

Minutes - Board of Directors meeting held at Quincy, Wash. on Monday, March 17, 1952:

Present - J. A. Weber, Chris Larsen, G. L. Sterling, N. D. Thorp, Claude Zediker, Evan Hall and Ted Newstrum.

As President Booker was not present, Vice President Weber conducted the meeting. The reading of the minutes of the last Board meeting was dispensed with.

Committee Reports:

The Secretary read letters received from E. J. Brand, Chairman of the Committee on Segregation Into City Lots, and from David Brooks, Chairman of the Seepage Committee. Mr. Brand's letter stated: "It will take legislative action to make the irrigation district laws applicable to our situation" and "The Question of the small equity that some of the small lot and tract owners have in the voting power of the district, against the larger units, is of vital importance to the Districts". In the discussion on Mr. Brand's letter, it was brought out that it is preferable, particularly on smaller projects, to retain the acreage as intact as possible, as releasing acreage from a district increases the obligations of that remaining within the district.

Mr. Brooks reported his committee was "looking up laws and court cases concerned with seepage and will make a tabulation of them. Then the committee will discuss them and make its report".

Mr. Sterling reported for the Committee on Dues & Finance. It was recommended by this Committee that the Association work toward a budget of \$2,000. for the year, one-half for the Secretary's salary and expenses, and one-half for the expenses of a representative to be in attendance at the 1953 session of the State Legislature. A suggested schedule of dues had been prepared by this Committee, based on the irrigable acreage of the districts. This schedule was discussed and the following scale agreed upon:

<u>Irrigable Acres</u>	<u>Minimum Dues</u>
Under 500 acres	\$ 10.00
500 - 2,500	20.00
2,500 - 10,000	40.00
10,000 - 20,000	75.00
20,000 - 50,000	100.00
Over 50,000	150.00

with the following exceptions: That the Kennewick Irrigation District be placed in the \$40.00 class as they have around 4,000 acres irrigated, and that the three Columbia Basin districts, which for the present are classed as non-operating districts, be billed at \$50.00 each.

It was moved, seconded and approved that the report of this Committee be accepted, that President Booker be informed of the decision of the Board, and upon receipt of his approval the committee send out letters and bills to each district.

Participation in Columbia Basin Festival:

The object of any participation would be to bring the name of the Association before the farmers and others who would attend the festival, and it was thought that perhaps a small ad in a pamphlet or booklet might be sufficient. However, as it is possible even the minimum cost of this might be prohibitive for the Association, and no figures were as yet available, Mr. Weber was asked to find out what the cost would be.

Statement of Principles of the Association:

It was first suggested that a committee be appointed to draft a statement of principles, but upon discussion it was decided that the Secretary should gather information and ideas from each Director and compile these for the approval of the Board. It was thought this should be completed before the proposed "Tri-State Water Council" meeting.

Mr. Weber brought up the matter of charges made against irrigation districts by County officials, stating that his district had been charged for the posting of Delinquent notices by the County Treasurer's office. It was thought that a compilation of the various charges and practices in connection with irrigation district matters by County officials would be worthwhile.

Mr. Zediker told of the meetings at Wenatchee regarding the rulings of the Wage Stabilization Board on farm labor. There was a general discussion on this subject.

Replacment of Mr. Cunningham on the Board:

The matter of replacement of Fred J. Cunningham as a Director at Large and of a third member on the Legislative Committee of the Association was then discussed. It was agreed that if the services of Mr. Ken Cheadle could be secured as a Director of the Association and as a member of the Committee, the Association would be fortunate, the Secretary was instructed to write him to find out if he would be willing to serve.

State Tide Lands:

There was a short discussion of this subject, but no action was taken by the Board at this time.

Tri-State Water Council Meeting:

A telegram had been received from Mr. Durbrow suggesting the date of May 20th, following the meeting of the Columbia River Resources Committee meeting in Portland on May 19th, for this meeting. This date was agreeable to the Board, as was his suggestions that the invitations should come from our Association, although it was thought the invitations should be worded as coming from both the California Association and ours. It was agreed that it would be best to limit the number of representatives from the three states to ten each. In discussing the representatives to attend from this state, it was suggested that George Thompson be invited, as a representative from the State Dept. of Conservation & Development, and also Evan Hall because of his interest and experience in irrigation matters. The Secretary was instructed to give Mr. Durbrow the Board's ideas in the matter and proceed with arrangements for the meeting on the date suggested.

The Secretary asked the Board regarding the suggested study of wages and salaries paid by the various irrigation districts of the state. It was thought such a study would have some value, and he was instructed to proceed with it.

The meeting then adjourned.