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**GENERAL**

GENERAL MEETING of the Winfield & Okanagan Centre Irrigation District held in the Winfield Hall on Fri. Feb. 13/48 at 8pm.

75 members present.

J. Seaton was elected Chairman, and S. Land as Secretary.

The Chairman stated that the meeting had been called for the purpose of discussing the possibilities of the District acquiring the irrigation system. That the price asked was 85,000.00 and that the Sec. had all the necessary figures pertaining to this matter.

It was suggested from the floor that each of the Trustees give his opinion on this subject.

The Chairman called on Mr. P. Chase who said that he thought that the District should buy the system. Mr. Goldie gave some interesting figures for and against purchase. Mr. Williams said that the figures spoke for themselves. Mr. Edwards gave reasons why he thought that the District should own the system.

The matter was then discussed at great length by all and sundry. Mr. Van Ackeren, at the request of the Chairman, answered many questions regarding the amount of pipe renewed, costs of material, and labour, etc.

Mr. A. Smith suggested that the Co. might be trying to replace the main line to rapidly. The Chairman said that according to the Weston report they were not replacing it quickly enough.

MOVED by W.C. BRODIE

SECONDED by E.C. NUYENS :-

"That this meeting is of the opinion that the irrigation system at present owned by the Okanagan Centre Irrigation & Power Co. Ltd. should be owned by the water users of the Winfield & Okanagan Centre Irrigation District; and hereby authorize the Trustees of the said District to endeavour to arrange satisfactory terms of purchase, such terms to be submitted to a general meeting of the members of the Irrigation District for verification."

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The Chairman then stated that the Okanagan Centre Irrigation & Power Co. Ltd. had applied to the Public Utilities Commission for an increase of \$2.00 per acre foot in the irrigation rate. He explained that this money was to enable the Co. to borrow money to finance this years replacement programme, and would be earmarked to repay this loan in a similar manner to the Canyon job. The Co. was basing it's request for a raise on the fact that pipe had advanced, on an average, almost 50% in price.

He said that in the event of the meeting agreeing to pay the additional rate irrigation water would cost \$12 per acre foot for the next three years after which time it would revert to \$10 unless the Co. had to ~~more~~ borrow more money in the interim, and it looked as though they would.

In reply to one question Mr. Van Ackeren said that under the present set-up the Irrigation Co. investment in the system could not go over \$103,000.00, and that at the present time all revenue had to be turned back into the system. No interest was being taken at all.

MOVED by E.C. NUYENS

SECONDED by O.T. LEE :-

"That this meeting is of the opinion that an increase of \$2.00 per acre foot is necessary for the continuation of present replacements in the irrigation system owned by the Okanagan Centre Irrigation & Power Co. Ltd. and is in favour of paying this increase for the year 1948, provided that the said \$2.00 be treated on the same basis as the Canyon replacement loan."

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MOVED by R.E.C.BROADBENT  
SECONDED by W.C.BRODIE :-

" That when the matter of the purchase of the irrigation system be referred to the water users at a further general meeting, the Trustees recommend a proposed method of management for the said system."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10.50 pm.

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Secretary.

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Chairman.