation of the new law. President Chasco stated that he would be willing to meet with the planners at any time to clarify the law's intent. Jack Holcroft stated that the new law is extremely beneficial to the small districts because previously they had no say on irrigation installations in subdivisions at all.

With no further business to come before the board, Jack Holcroft moved and Gary Fischer seconded that the meeting be adjourned. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Peck Dickman
Executive Secretary

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, today's governmental climate is placing added responsibility on local government, encouraging such government to make choices by selection of goods and services through the bid process; and

WHEREAS, auditing of public bodies has become increasingly complex as a result of General Accounting Standards Board promulgations and new federal audit guidelines; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to decrease costs to state and local governments while increasing efficiency; and

WHEREAS, utilizing the private sector will save limited tax and assessment revenue for other purposes; and

WHEREAS, private certified public accounting firms can provide additional business and financial advice necessary to the complex operation of modern government; and

WHEREAS, certified public accounting firms have available specialized training to meet the needs of municipal corporations and special districts; and

WHEREAS, forty-four other states allow competition from certified public accountants.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington State Water Resources Association endorses and supports legislation allowing qualified private certified public accounting firms and the State Auditor to bid competitively for and perform those audits now performed exclusively by the State Auditor.
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
WASHINGTON STATE WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION
August 21, 1985
Holiday Inn, Yakima, Washington

The board of directors of the Washington State Water Resources Association met on Wednesday, August 21, 1985, in the Forest Room of the Holiday Inn, 9 North 9th Street, Yakima, Washington. Board members present were Ron Van Gundy, James W. Trull, Judy Bear, Jack Holcroft, John S. Mayo, Gary Fischer, Paul Chasco, Walt Peterson, James W. Webb, Merle Gibbens, Rogers Neff, Chan Bailey, Glen Fiedler, and Lee Carothers (14). Also present were John Downs, Nancy Ostby, Gene D. McIntire, Henry Schafer, Warren Dickman, LeMoyne Henderson, Cyril Lentz, Chuck Keller, Ray Nelson, Gary Kitterman, Lavon Sanders, Paul Allison, Dr. Kai Lee, Joe Mentor, and Jeanne Dickman. President Paul Chasco called the meeting to order at 10.10 a.m.

Kai N. Lee, one of Washington's two representatives on the Northwest Power Planning Council, was introduced by President Chasco. Dr. Lee was appointed in October of 1983 to fill the unexpired term of Daniel J. Evans. He currently chairs the Council's fish and wildlife committee. Dr. Lee reviewed some of the background for the Council's power planning activities then proceeded to highlight the Draft 1985 Power Plan which will be available to the public towards the end of the month. Hearings on the plan will be held during September and October. The public comment period will end on October 25. A copy of the draft plan and/or the summary description may be obtained by telephoning the Council's Portland office, (800) 222-3355.

Joe Mentor, Jr., legislative counsel to Senator Dan Evans, gave a status report on the 99th Congress with particular emphasis on the completion of the Columbia Basin Project, the Greater Wenatchee Irrigation District Rehabilitation under the small projects act and the Yakima River Basin Enhancement Project. He stated that the House will go into session on September 4th and the Senate on September 10th. A workshop on the YRBWEP may be planned for the second week in October when both houses will be recessed simultaneously.

The meeting recessed for lunch, reconvening at approximately 1:00 p.m.

The minutes of the board of directors meeting held on Wednesday, July 17, 1985 were addressed. Merle Gibbens noted that Shannon McDaniel's name had been omitted from the list of those attending that meeting. Walt Peterson moved that the minutes be approved as corrected. The motion was seconded by Jim Trull. MOTION CARRIED.
The July financial report was distributed and indicated a cash balance of $13,562.45. A detailed report on dues income was also distributed. Total 1985 income from dues as of 7-31-85 was $39,198.38. The final report on the water rights conference held June 26, 1985 reflected net proceeds of $519.48. It was moved by Ron Van Gundy and seconded by Jim Trull that the financial report be approved. 

MOTION CARRIED.

Jim Trull distributed a report on the NWRA Summer Board meeting highlighting those items of particular significance. According to a letter from Chairman Harry Griffen, the Municipal Caucus intends to solicit all major municipal water distributors who are not already members of the state organizations. The National Director recommended that the board only allow solicitation of municipalities that are members of WSWRA as that would be consistent with the NWRA board's established policy on the Twin Falls Canal Company and the Idaho Water Users' Association situation. It was also pointed out that such a solicitation by the NWRA Municipal Caucus would reduce the possibility of future WSWRA membership expansion in that category. The municipal dues structure was adopted by the WSWRA board on March 21, 1984.

Following further discussion, it was moved by Walt Peterson and seconded by Ron Van Gundy that NWRA municipal membership be solicited only from existing WSWRA members. 

MOTION CARRIED.

