

STATE ASSOCIATION OF
WASHINGTON IRRIGATION DISTRICTS

Wenatchee, WA

Director's Meeting

October 17, 1973

The following persons attended the meeting:

Henry F. Vancik	President	Rosadell S. Nutley	Secretary
Eldon L. Thomas	V-President		
Russell Smith	V-President		

Board Members:

Kermit M. Rudolf
E. G. Easterday
Elmer McDaniels
R. W. Hendrick
Ross Heminger
Gary Weston

Mel Stepon
Edward J. Armbruster
Cal Liebel
George O'Brien

Committee Members:

Paul House
Van E. Nutley

Others present were: John Henry, Maria Klug, South Columbia Basin Irrigation District, Chan Bailey, East Columbia Basin Irrigation District, E. F. Doncaster, Roza Irrigation District, Roy J. Orr, Okanogan Irrigation District, and Mrs. Ervin Easterday.

It was moved by McDaniels, seconded by Armbruster and carried that the minutes of the meeting of June 28, 1973 be approved.

Eldon Thomas, Legislative Chairman, moved that the Association support legislation amending RCW 87.03.160 to permit members of the Boards of Directors of Irrigation Districts coverage under the Health and Accident Insurance of the employees of irrigation districts. The motion was seconded by Gary Weston and carried.

There was considerable discussion of a proposed change in the irrigation law to permit Local Improvement Districts formation without the parent district being responsible for the liability of the L.I.D. It was concluded that the legislation should be permissive and that Eldon Thomas should work up the language and that Van Nutley should assist him.

Kermit Rudolf discussed the problems which might arise in irrigation districts should the fire districts decide to assess irrigation district holdings. He stated that the law was not clear but that it would be effective July 1, 1974.

Other legislative matters were discussed including a power bill sponsored by Day and problems over rights of way for irrigation district facilities.

Lawrence Møllergaard, Kittitas Reclamation District, requested that the secretary read a letter that he had written regarding the raising of Ross Dam. No action was taken by the Board on this matter.

The matter of the Alpine Lakes Wilderness Area was discussed. Russ Smith stated that he felt that irrigation districts were involved in problem. It was moved by Smith, seconded by Liebel and carried that the Association take an active position on both the Alpine Lakes Wilderness Area and Ross Dam.

Doncaster informed those present that a hearing on the Alpine Lakes matter was being held in Wenatchee on the 19th of October. It was moved by Nutley, seconded by Easterday and carried that the President be authorized and instructed to make a statement or appoint someone to make a statement on the 19th at the hearing for the Alpine Lakes Wilderness Area.

Ed Armbruster brought up the problems involved in appointments of new Board members for irrigation districts should there be resignations because of Initiative 276. It was discussed and determined that most County Commissioners would look with favor on those recommended by the remaining members of the Boards of Directors.

Russ Smith suggested that the Association should support a joint venture with the Washington State Reclamation Association in creating a position known as general liason legislative member to be supported by both Associations.

It was moved by Rudolf, seconded by Armbruster and carried that the State Association of Washington Irrigation Districts create the position of Legislative and Liason officer to be filled by appointment by the Board of Directors and to carry such stipend and expense allowance as authorized by the Board and that this new position will be under the guidance of the Legislative Chairman of the Association.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Rosadell S. Nutley
Rosadell S. Nutley, Secretary

Oct. 19, 1973

John Henry
 Lyle C. Brown 5B
 Gary W. Weston 1B
 Lawrence M. Longenecker
 Mel Sutton 2B
 Paul Rudolf 1A
 Maria Flug
 Rossa Heminger 5A
 May Fickelberg
 Elmer McDaniel 2A
 El Ambuster 3B
 Russ Smith 3
 Chan Bailey
 J. AL. LIEBEL 4B
 Paul House 1C
 Eldon S. Thomas 2
 Hank Vancill 1
 Don E. Coffey 2C
 E. T. Doncaster
 Russell S. Nutley
 Roy Orr
 Dick Hendrick 4A
 Dr. Easterday 2A & Mrs. Easterday