

On February 16, 1937 the qualified voters within the vicinity of Orange Cove, California, assembled at the polls to decide by vote whether or not the Orange Cove Irrigation District should be organized and also to elect officers for the District.

The officers to be three directors, a treasurer, assessor and collector.

The District was to be divided into three divisions with one director to serve each division. The assessor collector and treasurer to serve the entire district. The district being composed of some twelve thousand acres.

The purpose of the formation of the district was to negotiate with the Central Valleys Water Project authorities for the purchase of water from the proposed Friant-Kern Canal.

A qualified voter was any registered voter residing within the limits of the District, with the exception of those residing within the limits of the town of Orange Cove.

The electors approved the formation of the District by an almost unanimous vote, there being but one contrary vote.

The officers elected were as follows: For Director First Division W. W. Arkley, Second Division M. N. Jensen, Third Division Geo. Zaninovich, Treasurer C. E. Ray, Assessor A. L. Schoepf, Collector, G. E. Bornefeld.

A. L. Schoepf.
Sec.
George Zaninovich

Directors M. N. Jensen and George Zaninovich are to serve four year terms and Director W. W. Arkley to serve a two-year term.

12,587 acres

Results of election of February 16th, 1937.

District #1- Flemming residence.

Yes- for District	62 votes
No against district	0
Assessor-A. L. Schoepf	41
Guy " Guy Brooks	27
Collector- G. C. Bornefeld	57
Treasurer-C. E. Ray	63
Director-W. W. Arkley	63

District # 2- Glen Magee residence.

Yes- for District	70
No - against "	1
Assessor- A. L. Schoepf	55
" Guy Brooks	10
Collector- G. C. Bornefeld	65
Treasurer- C. E. Ray	65
Director - H. N. Jensen	65

District #3- Fred Bear residence

Yes - for District	22
No - against "	0
Assessor- A. L. Schoepf	11
" - Guy Brooks	11
Collector- G. C. Bornefeld	19
Treasurer - C. E. Ray	20
Director- George Maninovich	21

A meeting of the officers of the Orange Cove Irrigation District was called at ten o'clock on the morning of March 2, 1937 at the office of M. N. Jensen.

Those attending were Directors W. W. Arkley, M. N. Jensen, Geo. Zaninovich and Assessor A. L. Schoepf. Treasurer C. E. Ray and Collector G. E. Bornefeld were absent.

James E. Burke, attorney for the District, was also present as legal advisor.

The meeting was called for the purpose of administering the oath of office to the officers of the District and that the officers might receive their respective certificates of election as issued by the Board of Supervisors of Fresno County.

The certificates were duly presented by Attorney Burke. The oath of office was taken by the officers present, witnessed and sealed by a notary public.

Assessor A. L. Schoepf was appointed to act as Secretary.

The question of bonding the officers was discussed and it was decided that in the interests of economy each officer would seek individual signers to his own bond until a time that it should be deemed prudent to bond the officers through a bonding company.

The bonds are in the amount of five thousand dollars for each officer.

The bonds were to be made out by Attorney Burke and sent to the officers. They were then to be signed, sworn and presented to a judge of the Superior Court of Fresno County for approval.

The certificates of election together with a memorandum of the names of the persons who paid a voluntary contribution of twenty-five cents per acre before the District was organized by vote, were turned over to the Secretary who was authorized to rent a safety deposit box at the First National Bank of Orange Cove.

The papers were deposited and two keys are held by the Secretary.

No particular office or meeting place for the transaction of business was specified, it being agreed that the officers were to keep the accounts at their homes.

Mr. Jensen however offered the use of his office and equipment.

The meeting was then adjourned.

A. L. Schoepf
Secretary.

Geo. Zaninovich

Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Directors of The

Orange Cove Irrigation District. ~~Mar.~~ Feb. 17, 1937.

A special meeting of the Board and officers was called at 7:30 P.M.

Feb. 17, 1937 at the office of M. N. Jensen.