Rogers Neff reported that the NWRA Awards Committee is requesting nominations for life memberships. The WSWRA Awards Committee recommends Pat O'Meara, Russ Smith and Van Nutley for this honor. There were no additional nominations from the floor and Rogers Neff moved that the Committee's recommendations be accepted. The motion was seconded by Ron Van Gundy. 

MOTION CARRIED.

Cyril Lentz reported on the progress the Historical Committee has made on the Association's history. He reported that the files for a portion of the 1940's are missing and requested that any district with files on the Washington Irrigation Institute or the Washington State Reclamation Association for that time period forward the information to the WSWRA executive secretary. Jim Trull stated that the Committee hopes to obtain contributions from the business membership to aid in the costs of publication.

President Chasco announced that Jim Trull has been named to the Hydraulic Permit Study Committee created by the Washington State Legislature during the 1985 regular session. The Committee consists of four legislators, four state agency representatives and three private citizens. In addition to WSWRA being represented on the Committee, the Washington State Dairymen's Association and the Washington Cattlemen's Association are represented. The three representatives from agriculture were selected by the Director of the Washington
State Department of Agriculture from among a list of many interested agricultural organizations. The first meeting of that Committee will be held on Monday, August 26, in Ellensburg.

Walt Peterson reported on efforts to find someone to draft legislation amending the irrigation district foreclosure statutes. After considering a number of individuals, Dick Schroeder was selected. He anticipates having a draft bill ready for distribution to the Lawyers’ Committee by the end of the week. Mr. Peterson reported that Bob Lee, staff to the Senate Agriculture Committee, had convinced them not to attempt a complete rewrite of the current law because of most legislators’ reluctance to tread new ground. Other proposed bills that will be sent to the Lawyers’ Committee for review are a bill that would revise the Association’s enabling legislation and four variations of a bill that would raise irrigation district directors’ pay. It was noted that no irrigation district bills were scheduled for the September meeting of the Senate Agriculture Committee. In addition, Bob Lee has suggested that the bill revising Chapter 87.76 RCW be started in the House to obtain a better balance between the two agriculture committees. It was recommended that the proposed bills be circulated among the entire irrigation district membership with comments requested prior to the next WSWRA board meeting.

Merle Gibbens reported that the South Columbia Basin Irrigation District and the Quincy Columbia Basin Irrigation District along with ten landowners in each district have been named as defendants in an action filed by the United States for delivering water to landowners who have not complied with the reporting requirements of the Reclamation Reform Act of 1982. The districts involved have maintained that they will not shut off water to landowners who are not in compliance unless a court order compels them to do so.

Eight major irrigation districts were contacted during July to determine if they would be interested in establishing a central bargaining information clearinghouse which would provide participating districts with up-to-date wage/benefit information at a cost of about $12.50 per employee. Of those districts, only four districts with a total of about 280 employees were interested in the program. On that basis, the cost per employee would be close to $18.00. It was the consensus of those present that information from four districts would not give an accurate picture and therefore further efforts to establish such a program should be abandoned.

Discussion of the proposed WSWRA bylaws followed. It was moved by Jim Trull and seconded by Rogers Neff that the bylaws be accepted with the following changes:
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Article V, Executive Committee, Section 1. Membership - line four, after Second Vice President, insert "National Director".

Article V, Executive Committee, Section 1. Membership - line four, after the period, add "The Executive Secretary/Treasurer shall be an ex officio member of the Executive Committee."

It was moved by Walt Peterson, seconded and carried that the above motion be amended to include the following addition to the bylaws:

Article III, Officers, Section 1. Duties - line six, after the period, add "All committee chairmen shall serve at the pleasure of the President."

MOTION CARRIED AS AMENDED.

Discussion followed about the propriety of a WSWRA response to the Northwest Power Planning Council's draft power plan. President Chasco appointed Lee Carothers as chairman of a committee to draft a response to the plan and authorized him to select other individuals to assist him.

A resolution adopted by the Oroville-Tonasket Irrigation District board of directors regarding the water right cutbacks on the Okanogan and Methow Rivers mandated by the Department of Ecology was read (copy attached and made a part of the permanent record). After discussion and explanation from Glen Fiedler, it was felt that WSWRA could do no more than acknowledge receipt of the resolution by letter.

A letter addressed to the Northwest Horticultural Council from a Gregory W. Forge of the law office of Preston, Thorgrimson, Ellis & Holman in Seattle that had been forwarded to the Association by the addressee, was read to the board. It alluded to a State Watershed Plan being developed by the Department of Fisheries. As no one in attendance had information on such an effort, it was suggested that a letter be written to Bill Wilkerson requesting details on the plan.

