

STATE ASSOCIATION OF WASHINGTON IRRIGATION DISTRICTS

Minutes - Board of Directors meeting Yakima, Wash., Friday, August 20, 1954:

Present - Fred Beisner, Paul Booker, H. deSchepper, R. W. Hendrick, Clifford Kail, Chris Larsen, A. D. MacKelvie, G. L. Sterling, C. M. Zediker, Directors, and J. A. Baldwin, Harry Olson and Ted Newstrum.

Mr. Beisner read a letter from J. K. Cheadle in which he resigned as a member of the Board. It was suggested that an appointment to replace Mr. Cheadle as a Board member should be postponed until the regular elections at the annual meeting.

The replacement of John C. Scott as a member of the Board was discussed. It was decided to contact those districts on the West Side who pay dues to the Association for suggestions as to a successor to Mr. Scott.

Mr. Baldwin, who is a Director of the Kennewick Irrigation District, has had some correspondence with the Association regarding the problem of the distribution of water when deliveries are made at one weir for the use of several small tract owners. Mr. Baldwin thought a law similar to the Idaho Lateral Water Users' Association law should be enacted in this state. There was considerable discussion of the problem and several suggestions offered for its solution. The Association took no action at this time in the matter.

A motion was made and carried that the ninth annual meeting of the Association be held in Yakima on Friday and Saturday, October 29 and 30. Subjects suggested for discussion at the meeting were: Marketing, Drainage problems, Government allotments on acreage and planting, the new social security amendments, the affect of weed control chemicals, sprays, etc. on soils, L.I.D.'s in irrigation districts, covering ditches and laterals.

The President appointed a Program Committee was follows: Paul Booker, Chairman, G. L. Sterling, A. D. MacKelvie.

Mr. Kail brought up the subject of the law introduced at each session of the state legislature which would permit the organization by unions of employees of state political subdivisions and suggested we should secure all the help possible in combating such an act at the next session.

The Directors approved a meeting of the Pacific Water Council to be held on Sunday evening, November 7th, the day prior to the N.R.A. Convention in Portland.

There was discussion regarding the covering of open ditches which run thru cities and towns. It was recommended that each district handle such situations separately and cooperate with local groups without taking the position of admitting liability by the districts.

Upon motion the Directors approved the draft of legislation prepared by Mr. Lemargie on voting in irrigation district elections which contained the provision enabling the Directors of each district to change the voting qualifications upon petition by the landowners. A further amendment was approved which would amend the present Act to state a qualified Director must retain at least five acres of irrigable land within the district subject to assessment during his entire term of office.

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There was discussion regarding the reserve requirement of \$169,000. set up by the Dept. of Labor & Industries for Class 3.6, Irrigation district operation and maintenance. The Board felt this was much too high and Mr. Beisner appointed a committee composed of C. M. Zediker, G. L. Sterling and Clifford Kail to meet with representatives of the Department before the next year rates for industrial insurance and medical aid are established.

Ted Newstrum, Secretary