Those present were directors W.W. Arkley, M. N. Jensen, Geo. Zaninovich,

Treasurer C. E. Ray, Assessor and acting Secretary A. L. Schoepf,

Collector G. C. Bornefeld and James E. Burke. Attorney Burke acted as

temporary chairman.

Geo. Zaninovich was elected President of the Board and A. L. Schoepf

was elected Secretary.

The surety bonds of the treasurer, assessor and collector were

approved by the directors and signed by the President of the Board.

The bonds of the directors were approved and signed by ^{7 Justice} a judge of the

Superior Court of Fresno County.

A general discussion of finances followed. All debts incurred by

the District prior to the legal organization of the District were

ordered paid with the exception of those of Attorney ^Burke and

E. M. Sheridan, which were to be held over for discussion at the

next meeting.

It was decided that all District bills shall be paid by warrants.

All warrants to be signed by the President and Secretary. The funds for the payment of the warrants to be advanced by the First National Bank of Orange Cove. All registered warrants to bear 6% interest.

The secretary was instructed to purchase all necessary supplies for the Assessor's office and to obtain prices on a two-drawer safe cabinet to be used for the papers and records of the District.

The Assessor was instructed to prepare maps of the District and to prepare the assessment roll by the first Monday in June of 1937, also to check up on maps being prepared by the Alta Irrigation District for this district.

The Secretary was instructed to obtain a copy of Bulletin 18D. of California Irrigation District Laws.

The Directors and Treasurer waived all compensation for the present. Compensation of the Assessor and Secretary was to be decided upon at a later meeting.

E. M. Sheridan turned over to the Assessor maps of the District formerly prepared by the Alta Irrigation District.

The next meeting of the Board of Directors was designated as the first Tuesday in April 1937 at the home of A. L. Schoepf at 7:30 P. M. All regular meetings hereafter to be held the first Tuesday of every month.

A. L. Schoepf
Secretary.

Approved *George J. ...*
Pres.

Minutes of meeting of the Orange Cove Irrigation District.

April 6, 1937.

The regular monthly meeting of the Board and officers of the Orange Cove Irrigation District was held at the home of A. L. Schoepf, Tuesday evening April 6, 1937.

Those attending were Directors Geo. Zaninovich, W. W. Arkley, M. N. Jensen, Treasurer C. E. Ray, Assessor and Secretary A. L. Schoepf, Collector G. G. Bornefeld.

The minutes of the March 17, 1937 meeting were read and approved.

A motion was made by W. W. Arkley and seconded by M. N. Jensen that the President of the Board may second any motion before the Board. The motion was carried.

A motion was made by M. N. Jensen and seconded by W. W. Arkley that the Assessor receive a compensation of sixty cents per hour for work performed for the District and five cents per mile when using his car on District business. Motion carried.

A motion was made by M. N. Jensen and seconded by W. W. Arkley that a warrant be issued in favor of A. L. Schoepf, Assessor and Secretary, to the amount of \$23.58. The amount of \$13.58 in payment of bill presented by A. L. Schoepf for services and expenses incidental to his offices as shown by his bill and approved by the Board. Ten dollars of the total was to be used for petty cash expenditures. All expenditures to be itemized and the balance to be added to by an amount to keep the total at ten dollars each month. Motion carried.

A motion made by W. W. Arkley and seconded by M. N. Jensen that the bill presented by Attorney James M. Burke to the amount of \$575.86 be paid. Motion carried.

Motion by M. N. Jensen and seconded by W. W. Arkley that the bill of the Remington Rand Inc. for a two drawer safe file to the amount of \$80.08 less 2% discount for cash, leaving a balance of \$78.48, be paid. Motion carried.

Motion by M. N. Jensen and seconded by W. W. Arkley that the bill of the Fresno Typewriter Company of \$56.65 for a typewriter for use in the Assessor's office, be paid. Motion carried.

The bill of E. M. Sheridan for \$500⁰⁰ was discussed and it was agreed that Geo. Zaninovich and W. W. Arkley should meet with Mr. Sheridan to discuss the bill.

