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Kittitas Reclamation District Office, April 9, 1947

Directors present - Sterling, Kail, Scott, Sorenson, Griffith, Booker.

Meeting called to order by president Sterling at 10:15 A.M.

The president reviewed legislation passed in the 1947 session relative to irrigation districts. He stated that Senate Bill No. 22 which was sponsored by the association was passed as drawn by Fred Cunningham with the exception of two sections. The first revision, that is, that which requires submission of any reports was eliminated in the committee; and the other, which would permit the association associating with state reclamation associations was vetoed by the governor.

A number of problems were brought up by the directors present. Mr. Scott brought up this question. What is the best method of control of watercress in ditches? The ditch which Mr. Scott had in question is a deep ditch, about 12 feet deep, carries 3 cubic feet per second and is three quarters of a mile long. There was no answer by anyone present. The secretary was instructed to try to get the answer.

Sterling: What can be done to improve, audit and get better bookkeeping system? This topic was considered and discussed at quite some length. It was planned to write to the state auditor and get further information.

Mr. Griffith raised this question on a problem of water weeds; also how to remove silt from lined ditches, that is, a concrete lining. The silt comes from creek beds and cloudbursts. It's a clay type of soil which is difficult to handle.

Mr. Kail raised the question, what is the best way to avoid frost damage in linings of ditches? There was no answer. It was pointed out that it would be necessary to have funds to carry the work of the association for the coming year.

The secretary was instructed to secure printed letterheads and envelopes.

It was moved by Kail and seconded by Booker that the secretary be instructed to write to twelve districts requesting contributions for support of the association. Districts suggested were:- Tieton, Naches-Selah, Sunnyside Valley, Roza, Kittitas, Quincy-Columbia, North Columbia, South Columbia, Okanogan, Icicle, Lake Chelan and Peshastin. Motion was carried.

It was moved by Booker and seconded by Griffith that the Columbia Basin Commission be approached for a contribution. After discussion by Kail, Scott, Booker withdrew the motion.

It was moved by Scott and duly seconded that the president attend a Seattle meeting relative to national legislation. Motion was carried.

It was moved by Scott and seconded by Sorenson that the directors of the association go on record as favoring the expansion of interest and personnel of the Extension Service relative to irrigation on a statewide basis including the employment of an irrigation engineer and expand the research in irrigation at the state college. This was carried.

It was moved by Kail and seconded by Griffith, that the state auditor assign one specific auditor to audit irrigation district accounts. After some discussion this was carried and the secretary was instructed to write the state auditor to that effect.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

C. F. Webster, Secretary