

Orange Cove, Calif,  
January 12, 1947.

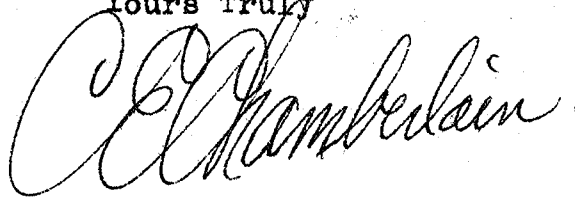
Directors, Orange Cove Irrigation District,  
Orange Cove, Calif.

Gentlemen:

This letter is being tendered as my resignation  
as Treasurer for the Orange Cove Irrigation District  
effective January 14, 1947.

I would like to offer as a suggestion at this  
time that better efficiency may be obtained if the  
succeeding Treasurer is located in the Orange cove  
Irrigation District Building thereby being in closer  
contact with activity of the Irrigation District and  
avoid the necessity of duplication of papers and taking  
Drafts etc. to a different location in town to have the  
Treasurer sign them,

Yours Truly

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "C. Chamberlain". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "Yours Truly".

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors, Jan. 14, '47

The Meeting was called to order at 7 o'clock P. M.

Present were Directors M. N. Jensen, George Zaninovich, W. W. Arkley, Engineer-Manager Fred K. Woolley, Secretary-Assessor-Collector A. L. Schoepf, Leroy McCormick, Attorney, Robert Stevenson and George Jadwin.

The minutes of the previous regular adjourned meetings were read and approved as corrected.

The Treasurers report of receipts and expenditures ~~were~~ for the month of December was submitted. The report showed deposits from Dec. 1 to Dec. 31, to be \$36,564.11 and a bank balance as of Jan. 1, 1947 of \$38,091.99. Outstanding checks of \$13.51. Checks drawn and returned through bank \$1307.55.

The Treasurer also reported deposits from Jan. 1 to Jan 14, 1947 of \$7717.79, checks drawn and returned and outstanding \$534.51. Bank balance as of Jan. 14 \$45,275.27.

The Collectors report showed collections for Dec. of \$36,309.66 and expenditures of \$1369.81.

Bills to be paid totaling \$1394.60 were read and approved and ordered paid by motion of Arkley and seconded by Zaninovich. Bills paid totaling \$521.00 were also approved.

Treasurer C. E. Chamberlain tendered his resignation which was accepted by the Board upon motion of Zaninovich and seconded by Arkley.

A motion was made by Arkley and seconded by Zaninovich that Fred K. Woolley be appointed to serve out the unexpired term of the resigning Treasurer. The surety bond of Chamberlain was to be canceled and another bond obtained covering Woolley.

A motion was made by Zaninovich and seconded by Arkley that the firm of Giffen, Hills and Carruth be appointed auditors for the District.

~~This being the date set for the hearing of the petition for exclusion~~

Due to lack of seating capacity the meeting was adjourned and resumed in the office of the M. N. Jensen packing house.

This being the date set for the hearing of the petition for exclusion of lands Submitted by Frank Long, Cameron and Marion Long, the Board proceeded to hear testimony.

Attorney Roland Harris represented the petitioners and Attorney Leroy McCormick represented the District. Mr. Harris called upon Mr. Bill Martin as a witness for the petitioners. Mr. McCormick called upon Mr. B. J. Foster and district Engineer Fred K. Woolley as witnesses for the District. Mr. McCormick also presented notices of protest to the exclusion signed by 44 landowners within the district.