Geo. Zaninovich and W. W. Arkley were to call at the First National Bank of Orange Cove to make arrangements for the bank to advance funds to the District for the payment of warrants.

Motion by W. W. Arkley and seconded by M. N. Jensen that the funds of the District be deposited with the First National Bank of Orange Cove. Motion Carried.

G. L. Schoepf
Secy
George Zaninovich

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange Cove Irrigation District, May 4, 1937.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Mr. Geo Zaninovich and Mr. W. W. Arkley reported the result of their conference with Mr. E.M. Sheridan regarding his bill for services. Mr. Sheridan agreed to modify the bill and send it to the secretary, but as no bill was received it was decided to delay any further discussion until it was received.

The secretary was instructed to advise Mr. Stanley Munn to present a bill for services rendered in organizing the district to the amount of five dollars, which he claimed had not been paid.

Motion made by M. N. Jensen and seconded by W. W. Arkley to pay the bill presented by M. A. Hinkly for printing and office supplies amounting to \$54.64. Motion carried.

The petty cash account expenditures of the Assessor were approved and the balance found correct.

Motion made by W. W. Arkley and seconded by M. N. Jensen that the bill of the Assessor for services and milage for \$30.40 be paid. Motion carried.

A letter from E. N. Bryan, acting Deputy in charge of water rights for the State was read, advising of the transferring of water rights to 200 second feet of flood waters from the Kings River from the dissolved Foothill Irrigation District to The Orange Cove Irrigation District.

The matter of the budget was discussed but it was decided to wait until the next meeting before taking definite action.

M. N. Jensen turned over to the Secretary all papers and documents pertaining to the organization of the Orange Cove Irrigation District, of which he was then secretary, together

with a list of all contributors and amounts contributed. towards the formation of the District. List of all disbursements of funds handled, together with invoices paid and cancelled bank checks and stubs of checks written, also a copy of all deposits made at the First National Bank of Orange Cove to the account of the Organization Committee. Also all correspondence received by M. N. Jensen during the process of organization of the Irrigation District, as well as other records pertaining to the formation of the District.

A receipt was given by the Secretary for the above papers and a copy of same filed.

A. L. Schoeff

Secretary.

George Jaminovich

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of the Orange Cove
Irrigation District, June 1, 1937.

The meeting was held at the regular meeting place and
convened at seven-thirty o'clock, P.M.

Those present were Directors Geo. Zaninovich, W. W. Arkley,
M. N. Jensen. Assessor and secretary A. L. Schoepf, Collector
G. C. Bornefeld. Treasurer C. E. Ray was absent.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following bills were presented.

E. M. Sheridan for ^{*500.00} \$505.08, being for services rendered in
organizing the District. The amount of \$5.08 being advanced to
make up a defecit in the amount needed to pay outstanding bills
of organization. The bill was held over for further discussion.

Stanley J. Munn for \$5.00 for assessment valuation services
in organizing the district.

A. L. Schoepf bill for \$28.00 for services as Assessor and
milage in connection with the same.

Both ~~of~~ the Munn and Schoepf bills were approved and moved
by W. W. Arkley and seconded by M. N. Jensen to be paid.

Mr. E. M. Sheridan turned over to the district a deed from
Mr. J. Frank Wright to two-hundred ^{second} ~~acre~~ feet of flood waters
in the Kings River. The above water rights having been in the
name of the now dissolved Foothill Irrigation District. The
rights were deeded to Mr. Wright with the idea that should
another district be formed he, Mr. Wright, should transfer the
deed to the new district.

The secretary was instructed to have the deed recorded and to advise the Department of Public Works at Sacramento of the transfer.

Mr. Donald Case appeared before the Board to ask for the inclusion of four-hundred acres of new land into the District. The Directors were agreeable to the inclusion, however Mr. Case was advised that in view of the expense pursuant to the procedure it would be advisable to wait in event other land holders should also desire to be included in the District, thereby reducing the expense and work for all concerned. Mr. Case was advised that it was entirely up to himself should he desire to petition the State Engineer for the inclusion of his property.

