

STATE ASSOCIATION OF WASHINGTON IRRIGATION DISTRICTS

Minutes - Board of Directors and Legislative Committee meeting, Wednesday, July 24, 1957, at Ellensburg, Washington.

Present - David P. Brown, H. E. Alexander, Chris Larsen, Paul Lemargie, A. D. MacKelvie, Keith McDaniels, Wm. McAnlis, G. L. Sterling, C. M. Zediker, and Ted Newstrum and H. deSchepper.

The principal matters for discussion at this meeting were the proposed State Water Resources Policy and the subject of State Highway rights-of-way thru irrigated lands.

On the highway rights-of-way matter a committee had been appointed at the meeting held on April 18th, composed of Mr. Alexander, Mr. McAnlis and Mr. Lemargie, to work with Mr. Rudolf in deciding just what the Association members of the Advisory Committee to the research group of the Legislative Council should present. It was decided the Secretary should arrange for a meeting of this Committee, to be held in Spokane at Mr. Rudolf's convenience. A motion was made, seconded and carried that the expenses of this Committee in attending the meeting should be paid by the Association.

As Mr. deSchepper had also been asked to serve on the advisory group he is to be notified of any meetings arranged and asked to attend.

During the course of the meeting there was discussion regarding the work being done by the Association and it was suggested that the Secretary mail to all irrigation district officials of the state copies of the minutes of this meeting to acquaint them with what the Association is attempting to accomplish.

There was then discussion regarding the proposed state water resources policy. It was decided that the position of the Association should be that while there are some relatively minor things in the present water laws that could be changed to advantage, the principle "first in time, first in right" should be upheld in connection with water rights and use.

There had been previously a suggestion that the regular annual meeting of the Association be held this year at Moses Lake, and it was decided to hold the meeting there on Friday and Saturday, October 25th and 26th, in the auditorium of the Grant County P.U.D. Some subjects for the program were tentatively discussed but nothing definitely decided.

After some general discussion the meeting adjourned.

Ted Newstrum, Secretary