42,333  
180  
129

Expenditures For December 1946  
Payable January 15, 1947

<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>VOUCHER NO</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
1. Petty Cash Fund	67	\$ 103.28
2. Pacific Telephone & Telegraph	68	11.14
3. Orange Cove Hardware	69	<del>42.33</del> 411.79
4. Office Equipment Bureau	71	17.37
5. Orange Cove Lumber Co	72	184.00
6. Western Blue Print	73	94.76
7. Orange Cove News	74	33.55
8. Pacific Gas & Electric	75	31.23
9. Irvin H. Althouse	76	50.00
10. Irrigation Districts Ass'n	77	25.00
11. Charles R. Hurst Printing Serv	78	6.82
12. Charles Bruning Co., Inc.	79	23.30
13. Giffen, Hills & Carruth	80	286.44
14. Standard Oil Co Of Calif	81	23.48
15. Treas of The United States	82	168.49
16. A L Schoepf	85	294.25
<del>17. Valley Typewriter Co</del>	<del>86</del>	<del>177.43</del>

TOTAL \$ 1572.87

177.43

1395.44  
84

*Disc O.C. Hdw*

1394.60

Claims Paid

1. Ed Hughes	83	48.00
2. R. W. Pierce	84	48.00
3. Fred K. Woolley		<u>425.00</u>

TOTAL \$ 521.00

1394.60

1915.60

631.75

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*A. L. Schoepf*  
Secretary

The witnesses were questioned by both attorneys. Mr. Long was also questioned by the attorneys. The members of the Board also questioned the witnesses.

The proceedings were reported by Miss Viola Volmer.

After hearing the testimony the Board adjourned for consultation and upon resuming the meeting the Board announced that it would consider the case and give a final decision at the next regular meeting of Feb. 11, 1947.

The meeting was then adjourned.

  
Secretary

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President.

Minutes of the meeting for canvass of returns of the General Election of Feb. 5, 1947.

The meeting was called at 10.30 A.M. Monday, Feb. 10, 1947.

This being the first Monday after the election held in Orange Cove Irrigation District on February 5, 1947, the Board of Directors of said District met at the office of said District in Orange Cove, California, for the purpose of canvassing the returns from said election. There were present Directors M. N. Jensen, W.W. Arkley, George Zaninovich.

President M. N. Jensen presided.

Thereupon, The Board of Directors proceeded to canvass the returns of said election, and upon completing said canvass, the following results declared and the following resolution made passed and adopted:

*Resolution Re: Canvass of the 1947  
Election Returns  
Placed in Resolution File 1947 10/15 h.c.*

The meeting was then adjourned.

*A. L. Schoepf*  
Secretary

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President

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange Cove Irrigation District, February 11, 1947.

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The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p. m.

Present were Directors M. N. Jensen, W. W. Arkley, Geo. Zaninovich, Engineer-Manager Fred K. Woolley, Secretary-Assessor-Collector A. L. Schoepf, Attorney Leroy McCormick and Donald Case, representative from the Navelencia area.

The minutes of the Regular meeting of January 14 and the meeting of February 10 were read and approved.

Bills in the amount of \$1154.13 were read and ordered paid upon motion of Arkley and seconded by Zaninovich.

Upon motion by Arkley and seconded by Zaninovich the following resolution was made passed and adopted: "Whereas a mimeograph purchased by the Orange Cove Irrigation District is no longer deemed necessary for use by the District, Now, therefore be it resolved that said mimeograph be disposed of"

The Secretary's report for the month of January showed receipts of \$5349.12 and expenditures of \$ 1159.63.

A petition signed by E. E. Balcom for exclusion of land from the District was read. The petition was declared incomplete and was not acted upon.

Upon motion by Arkley and seconded by Zaninovich the following resolution was made, passed and adopted: "Whereas it now appears to this Board of Directors that it would be for the best interest of the Orange Cove Irrigation District that the office of Engineer-Manager be abolished and that the office of Superintendant and General Manager be created, NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the office of Engineer-Manager for the Orange Cove Irrigation District be and the same is hereby abolished, and that the office of Superintendant and General Manager be and the same is hereby created and established affective forthwith. Be it further resolved that Fred K. Woolley be and he is hereby appointed Superintendant and General Manager and his salary fixed at \$425.00 per month."

Regarding the exclusion petition of Frank, Cameron and Marion Long the attached resolution was passed.