The meeting was then adjourned to meet again on the first Tuesday in August, 1937.

A. L. Schoepf

Secretary.

Margaret J. J. J. J.

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors of the
Orange Cove Irrigation District. August 3, 1937.

The officers present were Directors Geo. Zaninovich,
W. W. Arkley, M. N. Jensen. Treasurer C. E. Ray, Collector
G. C. Bornefeld, Assessor and Secretary A. L. Schoepf.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and
approved.

A motion was made by W. W. Arkley and seconded by
M. N. Jensen that a resolution accepting the deed to 200
second feet of water in the Kings River, deeded to this
district by J. Frank Wright and Edith H. Wright, was carried.

The resolution was as follows:

We, the undersigned Directors of the Orange Cove
Irrigation District, do hereby resolve to accept the
deed dated April 16, 1937, to water rights in the
Kings River as noted in said deed and described in
application No. 2042, recorded Jan 10, 1934, in
Official Records of Fresno County, California.

Signed: George Zaninovich

W. W. Arkley

M. N. Jensen

The secretary was instructed to send the resolution
together with the deed to the County Recorder for recordation.

A letter was read from Mr. Harold Konkling, Deputy in Charge of Water Rights, at Sacramento, regarding the transference of the above deed to the Orange Cove Irrigation District, in which he informed the Board that as the new district contained less acreage than the Foothill Irrigation District did, our allotment should be reduced accordingly. Also that we should submit maps of the new district showing the boundaries. He allowed an extension of time till Sept. 1st. 1937 for this.

The Board instructed the secretary to write the Department explaining that although the district is organized, by the time it could use the water it may contain nearly as much acreage as the old district. The Board therefore requested that the allotment stand as it is and asked for an extension of time.

A motion was made by W. W. Arkley, seconded by M. I. Jensen and carried, that the secretary publish a notice of the time and place when the Board of Directors, acting as a board of equalization would meet. The time was set at seven-thirty P.M. till nine P.M. Tuesday, Sept. 7th 1937, at the residence of A. L. Schoepf in Orange Cove.

The notice was to be published twice in a newspaper of both Fresno and Tulare Counties, in which the district is situated.

The bill of A. L. Schoepf for services as assessor to the amount of twenty-dollars was approved and ordered paid.

The meeting then adjourned until Sept. 7th at seven-thirty P. M.

A. L. Schoepf
Secretary.
Harold Konkling

Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange Cove
Irrigation District, Sept. 7 1937.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M.

Present were Directors George Zaninovich, W.W. Arkley
M.N. Jensen, Assessor and Secretary A. L. Schoepf. Treasurer
C. E. Ray being absent.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and
approved.

The board sat as a Board of equalization from 7:30
to 9:00 o'clock.

Collector G. C. Bornefeld tendered his resignation in
writing explaining that his action was for the good of the
District as he realized that one person could handle the
Assessor and Collector position. A motion by W. W. Arkley
and seconded by M. N. Jensen to accept the resignation was
passed.

A motion by M. N. Jensen and seconded by W. W. Arkley
that the offices of Assessor and Collector be consolidated
was passed.

The bills of the Cutler-Orosi Courier of \$3.00 and the
Orange Cove News of \$3.00 for publishing legal notices, also
the Assessor's bill of \$12.70 for time and milage were
approved and passed upon the motion by M. N. Jensen and
seconded by W. W. Arkley.

A motion was made by W. W. Arkley and seconded by
M. N. Jensen to pay Mr. E. M. Sheridan \$5.08, this amount
being an advance to the funds of the District made by Mr.
Sheridan at the March 17th meeting. Motion was carried.

