

Minutes - Board of Directors Meeting, Spokane, Wash., Monday, May 12, 1952:

Present - Paul E. Booker, David C. Brooks, H. deSchepper, G. L. Sterling, N. D. Thorp, J. A. Weber and Ted Newstrum.

Upon motion, the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was dispensed with.

The principal matter of business for the meeting was to discuss the Tri-State Water Council, to be held in Portland on Tuesday, May 20th, with representatives from California, Oregon and Washington. It was proposed that the Association work up an outline of a suggested organization between the three states and of subject matter which such an organization should consider and submit the outline to the Directors and Legislative Committee of the Association for criticism and comment. The Secretary was instructed to do this. A copy of this material is attached hereto, and made a part of these minutes.

The subject of the Association paying the expenses of members of the Legislative Committee to the Portland meeting was discussed. It was moved, seconded and un-animously approved that the Treasurer be authorized to pay the expenses of any members of the Legislative Committee who can attend the Portland meeting on May 20th.

Mr. Weber brought up the subject of state lands within irrigation districts and requested comments from the Board members as to what attitude the irrigation districts should take. It was the opinion of those present that lands which are owned by the state and leased to tenants would not be made into homes and good farms under such conditions, and that it was preferable that the state should sell such property to the highest bidder, ensuring that it would be placed on the tax rolls of the County for real and personal property taxes.

Reverting again to discussion of the program for the Portland meeting, it was suggested that all representatives from Washington, and those from other states who could be contacted, should meet together for dinner on Monday night, May 19th, in Portland, to talk over plans for the meeting on Tuesday.

The Secretary asked the Board's opinion on the acceptance of dues for a less amount than billed the districts, as several districts had indicated they thought the amount billed them was more than they should pay. It was approved that the Association accept any amount the districts felt they were justified in contributing.

It was moved, seconded and unanimously approved that the Secretary write Evan Hall on behalf of the Association expressing to him the gratitude of the Association for the assistance he has given, and extending to him the best wishes of the Association in connection with his new employment.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.