

Minutes of a Special General Meeting of the Winfield and Okanagan Centre Irrigation District, held in the Winfield Community Hall at Winfield, Friday evening, August 21st 1931.

It was moved by Mr. J. H. Aberdeen,
Seconded by Mr. E. M. Ore, That Mr. J. E. Seaton be Chairman
of this meeting.

Carried.

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting, of March 3rd 1931 were read, and it was

Moved by Mr. Aberdeen,
Seconded by Mr. Read, That the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of March 3rd 1931 be adopted,

Carried

The Minutes of Special General Meeting of June 1st 1931, were read, and it was

Moved by Mr. E. M. Ore,
Seconded by Mr. A. Smith, That the minutes of the meeting of June 1st 1931 be adopted,

Carried

The Chairman asked for discussion of any points arising out of the minutes; a discussion ensued on the regulations for garden sprinkling enforced by the Company this season; no action was taken on this question.

The Chairman then gave a summary of the enquiries made by the Trustees into the proposal to build a dam at the outlet of Crooked Lake. It is estimated that a dam to hold about 3300 acre feet would cost in the neighborhood of \$20,000. The Trustees recommend that this work be proceeded with, provided arrangements can be made.

It was moved by Mr. W. J. Coe,
Seconded by Mr. R. Berry,

That this meeting empower the Trustees to proceed as soon as possible with the construction of a dam at the outlet of Crooked Lake.

Discussing the motion, Mr. Groves stated that 2,000 A.ft. could be added to capacity of Beaver Lake at a cost of \$5,000. to \$6,000. Mr. Coe is in favor of proceeding with Crooked Lake scheme on account of difficulty of arranging matters at Beaver Lake. In reply to question, Mr. W. A. Cameron states his estimate of Crooked Lake dam 11.5 ft high, is \$16,500.

Mr. Groves suggests making one more effort to secure Company's consent to increasing Beaver Lake dam. Mr. Read points out that manager of Company has received specific refusal from his principals and refuses to take matter up with them again.

In answer to question by Mr. Coe, Mr. Cameron said he does not consider it feasible to build dam on lakes above Crooked Lake, and that 11.5 ft is highest dam advisable at Crooked Lake.

Several users expressed themselves in favor of proceeding immediately with Crooked Lake scheme. Mr. E. A. Gray expressed his opinion that ultimately the District would need both the Crooked Lake dam and the proposed increase on Beaver Lake.

The Chairman then submitted the above resolution, which was

Carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Ore,
Seconded by Mr. Todd, That in view of the emergency, the Comptroller be urged to expedite as quickly as possible his approval of the plans for a dam at the outlet of Crooked Lake, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Comptroller

Carried.

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It was suggested that it might be advisable to send a representative to Victoria, to take this matter up with the Comptroller.

It was moved by Mr. Constable,

Seconded by Mr. A. Smith, That the Trustees be instructed to telegraph to the Comptroller the substance of the above resolution.

An amendment was

Moved by Mr. Read,

Seconded by Mr. T. Duggan, That the Trustees communicate with the Comptroller by Long Distance Telephone, and failing satisfaction by this means, that a representative be sent to Victoria to interview him and the member for this constituency, the Hon. J. W. Jones.

The Chairman submitted the amendment, which was carried.

Mr. A. Smith asked the chairman who is to build dam; Mr. Seaton replied that no arrangements had been made. Mr. Smith stated that at the last meeting, the chairman of the Trustees had stated that no expenditure would be undertaken without holding a meeting of the users, whereas the Trustees had proceeded with draining the upper lakes without direct authorization by a public meeting. A discussion ensued in which Messrs. Coe, Fowler, Ore, and several others expressed their approval of the Trustees action; Mr. Smith stated that his objection was to the principle and not to the specific action. Mr. Read suggested that if the users were not satisfied, they should ask the Trustees to resign.

It was moved by Mr. W. J. Coe,

Seconded by Mr. J. H. Aberdeen, That this meeting express their entire confidence in the present Board of Trustees.

Carried.

Mr. Seaton stated that in view of the misunderstanding which had arisen, he withdrew any promise to refer expenditures to the users, and that the Board of Trustees would use their own judgement in these matters.

Moved by Mr. Coe,

Seconded by Mr. Todd, That in future delivery of irrigation water should begin in May.

Carried.

Moved by Mr. Ore,

Seconded by Mr. S. Jones, That if the proposed dam is built, a clause be inserted in contract, that so far as possible, local permanent residents be employed.

Carried.

It was moved by Mr. Coe,

Seconded by Mr. Jones,

That this meeting adjourn,

Carried.

Approved

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Chairman

Secretary.