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Meeting of the Trustees of the Winfield & Okanagan Centre Irrigation District held in the Rainbow Ranche Office at 7.30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 8/43

PRESENT :- J. E. Seaton in the Chair, Messrs. Berry, Constable, Goldie,& Nuyens. Also Mr. E. Davis the Water Comptroller and Mr. Penfold.

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Storage The Trustees stated thatnthey had intended to increase Beaver Lake storage by increasing the height of the dam, but had failed to get any cooperation from the Irrigation Co.

Latterly, war time conditions had put a halt to any addition to the dam, and the District had received an extension of time on their licence.

Mr. Seaton said,that he had heard that the Eldorado Ranch intended to apply for a storage licence.

The meeting was assured by both Mr. Davis and Mr. Penfold that the District's prior licence was paramount and unlikely to be interfered with.

They also pointed out that the date of commencement and the date of completion as stated on the Conditional Licence was very vital.

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Considerable discussion then took place on the subject of the application for increased irrigation rates by the Ok. Centre Irrigation & Power Co. Ltd.

Mr. Davis said that the whole discussion must remain strictly on an informal basis.

The # Short Deeds Act " was mentioned and Mr. Davis cited the case of "North Shore versus Dalton" This was purely a domestic system and the court ruled that the onus of maintenance was on each individual who shared in the benefi as, that in the Judge's opinion the pipe belonged to the property ts through which it passed.

This case set a precedent but it does not necessarily mean that future decisions would follow suit.

Some suggestions by Mr. Davis and Mr. Penfold.

Get Howard's sale figure for the system in writing.
Try and estimate the figure for which the District could run the system, and at the same time set up an adequate sinking fund.
Try and average the future replacement costs.
Contact L. E. Tripp of Vernon and ask if he could give us any help by checking the Irrigation Co's accounts.

Mr. Davis then asked how long it would be before the Co. asked for another increase if we conceded this one.
He also said that a comparsion of rates paid by other Districts was no criterion.

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Conservation Fund Loan

Mr. Goldie said that the District must have money on hand in case of a failure of Beaver Lake dam or some other contingent liability.

Mr. Davis suggested that if the District needed money for the dam and wanted all the cash possible, why not just continue to pay the interest and that if the dam was not going to be built for a year or two make an offer of settlement to the Govt. The offer had to come from the District, we couldn't expect the Govt. to make us an offer.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11 p. m.

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Sec. to the Trustees Chairman.