

STATE ASSOCIATION OF WASHINGTON IRRIGATION DISTRICTS

Minutes - Annual Meeting, November 13 and 14, 1953, at Ephrata, Washington:

President's Report - President Fred Beisner reported on the Association's activities during the year, with special emphasis on accomplishments during the 1953 session of the State Legislature.

Treasurer's Report - The treasurer's report showed a cash balance as of October 31, 1953 of \$1,339.41. Forty districts had paid dues at the time of the meeting. An Auditing Committee was appointed, composed of R. W. Hendrick, Wm. B. Dowdy and Chris Larsen, who went over the records of the Treasurer.

Speakers during the morning session were W. Gale Mathews of Ephrata who reviewed and original and history of the Columbia Basin project, and E. H. Neal of the Bureau of Reclamation who discussed the progress made to date in the construction and operation of the project.

During the afternoon Evan W. Hall of Warden presided over a panel composed of farmers from three different divisions of the Basin, who discussed the purchase and development of the farm, the raising of a crop, and marketing of crops. The three farmers on this panel were James C. Schill, Jr. of Pasco, Edward Ker of Quincy and Fred G. Lafferty of Moses Lake. There was considerable discussion after the talks.

The three irrigation districts on the Basin were represented by J. A. Weber of the Quincy-Columbia, Paul E. Booker of the East Columbia and Loen L. Bailie of the South Columbia. They spoke on different problems in connection with the development and operations of the project.

An evening session on Friday was devoted to a discussion of recent legislation and its affect on irrigation districts, and to a discussion of the problem of voting in irrigation district elections by owners of small tracts not used for farming purposes. Mr. Paul Lemargie of the Bureau explained SB-278, which related to recordable contracts and affected only the Columbia Basin; Other bills prepared by the Association were SB-114, concerning the qualifications of a Director of an irrigation district, which was passed by the Legislature, and SB-66 which exempted irrigation districts from securing permits and approval of the Director of Fisheries and Game for the construction of diversion dams, etc., which was withdrawn by the Association. After discussion on the voting matter, a motion was made and carried that the Legislative Committee of the Association study and Colorado and Arizona laws relating to elections in irrigation districts, work out some plan to follow in this state, and report back at the next annual meeting.

Saturday morning the meeting was started with a talk by H. M. Ahlquist on "Impact of the Columbia Basin on Agriculture in the State" followed by Geo. R. Thompson, Asst. Director of the Dept. of Conservation and Development, who covered the affect the development has had on the state in general and the various departments of the state government.

Discussing the affect the development of the Basin has had on the various communities were John Powers, County Assessor of Grant County, who spoke on the increased property values and expansion of work in his office, and Mr. James H. Dodson, County Engineer, who described the net-work of roads made necessary by the development and how these roads have been planned and financed.

The following officers and directors were elected:

President - Fred Beisner, Yakima

Vice Presidents - A. D. MacKelvie, Zillah
Edward Ker, Quincy

Directors for three year terms:

Division 5 - Chris Larsen, Wilson Creek

At Large - C. M. Zediker, Cashmere
- C. O. Matson, Selah

The meeting adjourned.

Ted Newstrum, Secretary

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WASHINGTON IRRIGATION DISTRICTS

SOUND IRRIGATION PROGRAMS PROMOTE PROSPERITY

OBJECTIVES:---

1---To Promote The Interests
Of Irrigated Farming

2---To Improve The Operation
Of Irrigation Districts Of
The State

3---To Act As A Clearing House
On Information
For Irrigation Districts

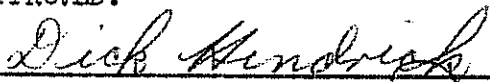

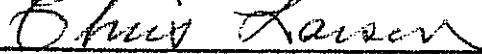
TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT

November 1, 1952 to October 31, 1953

CASH BALANCE - NOVEMBER 1, 1952		\$1,005.80
RECEIPTS:		
1952 ANNUAL MEETING-Registration Fees	\$ 58.50	
MEMBERSHIP DUES	<u>1,437.50</u>	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		<u>1,496.00</u>
		\$2,501.80
DISBURSEMENTS:		
SECRETARY'S SALARY	\$ 600.00	
OFFICE SUPPLIES, TELEPHONE & MISC.	156.76	
1952 ANNUAL MEETING COST	20.00	
TRAVEL EXPENSE	282.70	
LEGISLATIVE EXPENSE	<u>102.93</u>	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		1,162.39
CASH BALANCE - OCTOBER 31, 1953		<u>1,339.41</u>
		\$2,501.80


