Notes of a Meeting of the Trustees of the Winfield and Okanagan Centre Irrigation District and the water users on the 118 Records and Duck Lake Creek Records. July 13/31

Present - Trustees Seaton, McDonald, Read, Goldie and Gray of the Winfield and Okanagan Centre Irrigation District.
Mr. Marshall, of the Ok. Centre Irrigation Company, and Messrs., Phillips, D. Clark, Justin McCarthy, W. Lodge, M. P. Williams, W. R. Powley, K. Koyama, A. Beasley, F. S. Duggan, V. R. McDonagh, ~~and~~ R. J. McCarthy, and J. S. Duggan.

On the suggestion of Mr. Penfold, District Engineer, Mr. J. Goldie was appointed Chairman, and R. C. Baillie, Secretary.

The Chairman outlined the reason for the meeting, namely, the necessity of finding some means of eliminating the present wastage of water in Duck Creek; the water users on the lower end of Duck Creek not getting water in spite of large quantity being turned into Creek through present By-pass; the Water Branch apparently could order Beaver Lake Dam opened and water allowed to flow into Duck Lake, which would do no one any good. District Trustees recognizing need of some action had made preliminary survey of possibility of running flume from present By-pass to discharge into Duck Creek about present Powley intake; this flume would serve 118 records West of road as well as placing water in Duck Creek, and it is estimated could be built for about $2,200.

A sketch plan of the proposed flume was passed around.

In answer to question it appeared that a metal flume would cost about $3,000.

Mr. Penfold submits that all recognize the need of a flume, and only question for discussion is as to who is to build it and how it is to be paid for.

Chairman points out arguments in favor of flume from point of view of users on creek flow; flume assuring regularity and certainty of delivery. Mr. Marshall mentions "pick-up" in flow between Company pipe intake and intake of By-pass, which should assure water in by-pass for probably eight months in the year.

Mr. Beasley states that in view of his rights, he fails to see why he should be asked to pay for works. Mr. Read suggests it is preferable to pay something and get water rather than stand on rights Goldie mentions probability that ultimately arrangements will be made for storage of water for all users. Powley points out difficulty of visualizing conditions if no works to interfere with natural flow; in early days ample water for creek records, however he is agreeable to sharing in cost of works to take care of present situation, and suggests assessing costs on all users on acreage basis. R. J. McCarthy points out benefits enjoyed from steady flow in his own case this year. Mr. Penfold mentions that 11 Ac Ft passing through By-pass today instead of 9 ft called for, and still users on lower creek not getting any water; in answer to question by Mr. Marshall, Mr. Penfold states there is loss of 9 Ac.ft per day between discharge of by-pass and Swallwell dam. Justin McCarthy asks what will happen if Irrigation Company ask flat users to pay for present By-pass, to which Mr. Marshall replied there is no chance of such action being taken. After considerable further discussion, the various users present, with the exception of Mr. Beasley, expressed themselves as favoring the construction of a flume as suggested, and their willingness to contribute to its cost provided a mutually satisfactory basis could be arrived at. Mr. Penfold suggested that a committee be formed to proceed with the matter.

Messrs. Goldie, Seaton, Phillips, Powley and Williams were constituted a committee, with the approval of all those present, and empowered to proceed with arrangements to construct flume.

The meeting then adjourned.