

STATE ASSOCIATION OF WASHINGTON IRRIGATION DISTRICTS

Directors-Legislative Committee Meeting
September 6, 1968
Paul Lemargie's office

Meeting was called to order at 10 a.m. by President Cal Liebel.

Present were Cal Liebel, Paul Lemargie, Paul House, Eldon Thomas, Henry Vancik, Mel Stepon, Van Nutley, Rosadell Hoppe, Elmer McDaniels, Ed Arnbruster, Dick Hendrick, Don Doncaster, Malcolm Crawford and Russell Smith.

Dick Hendrick said that John Richardson has mentioned that Phil Parker should be contacted as soon as possible if his services are wanted in the coming legislative session. Van noted that at the last session our money was well spent and that Phil kept good track of all bills.

Henry Vancik made a motion to have legislative chairman contact Phil Parker to see if he will work for the Association and for how much. Van seconded. Motion carried.

Regarding time limit for notifying of damage claims against irrigation districts, discussion included; holding out for same as original bill, could be separate bill drafted, exempt irrigation districts from law. Dick Hendrick made a motion that Association draft a bill to put irrigation districts in the same position as we were. Eldon Thomas seconded. Motion passed.

Considerable discussion on irrigation districts as municipal corporation or quazi municipal.

Quite a few views were expressed on the unionizing of irrigation districts and the way the unions were going about it. All present, it seemed, felt that irrigation district personnel would eventually belong to some union, but care should be exercised to pick the best one possible. When voting, the secret ballot should be used.

It was the opinion of the group that directors were not given the right by law to enter into negotiations with unions but that possibly the secretary could. Van wanted a complete report from Hank regarding his negotiations with employees and unions so he would know what is going on.

Elmer stated that he hoped to have something on changes in Title 87 by the time of our annual meeting. Van said the State is coming out with supplemental booklet on additions and changes. Title 87 was last updated in 1961.

Elmer mentioned new draft of registration bill will be run through again. The only change is to cut down advertising time and expense. Although it could be a lot different when the legislature gets through with it.

Regarding Forfeiture Bill, Van says this applies to wells and that the State would measure and user will be allowed what he is bene-
ficially using.

Regarding conservancy districts, this subject should not be brought
up by the Association.

Cal asked Henry if he would report on the Water Resources Advisory
Committee. Henry said he would at the annual meeting.

Everyone was real interested in Rosadell's and Malcolm's secretary's
handbook.

Cal wondered if we should have someone speak on tolerances of our
aquatic weed killers.

Dick mentioned that Mel Hagood had pictures of overseas areas that
might be of interest at our annual meeting.

National Reclamation meeting to be in Spokane next year.

Subject of more than two terms to be served by a president of our
Association. This would take an addition or amendment to By-Laws.

Paul House said that in the Oregon Association all persons running
for legislative office were invited to a special meeting with
officers of the Association. Also at this meeting were irrigation
district attorneys. There was discussion in regards to this and our
Association--no decision.

At 9:30 November 1, 1968 H. T. Nelson will hold hearing with inter-
ested groups. See Van.

Discussion on State Retirement and the 70 hour minimum for temporary
help. No decision. Someone from State Retirement could be an al-
ternate speaker.

Eldon Thomas brought up the subject of Association dues. Could be
set up at annual meeting. No decision. Van said they should go up
slowly, maybe 5%. Mel Stepon said let's not levy any more until we
need it.

Van moved that the executive committee have full voice to make dec-
ision on Phil Parker and what he is to be paid. Malcolm seconded,
discussion, Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned.



David P. Brown
Secretary-Treasurer