It was noted that the Washington State Association of County & Regional Planning Directors is holding a meeting in at the Kittitas County Court House in Ellensburg on Friday, August 23rd to discuss possible revisions to the mandatory irrigation facilities law (SHB 1044). All interested irrigation districts are invited to send representatives. The meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m. in the Agricultural Extension assembly room.
The date and location of the next board of directors meeting was noted and Jim Trull moved for adjournment. The motion was seconded by Rogers Neff. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]

Jeanne Peck Dickman  
Executive Secretary

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MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
WASHINGTON STATE WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION
September 20, 1985
Red Ranch Restaurant, Sequim, Washington

The board of directors of the Washington State Water Resources Association met on Friday, September 20, 1985, at the Red Ranch Restaurant, 820 West Washington, Sequim, Washington. Board members present were Paul Chasco, Walt Peterson, James W. Trull, Judy Bear, Chan Bailey, Rogers Neff, and Merle Gibbens (7). Also present were Nancy Ostby, John Whihite, Myla Reid, Glenda Clark, R. T. Barrett, Jr., Morris P. Quinn, Christy Mitchell, Dana Davis, Warren E. Dickman, Sam Rhodefer, Karl K. Livingston and Jeanne Peck Dickman. President Paul Chasco called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Following introductions of members and guests and brief descriptions of the local districts, the minutes of the board of directors meeting held on Wednesday, August 21, 1985 were addressed. Walt Peterson moved that the minutes be approved as submitted. The motion was seconded by Jim Trull. MOTION CARRIED.

The August financial report was distributed and indicated income of $255.22; expenses of $3,510.24 and a cash balance of $10,518.66 after adjustments for capital expenditures and prepaid items. A detailed report on dues income was not prepared this month as only one change was recorded. It was moved by Merle Gibbens and seconded by Judy Bear that the financial report be approved. MOTION CARRIED.

Walt Peterson reported that copies of draft bills amending irrigation district foreclosure procedures, directors' compensation, and WSWRA coordinating agency laws were mailed to the lawyers committee. Comments generated thus far indicate there is concern that the proposed changes in the foreclosure procedures will not meet the requirements of the Wenatchee Reclamation District v. Mustell case. Kennewick Irrigation District recommends that the section that allows the treasurer to sell to the district without first offering it for sale to third parties be reinstated. Judy Bear suggested that the language that allows the treasurer to levy a $10.00 delinquency charge be clarified to indicate just when that charge should be attached. Mr. Peterson recommended that the second draft of the foreclosure bill, which should be forthcoming, be sent to the general membership for review. Our final form recommendation needs to be in the hands of the Senate Ag staff about 3 weeks before the measure is scheduled hearing.
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No comments have come in on the proposed changes to the Association's enabling legislation. As soon as this proposal is finalized, President Chasco will request a member of the House to sponsor a bill.

Addressing proposals for increasing directors' pay, Walt Peterson stated that the language authored by the Senate Agriculture staff does not rectify the problems experienced in the Spokane area. The lawyers committee has suggested four different alternatives. Kennewick Irrigation District supports a combination of Alternative 3 & 4. Merle Gibbens stated that the ceiling of $3600.00 in the suggested reassuring language was not sufficient leeway for the South District board which attends a minimum of 3 full day meetings per month.

It was reported that county planners and irrigation district representatives had met in Ellensburg on August 23, 1985 to discuss possible changes to the mandatory irrigation facilities bill (SHB 1044). A draft bill proposed by the planners was reviewed and accepted by the district representatives present at that meeting. Representatives from several irrigation companies were also represented and felt that they should be included in new legislation also. Jeff Dunning of the Ellensburg Water Company has requested WSWRA support language that would make the planners proposal applicable to irrigation companies as well as districts. The affect of the new language would be to make the requirement for completed irrigation water distribution facilities optional. The district or company would have the flexibility to waive improvements, require them up front, or accept a bond or other means to guarantee future installation. Following lengthy discussion of the matter, Walt Peterson moved that the suggested changes to the mandatory irrigation facilities bill be approved and that an effort be made to include other purveyors of irrigation water under the bill. The motion was seconded by Merle Gibbens. MOTION CARRIED.

Walt Peterson urged members to look out for any legislation involving boundary review boards and to support any legislation that would dissolve them or exempt irrigation districts from their jurisdiction.

Chan Bailey reported that Senator Hansen will be introducing an irrigation bond bill next session. A bill establishing a financing mechanism to clean up hazardous wastes, which would be based in part on a water tax, should be closely monitored. Merle Gibbens added that currently Section 16 exempts irrigation from the definition of industrial or commercial use of water but there is a move to remove this exemption. The bill is a product of the Senate Parks and Ecology Committee's Ad Hoc Advisory Committee on Hazardous Waste Site Cleanup Funding. A section by section summary of
the proposed bill (S-3193) is on file at Association headquarters.

Jim Trull reported that the next meeting of the Hydraulic Permit Study Committee, of which he is chairman, will be held on September 24, 1985 at the Pacific Power & Light Co. auditorium. The Committee will accept testimony from the public beginning at 1:30 p.m. on specific difficulties encountered with this process. A work session is scheduled to begin at 10:00 a.m.

Registration packets for the NWRA Convention scheduled for November 3 thru 7, 1985 in Honolulu, Hawaii, were distributed.

