

Minutes - Board of Directors Meeting - Thursday, November 29, 1951, at Yakima, Wash.

Present - Paul Booker, David Brooks, Clifford Kail, N. D. Thorp, G. L. Sterling, H. deSchepper, J. A. Weber, Fred Beisner, Charles L. Powell and Ted Newstrum.

The Directors met after the close of the annual meeting, as specified in the Constitution of the Association, to consider matters brought up during the meeting and to make plans for the activities of the Association for the following year.

Mr. Booker read to the Directors a list of five recommendations made by Mr. Durbrow, Secretary of the California Association, which were as follows:

1. A uniform dues system should be set up to support a service program by the Association.
2. The Association should have representation at the State Legislature at all times that the Legislature is in session to review legislation for its affect on water laws.
3. It is suggested that the Association join actively with either the programs of other state associations, or work in with the National Reclamation Association in an attempt to make the program of that association serve our needs.
4. As one of the services to the Districts, it is suggested that the proceedings of meetings be recorded in some permanent form. This need not be a word-by-word recording, but should be at least a summary of talks given and a report of the official acts of the Association.
5. It is suggested that consideration be given to consolidation of the activities of the Association and the Washington State Reclamation Association for greater effectiveness of both. Joint meetings of both groups next year might be a start in that direction.

There was general discussion on each item of these recommendations. In connection with the first recommendation, it was moved, seconded and carried that the President appoint a committee to work out a system of dues for the Association. Mr. Booker appointed the following committee: G. L. Sterling, Chairman, H. deSchepper, Clifford Kail.

There was discussion of the statement of principles of the California Association, which was issued in pamphlet form under the title "Water - Principles of Development and Use". Mr. Booker suggested that the whole group of Directors constitute a committee to study these principles and prepare a statement of principles for our Association.

The matter of a survey of wages and salaries paid by irrigation districts of the state was discussed. It was thought that such a study might prove worthwhile.

In previous years, the Directors have authorized the payment to Fred J. Cunningham of \$100.00 as a partial reimbursement for his work and expenses in connection with the Legislative Committee of the Association. It was moved, seconded and carried that the Treasurer be authorized this year to pay the amount of \$50.00 each to Charles L. Powell and Harry L. Olson, the two active members of the Legislative Committee.

It was suggested that as a guesture of thanks for their attendance at the annual meeting and their participation in the program, the Association send boxes of apples to Robert T. Durbrow and R. P. Parry. It was moved, seconded and carried

that this be done, and the Secretary was instructed to take care of it.

There was discussion regarding the membership of the Legislative Committee. As Mr. Cunningham can no longer be active in this work because of his health, Mr. Booker appointed Charles L. Powell as Chairman of this committee, with Harry L. Olson as the other member. Suggestions for the third member of this committee included: Ken Cheadle of Spokane, Roy A. Huse of Ephrata, and Gordon Blacksmith of Grandview. Nothing definite was done about the matter at this meeting.

In discussing the matters brought up at the annual meeting, the first subject discussed was the problem of the Naches-Selah Irrigation District and their diversion of water from the Naches River. Mr. Booker appointed a committee composed of Charles L. Powell, Chairman, Harry L. Olson and C. A. Tissell, the Secretary of the Naches-Selah Irrigation District, to work on this problem. The two members of the Legislative Committee were appointed as Mr. Olson is the attorney for the Naches-Selah Irrigation District and it was thought the solution to the problem was a matter for corrective legislation.

The question brought up by Mr. Ragsdale on seepage of water from lands and irrigation systems above presently irrigated land was then discussed. Mr. Booker appointed the following committee to work on this problem: David C. Brooks, Chairman, Fred Beisner, and H. Otto Ragsdale.

Mr. E. J. Brand of the Kennewick Irrigation District had brought up the subject of the subdivision of irrigation district lands into city lots, and a committee was appointed by Mr. Booker to investigate this problem, composed of E. J. Brand, Chairman, Clifford Kail, and Earl W. Pettibone.

Ted Newstrum was appointed Secretary-Treasurer for the ensuing year, at a salary of \$50.00 per month.

After some general discussion, the meeting adjourned.