

Meeting of the Directors of the Associated Irrigation Districts was held in Seattle March 25, 1948.

The following persons were present: G. L. Sterling, Archie Smith, J. A. Weber, Paul Booker, J. A. Connor, N. D. Thorp, J. C. Scott, and C. F. Webster.

The meeting was called to order at 10:15 o'clock by President G. L. Sterling.

The first order of business was a discussion on industrial rates in irrigation districts. It was moved by Smith, seconded by Weber that the secretary write the State Directors of Labor and Industries for a hearing relative to industrial rates, based on Section 8.6 as applies to irrigation districts. Motion carried. The secretary was also instructed that after the date of hearing was set, that he should write the Director to have complete information relative to the industrial fund including the amount of the fund and claims paid to different industries.

The second order of business was in relation to the survey which had been requested in Jefferson and Clallum counties by the Bureau of Reclamation. Director Scott had brought this problem up at a previous meeting. A motion had been made at that time to table the topic until further study had been made. Director Scott discussed progress made and the motion was still left as tabled.

The third order of business was in relation to a letter which the secretary presented concerning the addition of Lionel A. Wolfe to the recodification committee. President Sterling was instructed to contact the members of the committee relative to this addition.

The fourth order of business - President Sterling made a report for the auditing committee stating that he had contacted Chairman Clifford Kail, who was unable to be present because of illness.

The fifth order of business - the secretary discussed his change of location of work, stating that he was now County Agent in Benton County, which took all of his time, and he felt it necessary to resign from the office of secretary-treasurer. The resignation was accepted and it was moved by Booker that the secretary be given a vote of thanks and permission be granted to draw from the treasury sufficient funds to meet the expenses incurred up to this time. Seconded by Thorp. Motion carried. It was moved by Weber and seconded by Booker that Mr. John Rummell be appointed secretary at \$25.00 per month plus necessary typing assistance. Motion carried.

The sixth order of business - Director Connor discussed the problem of financing the Association. Following the discussion Connor was directed to draw up a letter urging more cooperation from districts that had not contributed up to this time.

The seventh order of business - Archie Smith discussed the problem of storage water, stating that droughts may come and more storage water will be needed. Forestry is being over-cut and grazing lands within the forest over-grazed. These two items are affecting the water storage. He urged the protection of the water sheds as an irrigation basin and stated that gravity water is the cheapest water. It was urged that part of the 1948 annual meeting be given over to the topic of water conservation. Archie Smith and C. M. Zediker were appointed a committee to make plans for a round-table discussion on water conservation at the annual meeting to be held in November, 1948.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.