

STATE ASSOCIATION
OF
WASHINGTON IRRIGATION DISTRICTS

Minutes of joint meeting with Board of Directors and Legislative Committee Members held July 18, 1958 in the Chinook Hotel, Yakima, Washington.

The meeting was called to order at 11:20 a.m. by President McDaniels.

Those in attendance were as follows:

Keith J. McDaniels	A. D. MacKelvie
Lloyd Berry	R. W. Hendrick
Kermit M. Rudolf	David F. Brown
Gale L. Sterling	Paul Lemargie
Wm. L. McAnlis	Van E. Nutley
Chris Larsen	Clifford Kail
H. E. Alexander	M. J. Crawford

McDaniels asked Dick Hendrick if he had been able to contact Sid Flanagan regarding his availability as a Director for the Association but he had been unable to do so. Chris Larsen then offered to contact Flanagan which was agreed to.

A letter of resignation from C. M. Zediker dated July 14, 1958 was read by the Secretary. Dick Hendrick moved we accept Mr. Zediker's resignation and tell him we intend to keep him informed of action of the organization and send him copies of minutes. The motion was given a second by Kermit Rudolf and carried.

Sterling suggested consideration all at one time of the replacements for Zediker, Crawford and Neff as Board Members and have names ready to vote on at the next Annual Meeting.

After consideration of several different meeting dates it was moved by Alexander that October 31 and November 1 be set as meeting dates for the Annual Meeting. MacKelvie seconded the motion and it carried. Kennewick had previously been decided on as the place to hold the meeting.

Nutley suggested Mike McCormack as a program speaker inasmuch as he is proposing the covering of irrigation ditches.

Sterling said McCormack was proposing that all irrigation districts be put under Public Service Commission. Sterling questioned advisability of using him unless political opponent also be given time on the program.

After some discussion it was moved by Sterling that Nutley set up the panel for discussion of the so-called "Ditch of Death question". Brown seconded the motion and it carried.

Rudolf moved the Friday evening meeting be a banquet at which the panel group will be there. MacKelvie gave the motion a second and it was duly carried.

President McDaniels then appointed the following as a committee to set up the program: Gale L. Sterling, Van E. Nutley, M. J. Crawford and Keith J. McDaniels.

With regard to drownings Van Nutley said there had been an average of one drowning every eighteen months at Kennewick. Thru individual contributions the people at Kennewick raised \$4,000 and fenced the Columbia Irrigation District Canal thru the park. Nutley read an editorial from the July 17, 1958 issue of the Tri-City Herald Newspaper.

McDaniels then had the Secretary read a letter addressed to Gale Sterling dated July 15, 1958 from the Red Cross with regard to a meeting scheduled for July 23, 1958, in the Red Cross building on the subject of drowning prevention. Gale Sterling moved for appointment by the President of two members of this association to attend the Red Cross meeting. Following a second by H. E. Alexander the motion was carried. Clifford Kail and Van E. Nutley were then appointed by President McDaniels to attend the meeting.

A digest of the proposed Natural Resources bill was distributed by McDaniels to the group. Sterling said he felt we should get various legal talent to publicize objections. He also suggested that Charles L. Powell or Paul Lemargie and possibly Cecil Clark take some time at the annual meeting on this subject.

McAnlis moved, Sterling seconded, that representatives of all districts in the Association study the Legislative Committee proposal and submit comments to Lemargie, Powell and Crawford. Motion carried.

McDaniels asked McAnlis to report on the meeting he attended at Othello. McAnlis said the comments regarding highway rights of way were a very minor part of the program and there was no discussion at all. Regarding the Yakima meeting on this subject Alexander said Senator Henry gave a report. He further said the February meeting in Olympia was more concrete and gave indication funds could be obtained thru right of way.

Alexander suggested it might be advisable to ask Max Jensen to report to the Association and possibly be one of the speakers on the Annual Meeting program. McAnlis will informally get information from Max Jensen if possible. Someone mentioned that Al Henry is chairman of Columbia Basin Area Fact Finding Committee.

McAnlis asked about advisability of having registration of voters in advance of election date for irrigation districts. The question was also raised about legal clarification on who is owner. Sterling moved the matter be referred to Legislative Committee for such action as they see fit and we should refer our ideas to that committee before the Annual Meeting. Lloyd Berry seconded the motion and it carried.

Sterling, in talking about the subject of Basin Account legislation, said it should provide for participation in power revenues both for repayment of construction and rehabilitation. Expected there will be \$600,000,000 from power revenue in the next fifty years. Said a meeting is to be held in Pendleton, Oregon July 23, 1958 regarding Basin Account. This matter was discussed in some detail by the group.

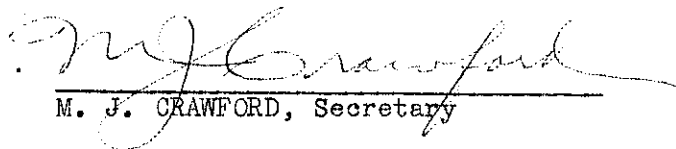
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Crawford reported successful receipt of dues totaling \$1,610.00 to date compared to \$1,690.00 total in 1957 with some new members.

Lemargie explained his correspondence regarding Brewster Flat excess land opinion.

Van Nutley asked for information on getting details on name changes and segregations of property. Several of those in attendance informed him of their various methods.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.


M. J. CRAWFORD, Secretary