Merle Gibbens reported that most of the speakers for the WSWRA Annual Meeting/Convention on December 5th & 6th have been confirmed. A copy of the preliminary program was distributed. Walt Peterson requested that anyone with questions of a general interest nature submit them to him so that they may be addressed by the Attorneys Panel on Friday morning.

Paul Chasco reported that the law firm of Leavy, Schults & Sweeney of Pasco has become a new WSWRA member. It was also reported that the City of Yakima has voiced its intention of joining the Association and that the Ellensburg Water Company and Mark Shaffer are also new Association members.

Under item 10 of the agenda, it was moved by Judy Bear and seconded by Walt Peterson that the next meeting of the board be held on Wednesday, October 16, at the Oroville-Tonasket Irrigation District office. **MOTION CARRIED**

Jim Trull announced that the Yakima River Basin Association will hold its annual tour on October 24, 1985. The cost is $10.00 including lunch and coffee. The bus will leave the Bureau of Reclamation office in Yakima. The tour will include Kaches Dam, Sunnyside Dam, and some of the diversion facilities of the small districts in the Kittitas Valley.

Chan Bailey reported that the Ellensburg and Moses Lake Chambers held their annual Washington Agriculture Awareness tour and banquet on September 15th and 16th. Approximately 40 Legislators attended, about 75% of which originate from Western Washington.

A partial billing from Dick Schroeder in the amount of $1,221.90 for work completed as of August 31, 1985 on the redraft of irrigation district foreclosure procedures was brought to the attention of the board. A special billing will go out to the irrigation district membership to cover the total cost incurred on this project. Payment to Mr.
Schroeder will, of necessity, be delayed until those special billing proceeds are received.

It was noted that the Northwest Power Planning Council has scheduled four hearings on the 1985 Draft Power Plan. The two nearer hearings will be on October 17, in Boise, Idaho and October 21, in Seattle, Washington.

It was announced that copies of the program and registration information for the SEPA workshop scheduled for September 27, 1985, in Cheney, are available from the executive secretary.

The Colorado Water Congress has scheduled a workshop on the Endangered Species Act on Wednesday, September 25, 1985, in Northglenn, Colorado.

Warren Dickman reported that the Senate Natural Resources Committee will hold a meeting on Friday, October 11, 1985 in the City of Yakima Council Chambers at 2:00 p.m. for the purpose of hearing testimony on landowner/Dept. of Game relations.

Merle Gibbens stated that the Senate Agriculture Committee's Water Wells Advisory Committee, of which he is Chairman, will meet in Ellensburg on October 9, 1985, at 10:00 a.m. The public is invited.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Peck Dickman
Executive Secretary

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MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
WASHINGTON STATE WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION
October 16, 1985
Oroville-Tonasket Irrigation District, Oroville, Washington

The board of directors of the Washington State Water Resources Association met on Wednesday, October 16, 1985, at the Oroville-Tonasket Irrigation District office, 11th and Fir, Oroville, Washington. Board members present were Gary Fischer, Walt Peterson, James W. Trull, Judy Bear, Ron Van Gundy, John S. Mayo and Merle Gibbens (7). Also present were Ty Wick, Gene McIntire, Paul Allison, Duane Luhn, Tom Scott, Warren Dickman, Perry Blackler, Jack Lorz, Bob Sims, Leland Robinson, John T. Downs, Karen Richardson and Jeanne Dickman. The First Vice President, Ron Van Gundy, called the meeting to order at 10.15 a.m.

The minutes of the board of directors meeting held on Friday, September 20, 1985 were addressed. Merle Gibbens moved that the minutes be approved as submitted. The motion was seconded by Walt Peterson. MOTION CARRIED.

The September financial report was distributed and indicated income of $797.42; expenses of $7,325.97 including the second half payment of 1985 due to NWRA in the amount of $4,510.00; and a cash balance of $3,586.21 after adjustments of $403.90 for capital expenditures and prepaid items. It was moved by Judy Bear and seconded by Jim Trull that the financial report be approved. MOTION CARRIED.

Walt Peterson reported on the status of draft legislation amending the irrigation district foreclosure procedures. As a result of the comments generated thus far, it is apparent that the initial draft will need drastic revision. He will be meeting with Dick Schroeder and Kermit Rudolf the week of October 21st to work on the new approach.

In regard to the draft bill revising the Association’s enabling legislation, Mr. Peterson has received no comments to date, either negative or positive, and therefore assumes that the draft language will accomplish our purpose. He indicated that efforts to secure sponsors in the House of Representatives should be initiated in the near future.

Discussion of various formulas to increase irrigation district directors fees followed. Jim Trull moved that WSWRA support the draft legislation which would raise the fees to $50.00 per day or portion thereof and place a ceiling on the earnings of $4,800.00 per year. Gary Fischer seconded the motion following which Walt Peterson moved to amend the motion by inserting "half" prior to "day or portion thereof". The motion to amend seconded by Merle Gibbens. However,
before the final vote on the amendment to the motion was taken, it was noted by Ron Van Gundy that a quorum of the board was not present and therefore this item of business, as well as agenda items previously addressed, would have to be deferred until the next board of directors meeting.

