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MINUTES - MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF STATE ASSN. OF WASHINGTON DISTRICTS  
ELLENSBURG, WASHINGTON - SEPTEMBER 10, 1949

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 P.M. Present were: President Kail, Vice President Weber; Directors <sup>SCOTT</sup>~~Conner~~, Booker, Thorp, Zediker and Sterling; Secretary-Treasurer Rummell; and J. R. Downie and T. Newstrum

Mr. Kail discussed the month<sup>ly</sup> releases put out by the Association, particularly the release on Water Weed Control by W. H. Farmer. Mr. Sterling asked for comments on these releases, whether it was believed by the Directors present if they were worthwhile and of value to those receiving them. Mr. Thorp stated he believed the more material sent out the more interest would be created in the Association. Mr. Kail stated he thought the releases were effective reminders to irrigation districts of the Association and its purposes. Mr. <sup>SCOTT</sup>~~Conner~~ asked if releases were mailed to ~~irrigation~~ irrigation companies as well as to districts and since the Association's mailing list covers only districts it was decided to try to secure a list of irrigation companies and add them to our mailing list.

Mr. Kail then stated there were two principal matters to be discussed at this meeting: The annual meeting of the Association and the relationship of the Association with the Washington State Reclamation Assn.

Taking up first the matter of the Washington State Reclamation Assn., Mr. Kail reviewed its reorganization, stated that several <sup>directors</sup>~~members~~ of the State Association were also directors of the Washington State Reclamation, and stated that he felt the Washington State Reclamation was now set up in a way that would be more effective and successful than in the past. In setting up the budget for the Wash. State Reclamation Assn., the sum of \$1,000. was allocated to the State Assn. of Wash. Irrig. Districts for the purpose of making research in connection with repayment contracts, the idea being that the State Assn. should prepare material and recommendations to pass on to the Wash. State Reclamation in order that the matter might be taken up by them at the annual meeting of the Natl Reclamation Assn. Notion made by Mr. Sterling: That the Board of Directors of the State Assn. of Wash. Irrig. Districts approve a study of repayment contracts leading toward a more uniform national policy of the Bureau of Reclamation, and authorize Mr. Kail to appoint a committee

to prepare a statement of the problems as seen by various irrigation districts in the State for presentation to the Washington State Reclamation Assn. at their annual meeting. Seconded by Mr. Zediker. Motion carried.

Mr. Kail then started the discussion of the program for the annual meeting of the Assn. which is to be held in Ephrata in November. It was agreed by those present that the dates of November 18th and 19th would be most satisfactory.

There was discussion regarding changing the suggested program in order to hold ~~have~~ the panel discussion on Saturday morning in order to secure a larger attendance of members on that day. Mr. Sterling stated that the original idea in having the discussion of committee reports and action on them on ~~Saturday~~ the second day was to give the membership sufficient time to study these reports and recommendations and to avoid the accusation of log rolling. It was generally agreed that there would be sufficient time for this on the first day. Mr. Kail read a letter from Mr. Neal in which he agreed to conduct the panel discussion on Irrigation District O&M., and in which he suggested the subjects for this discussion and the speakers for them.

Returning to the matter <sup>action by the membership on</sup> ~~of~~ the committee reports and recommendations Mr. Zediker suggested that if any subject was brought up at the time the reports were given which might require further study, it would be made a special order of business and its consideration postponed until some later period during the day. This was agreed to.

There was discussion regarding the best means to secure a large turnout for the meeting. Mr. Kail suggested letters be sent out in which copies of the program be enclosed urging attendance. Mr. Booker suggested that letters be mailed to the Secretaries of irrigation districts asking ~~for matters~~ that they send in ahead of time any resolutions or other ~~matters~~ they might wish the membership to take up, and that letters be sent to all Directors of irrigation districts urging them to attend the meeting.

The suggested program was then reviewed and discussed. Mr. Sterling suggested that Mr. Weber be appointed chairman of a committee to be in charge of arrangements and housing at Ephrata, which was done by Mr. Kail. Mr. Weber suggested that Mr. Roy Huse, President of the Chamber of Commerce at Ephrata and Mr. Frank Bell be asked to serve with

him. It was also suggested that Hube Walter, the Secretary of the Columbia Basin Commission, be asked to cooperate.

It was suggested that in connection with the Treasurer's report a recommendation be made that the membership authorize the payment to Mr. Fred Cunningham of the sum of \$100.00 as a token payment to express the appreciation of the Association for the work Mr. Cunningham has done during the past year in connection with legislation passed affecting irrigation districts. After discussion, this met with the unanimous approval of the Board members present.

There was discussion in regards the Committee reports. Mr. Zediker stated his intention of contacting the Dept. of Conservation & Development again and perhaps obtaining some material for a report. Mr. Kail appointed Mr. Booker as Chairman of the Finance Committee and Mr. Booker asked Mr. Rummell to send to him a list of paid-up members.

Mr. Sterling suggested that the program of the annual meeting include a list of those irrigation districts which have paid dues to the Association, and also that on the back of the program instead of having four paid ads we solicit ~~advertisers~~ firms and others who might be interested in paying \$5.00 each, those subscribing to be listed on the back of the program as expressing their best wishes to the Association. These ideas were approved by the Board members.

Mr. Thorp suggested that someone connected with the model farms on the Columbia Basin project might give a talk on that subject at the luncheon.

Mr. Scott reviewed the possibilities of securing attendance from the West side of the mountains. He spoke of the annual meeting of the Western Washington Irrigation Institute, which will be held in Seattle in December and, after discussion, it was agreed to try to secure attendance at the Association by members of the Institute and that a delegation from the Association should attend their meeting.

There was discussion regarding legislation affecting irrigation districts, and Mr. Zediker believed the Association should have some means of keeping in close touch in the future with ~~the~~ matters brought before the State Legislature which would affect irrigation districts. He thought it would be worthwhile for the Association to spend

money, if necessary, to protect irrigation interests. The matter was discussed by the members without any definite conclusion being reached.

After some general discussion, there being no further business, the meeting adjourned.