*Resolution Re. Exclude Certain Lands  
from OCID  
Filed in Resolution File 1947 1/8 L.C.*

Manager Woolley gave a verbal report of his trip to Sacramento concerning the 160 acre limitation law.

It was decided by the Directors to request the Government to petition for exclusion of the Friar-Kern Canal right of way through the District.

Mr. Nelson from North Dakota spoke briefly on land conditions and holding in that State.

The meeting was then adjourned.

*M. N. Jensen*  
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President

*C. L. Schoeff*  
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Secretary

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange Cove Irrigation District, April 8, 1947.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p. m.

Present were Directors M. N. Jensen, President, George Zaninovich, Harvey S. Chase, D. L. Case and George Jadwin, representatives from Mavelencia and Orosi respectively, Treasurer-Manager Fred K. Woolley, Assessor-Collector-Secretary A. L. Schoepf, Attorney Leroy McCormick.

Bills in the amount of \$443.28 were read and ordered paid upon motion of Zaninovich and seconded by Chase and carried.

Collector A. L. Schoepf read his appointment of Emmett L. Kanawyer as his deputy. The appointment being subject to approval of the Board of Directors.

A motion was made by Janinovich approving the appointment of the Collector's deputy and fixing his bond at \$1000.00. The expense of the bond to be paid by the District. The motion was seconded by Chase and carried.

A motion was made by Chase, seconded by Zaninovich and carried that the present fiscal year be terminated as of June 30, 1947 and that thereafter the fiscal year shall commence on July 1st of each year and terminate as of June 30 of the succeeding year.

The hearing of the exclusion petition of E. E. Balcom was postponed at the request of the petitioner. Zaninovich moved that the hearing be adjourned until May 13, 1947. The motion was seconded by Chase and carried. The Secretary was instructed to so notify Mr. Balcom.

The Treasurer's report for March showed deposits of \$221.39. Warrants drawn and paid \$8833.08. \$7487.40 of this amount being refunds on taxes collected. Bank balance as of March 31, \$34,313.05. Outstanding checks, \$661.12.

George Zaninovich tendered his resignation as director of the Third Division and suggested the appointment of Mr. Fred Bear as his successor.

Mr. Zaninovich had served on the Board since the formation of the District in 1937. He was highly commended by the President of the Board for his interest and efforts on behalf of the District and his resignation was accepted with regret.

A motion was made by Chase, seconded by Jensen and carried that the resignation of George Zaninovich as Director of the Third Division be accepted.

Motion by Chase and seconded by Jensen and carried that the Secretary be instructed to advise the Board of Supervisors of Fresno County of the vacancy created on the Board of Directors by the resignation of Mr. Zaninovich and recommending the appointment of Mr. Fred Bear as his successor.

Woolley advised the Directors that they were invited by the Reclamation Bureau officials to make a conducted tour of the Friant-Kern Canal and Friant Dam as guests of the Bureau on April 15, 1947. Woolley also spoke on what was being done by irrigation districts in an endeavor to illiminate the 160 acre limitation.

The latest contract from the Government for the purchase of water and construction of the distribution system was discussed by the Board. In the opinion of the Board the contract contained a great many objectionable features detrimental to the interests of the District. It was decided that further study of the contract was necessary before taking final action.



The subject of the District financing it's own distribution system was discussed. Woolley stated that he had written the California Districts Securities Commission requesting a consultation with it relative to the matter. The directors agreed that should it be necessary they would go to San Francisco to meet with the Commission.

Mr. Hazeltine addressed the Board in regard to the inclusion of land in the Hills valley area contiguous to the existing district. His suggestion was to exclude Section 2 and the North half of Sec. 1. The Board was in accord with the inclusion but advised Mr. Hazeltine to make a further attempt to influence the land owners in Section 2 to include their lands voluntarily.

