

Spokane, Washington
April 27, 1946

Present: Rummell, Cunningham, Praetorius (Kail), Weber, deSchepper, Sterling, Thorp, Webster, Whitely.

Chairman Sterling called the meeting to order at 1:45. The secretary read the minutes of the last meeting and reported on work done since the Ephrata meeting. A general discussion followed on purpose of the organization. Points brought out were funds needed, district contributions, clearing house of news, research and experiments, how to contact and help the farmer, its value and investment and legislation needed.

"Irrigated regions compared very favorably with other types of farming during the depression." -- Cunningham.

It was stated that the State Reclamation Association is too far away from the practical and vital side of district operation. This organization is not at cross purposes with the State Association.

Discussion was had in regard to whether westside districts should be invited to participate. Generally decided that all irrigations have much the same problems, so it was decided to make the organization state-wide.

A review of a rough draft, drawn by Cunningham, followed.

Each article was reviewed, amended and adopted as follows:

Moved by Weber, seconded by deSchepper that the name of the Association be "Association of Washington Irrigation Districts". Carried.

Moved by deSchepper, seconded by Weber that Article II be adopted. Carried.

Moved by Thorp, seconded by deSchepper that Articles III and IV be adopted as amended. Carried.

Moved by deSchepper, seconded by Thorp that Article V be adopted as amended. Carried.

Moved by Praetorius, seconded by Weber that Article VI be adopted. Carried.

Moved by Weber, seconded by deSchepper that Article VII be adopted. Carried.

Moved by Praetorius, seconded by deSchepper that Article VIII be adopted. Carried.

Moved by deSchepper, seconded by Praetorius that Article IX be adopted. Carried.

Moved by deSchepper, seconded by Weber that Article X be adopted. Carried.

Moved by deSchepper, seconded by Praetorius that Article XI be adopted. Carried.

Temporary by-laws were then drawn and adopted.

The Secretary was instructed to have proposed constitution and by-laws in the hands of the Secretary of each irrigation district by the time of their monthly meeting May 7, 1946, and to issue a call for a meeting to be held in Wenatchee on May 25 for the adoption of the constitution and by-laws.

Meeting adjourned.