A move adopting a resolution to offer Mr. E. M. Sheridan the sum of \$250.00 in lieu of the \$500.00 charge made by Mr. Sheridan for services in organizing the District. This action was taken after ascertaining the cost of organizing other districts. The Board felt that \$500.00 was an excessive charge in view of the comparative cost for the same service in other districts. The Secretary was instructed to write Mr. Sheridan explaining the sentiments of the Board. The offer to be pending awaiting Mr. Sheridan's response. The motion was made by Mr. W. W. Arkley and seconded by M. N. Jensen and was carried.

A letter was read from Mr. Harold Konkling of the Division of Water Resources at Sacramento in reply to our letter of Aug. 5th asking for an extension of time to complete our plans as to the boundries and acreage of the District. Mr. Konkling assured the Board that our time limit would be temporarily deferred subject to the call of the Division.

The deed to 200 second feet of water in the Kings River was returned from the Records office of Fresno County after having been duly recorded.

A motion was passed that the Board approve the Assessor's valuation of fifty dollars per acre for all the land in the District. Moved by W. W. Arkley and seconded by M. N. Jensen.

It was also moved and passed by the Board that an assessment rate of seventy cents (\$.70) per \$100.00 valuation be set.

This assessment when made to be for the purpose of raising funds to pay the expenses of organization and current expenses of the District.

The President of the Board was authorized to approve all minor bills during September and October. Motion by W. W. Arkley , seconded by M. N. Jensen and carried.

It was moved by M. N. Jensen and seconded by W. W. Arkley and passed that no more regular meetings be held until November unless a special meeting be called.

The meeting was then adjourned until further notice.

A. L. Schoepf
Sec.
George Zaminovitch

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors of The Orange Cove Irrigation District. Nov. 4, 1937.

Present were George Zaninovich, W. W. Arkley, M. N. Jensen, Assessor-Collector A. L. Schoepf. Treasurer C. E. Ray being absent.

The meeting was postponed from Nov. 2, 1937 to Nov. 4, 1937 due to the lack of a quorum on the regular meeting night.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

A move was made by M. N. Jensen and seconded by W. W. Arkley and passed to pay the bill of The Orange Cove News of six-dollars for printing assessment bills also the Assessor's bill of \$24.10 for time and milage. The Secretary was authorized to draw a warrant for \$15.00 to cover postage in mailing out the tax bills.

The Secretary was instructed to inquire into the matter of obtaining surety bonds for the Assessor-Collector and the Treasurer.

A motion was made by M. N. Jensen and seconded by W. W. Arkley and passed to release the bondsmen on G. C. Bornefeld's bond, and the bond returned to Mr. Bornefeld.

The assessment roll was completed and turned over to the Collector on Nov. 1, 1937. The Collector was to publish a notice in a newspaper of both Fresno and Tulare Counties advising that an assessment of thirty-five cents per acre would be due and payable on Nov. 20, 1937. Said notice to run for two weeks. The Collector was also to send out the tax bills before the 20th of Nov. 1937.

A. L. Schoepf
Secretary

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange Cove Irrigation District. Dec. 7th 1937.

Present were Directors Geo. Zaninovich, W. W. Arkley, M. N. Jensen. Assessor-Collector and Secretary A. L. Schoepf. *Ray*

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p. m. and the following business was transacted.

Treasurer C. E. Ray read his monthly report of receipts and expenditures to date as follows:

Received from Nov. 10th 1937 to Dec. 2nd, 1937, \$935.45 as per Bank Statement. Total deposits to date being \$1101.22.
Total warrants drawn from April 7th, 1937 to Nov. 2, inclusive, \$941.49.

A motion by M. N. Jensen and seconded by W. W. Arkley was passed to accept the Treasurer's report.

A receipt was filed with the Secretary from Treasurer C. E. Ray to A. L. Schoepf, Collector, for the amount of \$1101.22 for funds received by him from the Collector from Nov. 10th to Dec. 7th, 1937.


A report by collector A. L. Schoepf of funds collected and turned over to the Treasurer to the amount of \$1101.22 from Nov. 10 to Dec. 6th inclusive was sworn to by the Collector as being all the money he had received between those dates. The report checked with the Treasurer's report.