It was reported that a letter has been sent by WSWRA to Dick Andervold, President of the Washington State Association of County & Regional Planning Directors, approving the concept of their suggested revisions to SHB 1044 covering irrigation improvements in plats. The letter also requested that the draft language be broadened to include irrigation companies in addition to irrigation districts. No response has been received from planning officials to date.

Copies of SB 3552, which was introduced during the 1985 session of the legislature but did not pass, were distributed. The WSWRA Legislative Committee had taken a "monitor" position on this bill previously, however, Paul Chasco feels that keeping the terms and conditions of collective bargaining agreements in effect after termination reduces the incentive to come to a speedy agreement on a new contract. Following discussion, Merle Gibbens suggested that SB 3552 be opposed. Walt Peterson expressed some concern over this position.

A meeting was held in Olympia on September 30, 1985, at the Washington Public Ports Association headquarters, to discuss a move to place all purchasing by local government and special districts under the control of the state. A committee to monitor any activities in this area was established from those present although such proposed legislation is not expected to be introduced until 1986. The supporters of the assault on local purchasing authority are purported to be a segment of the Washington State Bar Association, the Associated General Contractors and the National Electrical Contractors Association.

Jim Trull reported that there will be a renewed attempt during the 1986 session to obtain legislation that would require that retired employees be included under health care plans such as the Washington Counties Insurance Fund at the same rates and benefits as active employees. If the law is changed to include such a provision, the rates paid by the employer will go up to reflect the higher risk of the retired group, thus shifting the cost of social programs to the private sector.

According to Merle Gibbens, the Department of Ecology has distributed draft rules to implement SHB 232. The rules will allow local water user groups to design ground water management plans for their areas. Public hearings have been scheduled in Spokane, Yakima, Seattle and Vancouver during the month of November. The adoption hearing is scheduled
for December 18, 1985. A copy of the implementing regulations is available from Association headquarters.

In another matter, Gibbens observed that WSWRA should join with any others that are promoting legislation that would place a cap on the limits of liability for public entities. It was noted that the Association's liability insurance has doubled this year.

Lee Carothers was previously appointed to chair a committee to write a response to the Northwest Power Planning Council on the 1985 Draft Power Plan. However, Mr. Carothers has resigned his position as Director At Large of WSWRA as he has been unexpectedly transferred by Pacific Power & Light Co. to Montana. As a result, CH2M-Hill was asked by President Chasco to do a last minute analysis on the power plan from an irrigators perspective and report the findings to the board. John Mayo reviewed various aspects of the plan recommending that the Association seek revisions which would allow greater flexibility in the environmental requirements on small hydro development. Following short discussion, the acting president requested that John Mayo prepare written comments along this line on behalf of WSWRA and submit them to the Council prior to the October 25, 1985 deadline.

Jim Trull reported that the next meeting of the Hydraulic Permit Study Committee will be held on Thursday, October 31, 1985 in Olympia. A panel of attorneys will represent various aspects of water rights as they relate to the hydraulic project approval process.

Merle Gibbens reported that the Water Wells Advisory Committee, of which he is Chairman, has met twice and will meet again on November 20, 1985 in Ellensburg. The chairmen has asked members of the committee to submit written suggestions for changing the current law. There seems to be general support for a number of changes including the use of "start cards" and better enforcement of existing laws.

Several changes have been made on the program for the 1985 WSWRA Convention. Merle Gibbens reported that the NWRA Executive Vice President, Tom Donnelly, will be unable to participate due to a prior commitment. Darrell Russell, Chief Examiner of the Division of Municipal Corporations, Office of the State Auditor, and Winfred D. Rush, of the same office, will fill that time slot with presentations on repurchase agreements and recent audit findings. It was noted that the incoming WSWRA President will act as master of ceremonies for the Friday program.

Jim Trull reported that the WSWRA history may not be in final form in time for this year's convention.
It was reported that NWRA will be changing the format of Waterline and sending it by first class mail to a reduced number from each state. The allocation formula used by the national association will be based on the amount of dues paid by each state. Washington State will be reduced to 98 according to a recent letter from Tom Donnelly. Jim Trull stated that objections to the reductions had been voiced by a number of state directors and that there is a potential revision in the number of issues allocated. As this matter will be addressed at the national convention in November, further discussion was deferred until after that time.

