

STATE ASSOCIATION OF WASHINGTON IRRIGATION DISTRICTS

Minutes - Board of Directors and Legislative Committee meeting, Thursday, January 20, 1955, at Ellensburg, Wash.

Present - A. D. Mackelvie, Fred Beisner, Paul Lemargie, William McAnlis, Keith McDaniels, Kermit Rudolf and G. L. Sterling, Directors and Committee members, O. W. Lindgren and Keith Anderson of the Bureau of Reclamation, H. E. Alexander and Stephen E. Chaffee, and Ted Newstrum.

There was first discussion regarding the hearing before the House Committee arranged for Friday, January 28th, by Mr. Roy Mundy, Chairman of the Committee, on the three bills introduced - House Bills Nos. 16, 17 and 24. These bills were drafted by the Association and covered voting rights in irrigation district elections, sales of property for delinquent irrigation district assessments, and posting or publishing of delinquent lists. Plans for the hearing on these bills were discussed and it was decided Mr. Lemargie, Mr. Beisner, Mr. McAnlis and Mr. Newstrum should attend.

After lunch Mr. Chaffee presented to the Board and Committee three bills on which he asked their approval and requested they be introduced in the Legislature with the backing of the Association. These bills were on the condemnation procedure for drainage facilities, connecting with lower drainage districts, and on filing claims against irrigation districts. After considerable discussion and argument about the contents and language of these drafts, it was decided they should all be referred back to Mr. Chaffee for revision, that the revised drafts be submitted at a later date to the Legislative Committee and, upon approval by the Committee, introduced in the Legislature at the request of the Association. As Mr. Mundy had expressed himself as being unfavorable to the eminent domain bill, it was decided to request Mr. Canfield and other Representatives from the lower valley to introduce these bills.

Mr. Rudolf then discussed drafts of two bills he had prepared and wished the Association to have introduced in the Legislature. One was an amendment to the county franchise law relating to the removal and relocation of facilities on county roads by the state highway department, and the other relating to the levy and collection of assessments against public and state highway lands. After discussion, and suggestions regarding changes to be made in these drafts, it was agreed that they would be sponsored by the Association in the Legislature after re-drafting by Mr. Rudolf.

After some general discussion, the meeting adjourned.

Ted Newstrum, Secretary