Ted Newstrum, Secy-Treasurer

APPROVED:




Auditing Committee

OFFICE ASSOCIATION OF WASHINGTON IRRIGATION DISTRICTS

BOARD OF DIRECTORS - 1953-1954:

		Term Expiration 1954
PRESIDENT	FRED BEISNER, 7002 Sunset Avenue, Yakima, Wash. President of Board, Yakima-Tilton Irrigation District, Yakima, Wash.	1954
VICE PRESIDENTS	A. D. MACHREWER, Ellish, Wash. Member of Board, Sunnyside Valley Irrigation District, Sunnyside, Wash.	1954
	EDWARD EER, Box 251, Quincy, Washington Farmer - Formerly Member of Board, Owyhee Irrigation District, Oregon.	1954
DIRECTORS:		
DIVISION 1	J. RICHARD CHADDER, Old National Bank Bldg., Spokane, Washington. Attorney.	1953
2	H. Adschopper, Box 605, Pasco, Washington. Secretary, South Columbia Basin Irrigation Dist.	1954
3	G. L. SPURLING, Box 209, Ellensburg, Wash. Geny-Manager, Kittitas Reclamation District.	1954
4	R. W. HENDRICK, Oakt, Washington. Gardner - Formerly Board of Directors, Columbia Irrigation District.	1955
5	ARTHUR LARSEN, Wilson Creek, Washington Member of Board, East Columbia Basin Irrig. Dist.	1956
6	JOHN C. SCOTT, Sequim, Washington Farmer - Member Board of Regents, Washington State College, Pullman, Wash.	1954
AT LARGE	CLAREN KEDDIE, Colquhoun, Washington Secretary, Toke Irrigation District	1956
	PAUL E. DOWEN, Cunningham, Washington Member of Board, East Columbia Basin Irrig. Dist.	1955
	GILFORD HALL, Route 6, Yakima, Washington Geny-Manager, Yakima-Tilton Irrigation District.	1955
	G. D. MITSON, Route 2, Selah, Washington President of Board, Washon-Selah Irrigation Dist.	1956
SECRETARY	Ted Hensstrom, Box 239, Ellensburg, Wash. Office Manager, Kittitas Reclamation District	1954

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Minutes - Board of Directors meeting, Ephrata, Washington, November 14, 1953:

The Board met after the close of the annual meeting. Present: Fred Beisner, Paul Booker, R. W. Hendrick, Clifford Kail, Chris Larsen, A. D. MacKelvie, G. L. Sterling, C. M. Zediker, Directors, H. M. Ahlquist and David P. Brown, and Ted Newstrum.

There was discussion regarding the Association paying the expenses of Directors who attend Director meetings. Those Association Directors who are not officials of an irrigation district are not reimbursed for their expenses in connection with attending Director meetings. It was suggested the Association should pay expenses of those only, but this met with objections. As no agreement on the subject was reached, the matter was postponed until a later meeting.

It was moved, seconded and approved that the Association give \$50.00 to each of the three members of the Legislative Committee as compensation for their work.

A change in the membership of the Legislative Committee was suggested and approved. The new committee to consist of two Directors of the Association and one Attorney. Claude Zediker and Paul Booker were appointed as the Director members, but as no agreement was reached regarding the Attorney to be appointed, the matter was postponed until the next meeting of the Directors.

It was moved, seconded and approved that the Association donate \$100.00 toward the expenses of Mr. Floyd Hagie to attend the Mid-Century of Progress Conference in Washington, D. C., on December, 2, 3 and 4.

Ted Newstrum was reappointed Secretary-Treasurer for the following year.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Ted Newstrum, Secretary

Board of Directors - 1953-54:

President	Fred Beisner, Yakima
Vice Presidents	A. D. MacKelvie, Sillah Edward Ker, Quincy
Directors - Division 1	J. Kennard Cheadle, Spokane
2	H. deSchepper, Pasco
3	G. L. Sterling, Ellensburg
4	R. W. Hendrick, Omak
5	Chris Larsen, Wilson Creek
6	John C. Scott, Sequim
At Large	Claude Zediker, Cashmere Paul E. Booker, Cunningham Clifford Kail, Yakima C. O. Matson, Selah