

STATE ASSOCIATION OF
WASHINGTON IRRIGATION DISTRICTS

Ephrata, WA

Director's Meeting

10:00 a.m.

February 7, 1975

The following persons attended the meeting:

Eldon L. Thomas	President	Rosadell S. Nutley	Secretary
Russell Smith	V-President		
Gary Weston	V-President		

Board Members:

Ervin G. Easterday
Ross A. Heminger
Mel Stepon
Ed Ambruster
Cal Liebel
George C. O'Brien
Henry F. Vancik

Committee Members:

Chan Bailey
Paul House
Paul Lemargie
Van E. Nutley

Visitors present were Stan Powers, Kittitas Reclamation District, and Attorney Richard Lemargie.

Minutes of the meeting of December 20, 1974 were approved as written.

Russ Smith reported on the Technical Committee on water quality; a bill on adjudications; and State legislation regarding irrigation water management and aid to various irrigation districts.

There was considerable discussion regarding the possibility of the Soil & Water Conservation Districts hiring managers to assist the farmers in planning for better water use. The D.O.E. may possibly pay for the managers. It has been suggested that the ditchriders should report to the districts those farms where additional planning is needed to control waste water. The Districts should then report these situations to the S. & W.C.D. The D.O.E. has statutory powers to implement this plan.

Smith reported that the Technical Committee insists that D.O.E. take a look at present monitoring systems on the Yakima and Columbia Rivers where the USBR and Irrigation Districts are close to having enough monitoring points established. Irrigation Districts continue to assume the position that districts are not responsible for return flows from farms.

Hank Vancik stated that the attorney for the Roza is considering application regarding permits to be issued and that there will be much difficulty if Irrigation Districts shut off the farmers water for violation.

Those present were informed that the Committee on Water Quality had made up a three page report, suggesting a working program - not a law - between the Districts, D.O.E. and S. & W. C.D.

It was moved by Nutley, seconded by Vancik and carried that, after this discussion and the good job that the committee members have done, they continue to do the best they can while serving on the committee on water quality.

Paul Lemargie discussed at length the problems which would be faced by the Irrigation Districts and all holders of water rights if the proposed bill on adjudication should become law. He stated that all would have to apply for new water rights and that any waters not used for a period of five years would revert to the State.

Russ Smith reported on a bill which would permit the D.O.E. to own, operate and maintain irrigation systems and to purchase and lease lands under the systems.

There was also a discussion of the new Shorelines Act which would take Irrigation Districts out of the Act, including canals, laterals and wasteways.

A get well card is to be sent to John Westland with the names of those present at the meeting signed to the card.

A brief discussion was held regarding H.B. 382 which has to do with legislation for the State Pension plan.

Meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Rosadell S. Nutley
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| c | Paul Lemargie | Ephrata |
| | Russell Lemargie | Ephrata |
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| a | Van E. Nutley | |
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| b | Paul House | O C B I D |
| 5 | Earl Spiloff | K. I. D. |
| 3 | Mel Stepan | O C B I D |
| ✓ | Russ Schick | S C B E D |
| ✓ | Nancy Watson | K R D |
| | John ... | K R D |
| a | Chow Bailey | E C B I D |
| 4 | Ed Armbruster | L C R D |
| | Russell S. Nutley | S A W I D |