

STATE ASSOCIATION  
OF  
WASHINGTON IRRIGATION DISTRICTS

Minutes of Board of Directors' meeting held in the office of Kittitas Reclamation District on December 17, 1958 at 11:00 a.m.

Attendance included the following: Keith J. McDaniels, M. J. Crawford, Henry E. Alexander, Clifford Kail, A. D. Mackelvie, Gale Sterling, Harold Eidemiller, Van E. Nutley and Dick Hendrick.

McDaniels appointed Van E. Nutley, Harold J. Eidemiller and M. J. Crawford to work on accounting problems.

Sterling said the irrigation districts do have a great deal of power to run their business and we should not be restricted by State Auditors. He stated that medical aid payments, altho a very small item, was nevertheless one which the State Auditors office calls us on each year. Gasoline sales to employees is another item that creates a problem with the Auditors.

Mackelvie announced that Claude Zediker, a very active member in the Association until illness forced him to retire, had died about ten days ago.

Alexander moved the Secretary write a letter to Mrs. Zediker. The motion was seconded by Sterling and carried.

Nutley suggested inviting districts to write us and tell of their accounting and auditing troubles for consideration by the Association.

Sterling suggested going to these auditors and say this is what we want to do so how can we go about doing it? He also suggested to the committee that before making any proposals they canvass those who are interested to see if it meets with their approval.

McDaniels asked if there were any questions on the minutes of the previous two meetings? Sterling moved they be accepted as written. Motion was seconded by Alexander and carried.

Luncheon was eaten at the Webster's Cafe following which the meeting continued in the afternoon.

Sterling moved the Joint Committee of the Association and State Reclamation be kept alive and add two more members. Further that Cecil Clark continue as chairman but ask him about adding members and during the period the legislature is in session confer with Lew Garbut. Motion was seconded by Kail and carried.

Hendrick reported that Kermit Rudolf was writing up a bill on the five acre clause. He also said John Richardson and Earl Coe had said that if we will send bills in bill form to them they will introduce them as a departmental request.

President McDaniels asked the Secretary to read a letter dated December 16, 1958 from Ralph Overbay, President of the Board of Directors, Lake Chelan Reclamation District asking the Association to place a bill before the next legislature to authorize the use of absentee ballots in Reclamation District elections.

Hendrick said there were other districts that had this same problem.

Sterling said this is just one part of the overhauling that the irrigation laws need to undergo. We have the problem of irrigation notices; write in candidates; election districts.

Widemiller suggested a study of Oregon election laws.

Sterling moved the matter of revamping election laws be referred to legislative committee for presentation in 1960 along with the following:

1. Declaration of candidacy to be required.
2. Absentee balloting.
3. Changes in notification time.
4. Eliminate posting and require publication.
5. If only one candidate hold no election.
6. Electer divisions.

The above motion was seconded by Van Nutley and carried.

President McDaniels brought up the matter of rates for dues. After a brief discussion Mackelvie moved the rates be held the same as at present. A second to the motion was made by Alexander and it duly carried.

At this point President McDaniels turned the meeting over to R. W. Hendrick, Chairman of the Legislative Council who reported that a bill drafted to the legislative council on fencing had been submitted which was atrocious. It appears the legislative council had kicked it out but the bill probably will still be introduced by some legislator individually. The water policy and fencing bills were listed in the newspapers as being bills to be presented. Hendrick then read a copy of a letter of December 4, 1958 from Paul Lenargie to Roy Mundy.

Kail asked if anyone had information on a bill Harold Petrie was introducing regarding safety.

Hendrick said we will just have to watch this fencing matter and if any one introduces it we have to oppose it. Said had drafted three bills; 1. paying assessments by the State making it mandatory; 2. revision on bill on five acre requirement of directors which is being drafted by Kermit Rudolf; 3. high way right of way.

Sterling said an article in the paper here said Roy Mundy was prepared to submit a bill on highway right of way.

Hendrick said what we would like to do is draft our own bill if Jensen has not submitted a final report and no legislators are drafting a bill on highway rights of way.

There was considerable discussion on the subject of a highway right of way bill.

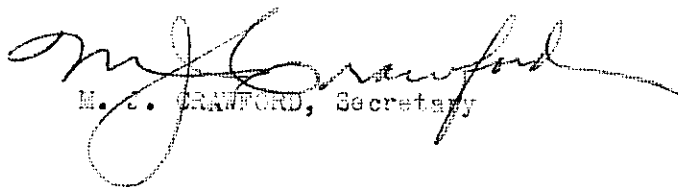
Hendrick felt these bills would bear more weight if introduced by Roy Mundy as Chairman of Irrigation Committee. Sterling asked if we might get both Mundy and Clark to introduce the bills jointly.

It was agreed by the Board Members present that the expenses of any one who has to go to Olympia to appear regarding any of these bills will be paid by the Association.

Sterling brought up the matter of payments being made to the State Association by Kowa and Kittitas Irrigation Districts for the purpose of being paid in turn to the Pacific Northwest Irrigation Account League. Sterling then moved that the Association contribute the \$400.00 thus obtained to the Pacific Northwest Irrigation Account League. Motion seconded by Eldemiller and carried.

Hendrick said he would try to obtain copy of draft of proposed water policy.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

  
M. J. CRAWFORD, Secretary