Due to the resignation of Lee Carothers, a vacancy has occurred on the board of directors. President Paul Chasco has recommended Dick Brown of the Franklin County Irrigation District, as a candidate for this position. Jim Trull suggested that the nominating committee, which will be appointed to handle nominations for the 1986 calendar year, also address the vacancy in the Director at Large position for the remainder of the unexpired term. Following discussion of the difficulty in obtaining a quorum of the board in order to conduct business, Ron Van Gundy appointed a nominating committee consisting of Warren Dickman, chairman; Jim Trull; and Joe Horrall. The nominating committee was instructed to prepare a report for the next board of directors meeting including nominations for the temporary position and directors and officers for the ensuing year.

It was reported that Joe Horrall would be unable to attend the national convention, however, he reaffirms his and his company's continued support of the Association and his intention to attend the State Convention in December.

Suggestions for honorary life memberships in WSWRA were deferred until the next meeting of the board.

The next meeting of the board was set for November 20, 1985 in the Bureau of Reclamation office in Ephrata, providing that facility is available on that date.

Jim Trull reminded those present that contributions for Pat O'Meara should be sent to the executive secretary prior to the National convention.

A response from the Department of Game to a letter from the Association requesting information on a proposed long range, management plan indicates that this program is mandated by recently passed legislation and will include extensive public participation. The plan is only in the formative stages at this time.

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:35 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Peck Dickman
Executive Secretary

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MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
WASHINGTON STATE WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION
December 4, 1985
Holiday Inn, Yakima, Washington

The board of directors of the Washington State Water Resources Association met on Wednesday, December 4, 1985, in the Lakeside Room of the Holiday Inn, 9 North 9th Street, Yakima, Washington. Board members present were Judy Bear, Gary Fischer, John S. Mayo, Rogers Neff, James W. Trull, Chan Bailey, Glen Fiedler, Jack Holcroft, Joe Horrall, Merle Gibbens, Walt Peterson, Jim Webb, Ron Van Gundy and Paul Chasco (14). Also present were Ty Wick, Mary Webb, Paul E. Olberding, Gunder Hanson, Dick Hendrick, George Talbott, Nancy Ostby and Jeanne Dickman. President Paul Chasco called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

The minutes of the board of directors meeting held on Friday, September 20, 1985 and Wednesday, October 16, 1985 were addressed. Walt Peterson moved that both sets of minutes be approved as submitted. The motion was seconded by Ron Van Gundy. MOTION CARRIED.

The November financial report was distributed and indicated income of $2,999.96; expenses of $2,808.27; and a balance of $1,173.10 after adjustments of $256.94 for capital expenditures and prepaid items. It was moved by Ron Van Gundy and seconded by Judy Bear that the financial report for November as well as the financial reports for September and October submitted previously, be approved. MOTION CARRIED.

In the absence of Nominating Committee Chairman, Warren Dickman, Jim Trull reported on the committee's recommendations, as follows:

Director, Division 1
Walt Peterson
Director, Division 2
Rogers Neff
Director, Division 4
Gary Fischer
Director, Division 6
Jack Holcroft
Director, At Large
Ty Wick
President
Ron Van Gundy
1st Vice President
Merle Gibbens
2nd Vice President
Joe Horrall

Election of WSWRA directors will be held on Thursday during the general membership meeting. The election of SAWID officers and directors will also take place during the Thursday business meeting. WSWRA officers will be elected by the board of directors at the Friday morning meeting.

Walt Peterson reviewed the status of proposed legislation. Following brief discussion, Merle Gibbens moved that the
Association support legislation to increase directors pay to $50.00 per half day or portion thereof. The motion was seconded by Walt Peterson. **MOTION CARRIED**

Jim Trull reported that the Washington State Association of County & Regional Planning Directors will not support the inclusion of irrigation companies in their proposed legislation to amend SHB 1044 (1985). WSWRA supported the concept of the proposed revisions at the September 20, 1985 meeting.

It was reported that the Association Management Committee had met several times during the NWRA Convention in an effort to resolve problems regarding proposed reductions in the distribution of Waterline. The Committee recommended that the newsletter be mailed to the state’s designees once per month instead of two times monthly as is the current practice. A second supplemental update would be mailed to a reduced number of key association people mid month. By mailing the newsletter only once per month, NWRA will be able to increase the number of mailings to meet the needs of the state associations yet stay within the budget framework previously approved. The NWRA board of directors voted to accept this recommendation at their meeting on Wednesday, November 6, 1985. The NWRA Executive Vice President, Tom Donnelly, has stated that the National office plans to take more control of the planning and organization of National Conventions. With plans already underway for the 1988 convention in Spokane, Donnelly was asked to provide some written guidelines delineating each group’s responsibilities as soon as possible. The Committee also recommended that the NWRA board give serious consideration to revising the organizational structure of the National Association to eliminate the caucus concept and return the special interest groups to committee status.

Jim Trull reported that the Hydraulic Permit Study Committee will hold its final meeting on Wednesday, December 11, 1985 at the Yakima office of the Department of Ecology, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Following the conclusion of this meeting, the Committee will be forwarding final recommendations to the Legislature.

Rogers Neff stated that the Awards Committee has selected the recipient for the 1985 Rosadell S. Nutley Award and that the recipient will be present at the Thursday banquet.