A motion by M. N. Jensen and seconded by W. W. Arkley was passed to take up outstanding warrants at the bank amounting to \$941.49, with interest at 6% to date.

The Secretary was to order checks printed for use of the District. Checks to be on the First National Bank of Orange Cove. The Secretary was also intructed to arrange for insurance on the Assessor-Collector and Secretary, A. L. Schoepf when driving his car for District Business.

A motion made by M. N. Jensen and seconded by W. W. Arkley to authorize Assessor-Collector A. L. Schoepf and Treasurer C. E. Ray to apply for surety bonds with the Firemans Indemnity Fund. The amount of \$10000.00 for Assessor-Collector and \$5000.00 for the Treasurer. The previous personal bonds were to be returned to the signors as soon as the above bonds were completed.

A motion by W. W. Arkley and seconded by M. N. Jensen was passed to pay the bill of the Cutler-Orosi Courier of \$2.50 for printing assessment notices for two consecutive weeks. Also the bills of the Assessor-Collector of \$25.35 for time and milage. The bill of the Orange Cove News for \$11.31 was to be corrected and paid, there being an overcharge of \$6.00 which had been paid. The corrected bill was for \$4.21 for printing assessment notices and office supplies.



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

GEORGE ZANINOVICH
PRESIDENT
W. W. ARKLEY
M N JENSEN

Orange Cove Irrigation District

ORANGE COVE, CALIFORNIA

Dec. 9th 1937.



A. L. SCHOEPF
ASSESSOR AND SECRETARY

CHAS. E. RAY
TREASURER

G. C. BORNEFELD
COLLECTOR

United States Bureau of Reclamation.
Denver, Colorado.

ATTENTION: Mr. John C. Page.

Dear Sir:

The Board of Directors of the Orange Cove Irrigation District desires to know what progress has been made in the clearing of the obstacles obstructing the construction of the Friant project.

This District is fully organized and is anxious to proceed with its development as soon as the Friant project is under way.

Kindly advise us as to the time when actual construction on the Friant dam may be started.

Respectfully,

(signed)

A. L. Schoepf,

Secretary.

Treasurer C. E. Ray and Assessor-Collector A. L. Schoepf applied for and received surety bonds from the Firemans Fund Indemnity Co. The Bond of the Treasurer was for \$5000.00 and the bond of the Assessor-Collector was for \$10,000.00

A move by M. N. Jensen and seconded by Geo. Zaninovich was passed to accept the bonds.

It was moved by Geo. Zaninovich and seconded by M. N. Jensen to release the previous bondsmen of the Treasurer and Assessor. Move was passed.

The premium on the Assessor-Collector bond of \$10,000.00 was \$50.00 and on the Treasurer's bond \$25.00 annually.

A move was made and passed by M. N. Jensen and seconded by Geo. Zaninovich to pay all bills as follows;

F. C. Stitser, \$75.00 (\$50.00 premium on Assessor-Collector bond. \$25.00 on Treasurer's bond)

First National Bank of Orange Cove; \$2.75, rent on safe deposit box at bank. \$1.03 for checks printed for use of the District.

Assessor-Collector A. L. Schoepf; wages at 60¢ per hour for 35½ hours. \$21.30

The Secretary was instructed to have the surety bonds recorded if necessary.

The Collector was instructed to publish a financial statement of the condition of the District showing amount of all Collections and expenditures for the past year since organization.

The Collector was also instructed to send notices to all delinquent tax-payers as a reminder and advising that no penalty would be charged if paid before Feb. 1, 1938.

A reply to the Board's letter to John C. Page, Director Bureau

The Board framed the attached letter which was written to Mr. John C. Page, Bureau of Reclamation, Denver, Colorado. A copy was to be sent to Mr. James Fauver, Exeter, and to Earl Lee Kelly, Director of Public Works, Sacramento, Calif.

The meeting was then adjourned until the next regular meeting.

A. L. Schopf

Secretary.

Mary Zaminich