

STATE ASSOCIATION OF WASHINGTON IRRIGATION DISTRICTS

Minutes - Board of Directors and Legislative Committee meeting, Thursday, April 14, 1955, at Wenatchee, Wash.

Present - David P. Brown, Fred Beisner, R. W. Hendrick, Clifford Kail, Chris Larsen, Paul Lemargie, William McAnlis, G. L. Sterling, C. M. Zediker and Ted Newstrum.

The minutes of the meeting of Thursday, January 20, 1955, were read and approved as read.

There was a general discussion of the legislation sponsored by the Association during the 1955 session of the State Legislature. Four of the seven bills proposed by the Association were passed and reasons for the failure of the other three were discussed. In some cases it was agreed that the bills presented which failed to pass had inadequate study and preparation and, after various suggestions as to time limit, the following resolution was moved, seconded and carried:

"That the subject matter for all bills to be presented to the Legislature by the Association must be proposed not later than the time of the regular annual meeting of the Association and final drafts of such bills must be in the hands of the Legislative Committee not later than thirty days before the legislature convenes."

During the discussion on Mr. Rudolf's bill relating to rights of way and relocating facilities by the State Highway Department, it was suggested that one means of handling this problem would be for the districts to acquire title to rights of way in which case the Highway Dept. would have to buy the property or make agreements with the districts for the relocation of facilities.

The subject of laws on drainage was discussed and it was suggested that some of these laws perhaps need clarification and it might be well to consider such amendments before the next legislative session.

A suggestion was made that notice be given newspapers for publication in localities where the Board of the Association is to meet with the idea that landowners and irrigation officials in such localities might care to attend the Board meetings. After discussion it was decided the Secretary should write to irrigation district secretaries and directors in the localities of Board meetings, and perhaps newspaper reporters should be invited to attend the meetings.

The matter of a regular bulletin by the Association was again brought up and, after discussion, it was decided that for the present two bulletins a year should be issued, one just prior to the annual meeting to contain information about Board meetings and activities of the Association and one in the spring to include a report on the annual meeting, any legislative matters, etc.

Regarding a Director at Large on the Board to replace Paul Booker, it was decided the Secretary should write Earl Gregory, President of the Board of the Quincy-Columbia I.D., inviting him to serve out this term, and suggesting that if he cannot serve some other Board member of the Quincy district might do so.

After some general discussion, the meeting adjourned.

Ted Newstrum, Secretary