Mere Gibbens reported that a few changes have occurred on the convention program. On Thursday, December 5, Steve Marcotte, Assistant Chief Examiner, Division of Municipal Corporations, will be substituting for Darrell Russell and Dave Andrews of the Yakima office will take the place of Winfred D. Rush.
Jim Trull reported that it has not been possible to complete the Association history to date but that work is still progressing towards that end.

The Washington State Legislature has scheduled committee hearings December 4 thru 8, 1985. Glen Fiedler reported that the House Natural Resources Committee will address the minimum instream flow issue on Saturday, December 8, 1985. Other potential issues to be addressed by the 1986 Session are agricultural bonds and funding of water quality cleanup.

The floor was opened for nominations for the Northwest Irrigation Operators Headgate Award. Ron Van Gundy distributed a report showing the recipients for the past five years. Those having received the Washington State Award are: Walt Peterson, 1985 Yakima Tour; Henry Vancik, 1984 Boise Conference; Rosadell and Van Nutley, 1983 Canadian Tour; Russ Smith, 1982 Boise Conference; Lorin Markham, 1980 Salt River Tour; and Dick Hendrick, 1980 Boise Conference. The At Large Award has gone to Pat O'Meara, 1985 Yakima Tour; Bill Gray, 1984 Boise Conference; Jack Penner, 1983 Canadian Tour; John Rosholt, 1982 Boise Conference; Senator Henry Jackson, 1980 Salt River Tour; and Dean Boyle, 1980 Boise Conference. Jim Trull suggested that Bill Lloyd be considered for the 1985 At Large Award. Other suggestions will be taken at the Friday board of directors meeting.

The 1986 proposed budget was reviewed. Action on the budget was also deferred until the Friday meeting.

The names of Russ Smith and Van Nutley were placed before the board as potential candidates for Honorary Members. It was moved and seconded that both individuals be granted that membership status. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

John Mayo reported that Bill Howard, a representative of Boise-Cascade, would like to attend a WSWRA board meeting to discuss the ramifications of the new Forest Management Plan due out in January or February, 1986.

Glen Fiedler reported that he is leaving the Department of Ecology at the end of the year and that Phillip C. Johnson has been named the new Deputy Director effective December 1, 1985. In addition, the top positions of the Department are being reorganized and renamed.

Discussion of potential candidates for a seat on the Northwest Power Planning Council followed. Those individuals who are being considered are Mike McCormick, Don Moos, Senator Irving Newhouse, Senator Frank "Tub" Hansen, and the Mayor of Cheney. Possible action by the board to support one of the candidates was deferred until the Friday board of directors meeting.
John Mayo suggested that a get well card be sent to George Krill of the Department of Ecology who fell and broke his wrist recently.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Peck Dickman
Executive Secretary

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MEMO

To: Board of Directors  
From: James W. Trull  
Subject: National Director’s Report

Date: December 4, 1985

1. The 1986 Budget was adopted with no increase in dues. A copy is attached.

2. The merger between NWRA and the Groundwater Management Districts Association (GMDA) was approved. It must now be approved by GMDA. The merger will result in the Groundwater Committee being elevated to caucus status. GMDA will be represented in the Association and on the Board through that caucus.

3. The problem facing the Municipal Caucus, which could be a problem to the Groundwater Caucus, is the issue of solicitation of members. Certain states are very concerned about the potential for siphoning of funds from the state caucus. A committee will be appointed by President Sayre to develop recommendations for handling this problem. The Committee’s recommendations will be made at the Spring Board Meeting.

4. The Association newsletter will soon have a new format. There will be articles and occasional editorials in the monthly issue. A bimonthly legislative update will be sent to selected members.

5. Concern with the unavailability and/or high cost of liability insurance was brought to the Board. The newsletter will be used as a forum to discuss how various states are coping with the problem.

6. Vincent Hardy, from California, will be the new Chairman of the Municipal Caucus.

7. A total of 735 registrants were at the Hawaii convention.
MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
WASHINGTON STATE WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION
December 6, 1985
Holiday Inn, Yakima, Washington

The board of directors of the Washington State Water Resources Association met on Friday, December 6, 1985, in the Suncrest Room of the Holiday Inn, 9 North 9th Street, Yakima, Washington. Board members present were Chan Bailey, Jim Webb, Rogers Neff, James W. Trull, Walt Peterson, Merle Gibbens, Ty Wick, Gary Fischer, Jack Holcroft, John Mayo, Judy Bear, Ron Van Gundy and Paul Chasco (13). Also present were Warren Dickman, Nancy Ostby and Jeanne Dickman. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 a.m. by President Paul Chasco.

