

Meeting of the Trustees of the Winfield & Okanagan Centre Irrigation District held at the Rainbow Rancho at 4.30 pm. Friday, May 7/43

PRESENT J. B. Seaton in the Chair. Messrs Constable, Fallow, Goldie & Nuyens.

MOVED by Constable

SECONDED by Goldie - That the following a/c's be paid :-

R.G.Rutherford & Co Audit fee	\$ 25.00
S.J.Land stamps & petty cash	<u>10.00</u>
	<u>35.00</u>

The Trustees then met Messrs G. D. Marshall & H. Van Ackeren. This was a direct result of a letter to the Trustees from Mr. Marshall as read by the Sec at the meeting of May 3/43.

Mr. Marshall recapitulated the history of the irrigation system, and finished up by saying that the Irrigation Co. intended to apply to the Utilities Commission for an increase in the water rates.

Mr. Van Ackeren then quoted numerous figures re. pipe replacements during the past eight or nine years. (These figures were too numerous to notate, and Mr. Goldie suggested that the Sec. be given a copy by Mr. Van Ackeren. This was agreed to.)

Mr. Seaton then asked Mr. Marshall what increase the Co. intended to ask for, & Mr. Marshall said \$ 2.00 per acre foot.

Some considerable discussion followed, & it was decided that the Trustees would bring the matter before the Annual Meeting.

Mr. Marshall was then asked by Mr. Seaton by whose authority the level of Beaver Lake had been lowered. Mr. Marshall said that Mr. Penfold had advised the Co. that it was a necessary precaution under existing conditions.

Mr. Van Ackeren then stated that on Tuesday, May 4/43 Beaver Lake stood at 8.2 ft. and that there was still one foot of very wet snow (On April 30/42 the lake level was 8.1 ft. with just the odd patch of snow)

The opening of the 1943 irrigation season was then discussed. Owing to late deliveries of pipe the Co. doubted if they could deliver water before May 17/43 , and would much prefer to start on May 24/43. If the earlier date was set they would have to close down certain lines for periods of two and three days as soon as their final carload arrived. This pipe was ordered in Aug 1942 and the Trustees said that they realised that the Co. had done everything in their power to expediate matters.

The Trustees then asked for details of the breakdown on the Calgary Line mentioned in the round robin read by the Sec. at the meeting of May 3 The Co. explanation was considered satisfactory by the Trustees.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6.10 p.m.

.....Sec.

.....Chairman.