

WINFIELD AND OKANAGAN CENTRE
IRRIGATION DISTRICT

R. R. No. 1.
KELOWNA, B.C.

Minutes of a GENERAL MEETING of the Winfield & Okanagan Centre Irrigation District held in the Winfield Hall on Wed. July 18, 1945 at 8 p.m.

59 Water users present.

MOVED by C. DRAPER :- That J. Goldie be Chairman

MOVED by A.W. POLLARD

SECONDED by C. DRAPER :- That nominations be closed. CARRIED

MOVED by A. SMITH :- That S. Land be secretary.

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MOVED by S. COPELAND

SECONDED by W. BRODIE :- That nominations be closed. CARRIED

The Chairman opened by saying that the meeting had been called following notification from the Public Utilities Commission that the Okanagan Centre Irrigation & Power Co. Ltd. had applied for permission to borrow some \$25,000.00 to \$30,000.00, also for permission to increase the irrigation rate by \$2.00 per acre foot to retire the securities as they matured. And that the Commission intended to hold a public hearing at Okanagan Centre on Wed. July 25th. at 10.30 a.m.

The Chairman reported that the Trustees had recently met Mr. Howard who had said that the sale price of the system was \$75,000.00. This price would include the system and everything pertaining to it.

The Chairman said that he thought that there should be open discussion on the subject of the purchase of the system by the District, and also on the matter of increased rates. That it was of vital importance to all water users and that the more ideas "aired" at the meeting the better the position of the Trustees in their future plans.

The Chairman explained that the \$25,000 was to be used to replace the 4,400 feet of the main line running from the Intake to Bailey's, and that the idea was to put the suggested new pipe on the South side of the creek.

Discussion ranged far & wide.

Mr. Groves said that the South side of the creek was the logical place for the pipe line to be. That it should never have been laid on the North side originally.

Mr. Edwards suggested that a pipe larger than the present 22" one be used.

This it was pointed out was not practical as continuous stave pipe would have to be used for any size larger than 22".

Mr. Groves stated that according to his calculations about \$1,000,000 was invested in property alone (not including dwellings) in the district, & that the net revenue ran about \$350,000. This investment must be protected by all necessary repairs to the pipe line.

The meeting could not agree on what constituted necessary repairs.

The Sec. quoted several sets of figures showing the possible rate per acre foot if all suggested repairs were made. These ranged from \$10 per acre foot to \$14.80. The latter figure included the purchase of the system.

Mr. Seaton said that he thought that the P. U. C. should be asked to make an inspection of the 4,400 ft. under discussion. This was agreed to.

Mr. Edwards suggested that the pipe line be done away with & a gravity system taken off higher up the creek.

Mr. Seaton proposed that the P. U. C. be asked to look into this matter. This was agreed to.

Mr. Van Ackeren said that over a five year period the fruit shipped to the Okanagan Valley Land Co. packing house had cost 2.9¢ per loose box to 4.1¢ per packed box for water. This was 3.23% of all money paid to Co. growers.

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MOVED by A. SMITH

SECONDED by S. Copeland :- That the Trustees be authorized to negotiate a purchase of the system, and provided that they are unanimous in agreement as to price, call a general meeting.

CARRIED with one dissenting vote.

MOVED by E. C. NUYENS

SECONDED by W. Brodie :- That the Trustees take all necessary action to see that any work necessary to ensure water for next season be carried out.

CARRIED

The Chairman suggested that a committee be appointed to view the suggested main line renewal. This was agreed to and Messrs. Brodie, Edmunds, Edwards, Seaton, & Smith were appointed.

Much discussion took place that it was impossible to record. However the foregoing covers the main points.

The meeting adjourned at 11.15 p.m.

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Secretary.

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Chairman.