The first item of business was the election of officers. The Nominating Committee's recommendations, as reported to the general membership at the 12/5/86 meeting, were as follows:

President
Ron Van Gundy

1st Vice President
Merle Gibbens

2nd Vice President
Joe Horrail

National Director
James W. Trull

Alternate National Director
John S. Mayo

There being no additional nominations from the floor, Jim Trull moved that a unanimous ballot be cast for the slate of officers presented by the Nominating Committee. The motion was seconded by Walt Peterson. MOTION CARRIED

Newly elected President, Ron Van Gundy, called for discussion of the 1986 Budget noting that there was a 3% increase proposed in the Executive Secretary's salary. It was moved by Chan Bailey and seconded by John Mayo that the budget be approved as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

The 1986 budget was established on the basis of no increase in basic dues however the supplemental assessment authorized in 1985 to cover the special attorney fee's associated with drafting the foreclosure legislation has not yet been billed. Therefore it was moved by Rogers Neff that 1986 dues be billed at the same rate as established for 1985 plus a separate line item, prorating the costs of the legal fees to member irrigation districts. The motion was seconded by Jack Holcroft. MOTION CARRIED.

President Ron Van Gundy appointed the following committee chairmen:

Awards Committee Rogers Neff
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Historical Committee Jim Trull/Cyril Lentz
Lawyers Committee Walt Peterson
Legislative Committee Merle Gibbens
Membership Development Gary Fischer
Nominating Committee Paul Chasco
1986 Convention Committee Joe Horrall
1988 Convention Committee Paul Chasco/ Joe Horrall

Legislative Subcommittee appointments were as follows:

Employee Benefits Merle Gibbens
Environmental Concerns Merle Gibbens
Internal Operations James W. Trull
Public Relations Walt Peterson
Water Rights Warren Dickman

Addressing an item deferred from the 12/4/86 meeting, Glen Fiedler's name was suggested for the Northwest Irrigation Operators' Headgate Award for Washington State by a number of those present. Bill Lloyd had been suggested at the previous meeting for the At Large Award.

Discussion followed on the various candidates vying for the Eastern Washington appointment to the Northwest Power Planning Council. It was moved by Chan Bailey and seconded by Walt Peterson that the WSWRA President write a letter to Governor Gardner supporting Senator Frank "Tub" Hansen for this position. MOTION CARRIED.

In order to allow WSWRA members to participate in the Ag Forum in Spokane during the week of January 13 as well as attend the next meeting of the board, Merle Gibbens moved that the January meeting be held on Wednesday, the 15th, in Spokane. The motion was seconded by Jack Holcroft. MOTION CARRIED.

Chan Bailey reported that the next Trustee meeting of the Columbia Basin Development League will be held on Tuesday, December 10, 1985 at 6:30 p.m. in Moses Lake. The Director of the Department of Ecology, Andrea Riniker, will be present. Interested parties are invited to attend.

With no additional business to come before the board the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Peck Dickman
Executive Secretary

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MINUTES
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
WASHINGTON STATE WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION
and
STATE ASSOCIATION OF WASHINGTON IRRIGATION DISTRICTS
December 5, 1985
Holiday Inn, Yakima, 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, Decem-
ber 5, 1985 at the Holiday Inn, 9 North 9th Street, Yakima,
Washington. President Paul Chasco called the meeting to
order at approximately 4:15 p.m.

The report from the Nominating Committee, as reviewed by
Chairman Warren Dickman, recommended the following slate of
officers and directors:

For the Washington State Water Resources Association:

Director, Division 1 (1988) Walt Peterson
Director, Division 2 (1988) Rogers Neff
Director, Division 4 (1988) Gary Fischer
Director, Division 6 (1988) Jack Holcroft
Director, At Large (1988) Ty Wick
President Ron Van Gundy
1st Vice President Merle Gibbens
2nd Vice President Joe Horral
National Director James W. Trull
Alternate National Director John S. Mayo

President Chasco requested additional nominations from the
floor for the office of director. There being none, Warren
Dickman moved that the nominations be closed and that a
unanimous ballot be cast for the slate of WSWRA directors.
The motion was seconded. MOTION CARRIED

For the State Association of Washington Irrigation
Districts:

Director, Division 1 (1988) Walt Peterson
Director, Division 2 (1988) Rogers Neff
Director, Division 4 (1988) Gary Fischer
Director, At Large (1988) Judy Bear
Director, At Large (1988) Jack Holcroft
President Ron Van Gundy
1st Vice President Merle Gibbens
2nd Vice President Vacant

Additional nominations from the floor were requested. There
being none, Warren Dickman moved that the nominations be
closed and that a unanimous ballot be cast for the slate of
officers and directors. The motion was seconded by Ron Van Gundy. **MOTION CARRIED**

A financial report covering the Associations' activities since January 1, 1985, was distributed. Total income for the combined funds amounted to $45,863.45; expenditures totaled $44,317.70. A cash balance of $456.56 at the beginning of the year coupled with 1985 transactions resulted in a combined cash balance as of November 30, 1985, of $2,002.31. A detailed report on income from dues was also distributed.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Peck Dickman  
Executive Secretary

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