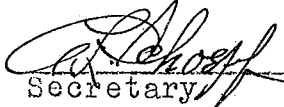
The Board discussed sending a representative to Washington to testify at hearings on the land limitations act. It was decided to send one of the directors if necessary.

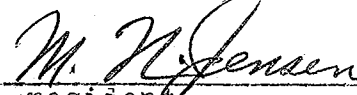
Mr. Brackney from Navelencia requested that a parcel of rocky land on his holdings be excluded and an equal acreage of better land be included. This request was granted by the Board and was to be done by petition of exclusion of the rocky land and petition of inclusion of the better land.

A motion was made by Chase and seconded by Jensen and carried that the manager prepare a petition for exclusion of rocky land unfit for irrigation and a petition to include land adjoining the present district.

Letters from Congressman Elliot and Gearhart were read thanking the Directors for their communications of March 24 regarding the removal of the 160 acre limitation from the statute books. Both congressmen assured the Board that they were doing all within their power to attain this abjective.

The meeting was then adjourned.

  
Secretary

  
President

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange Cove Irrigation District, May 13, 1947.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p. m.

Present were Directors M. N. Jensen, President, Harvey S. Chase, Geo. Zaninovich. Fred K. Woolley, Treasurer-Manager, A. L. Schoepf, Assessor-Collector-Secretary, Leroy McCormick, Attorney, George Jadwin, Representative from Orosi and Fred Bear.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Bills for the month of April amounting to \$1002.11 were approved and ordered paid by motion of Zaninovich and seconded by Chase. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's report of receipts and disbursements for the month showed receipts of \$392.83 and disbursements of \$1789.20. Bank balance of \$32,697.06. Outstanding checks of \$911.59.

Mr. E. E. Balcom notified the Secretary by phone that he wished to withdraw his petition for exclusion and said that he had another proposition to submit and that he would attend the meeting of the Board. As Mr. Balcom did not appear a motion was made by Chase and seconded by Zaninovich that the hearing be again postponed until the next regular meeting of June 10. Motion carried.

A letter was read from the Board of Supervisors of Fresno County advising that on May 13 it would act upon the appointment of Mr. Fred Bear as Director of the Third Division.

Woolley read a report from Prof. Harding who is attending the hearings on the 160 acre limitation bill at Washington, D. C. Woolley also reported that the Heisinger and Hatfield bills which were designed to divert CVP waters to grass land and game refuge areas were tabled.

A letter from Mr. Cozzins was also read advising that it was possible that an undetermined amount of water may be available to the District in 1948 and certainly by 1949.

Woolley advised the Board of the necessity for immediate and determined action upon the distribution system in order that the District might make use of the water as soon as it became available.

The contract for construction and purchase of water as submitted by the Government was discussed at length by the Board.

The California Districts Security Commission replied to Woolley's letter regarding the private financing of the distribution system. The Commission's reply inferred that it would favorably consider such an undertaking.

Plans were discussed for advertising the next regular meeting of the Board on June 10 in an attempt to induce the public to attend. It was decided to invite Mr. Cozzens, District Manager, Tulare Basin District, for the Bureau of Reclamation, to attend the meeting.

At the close of the business session Mr. Woolley exhibited interesting moving pictures taken of Friant Dam and of construction work on the canal.

The meeting was then adjourned.

*A. L. Schoepf*  
Secretary

*M. N. Jensen*  
President



Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the  
Orange Cove Irrigation District, June 10, 1947.

The meeting was called to order at 8 O'clock p. m. in the American Legion Hall as scheduled.

Present were Directors M. N. Jensen, President, Harvey S. Chase, Fred Bear, Representative Donald L. Chase from Navelencia Area. Treasurer-Manager Fred K. Woolley, Assessor-Collector-Secretary A. L. Schoepf, Attorney Leroy McCormick. The meeting was also well attended by a large and interested audience of landowners from the district.

The minutes of the previous meeting of May 13 were read and approved as read.

Bills in the amount of \$260.05 were read and ordered paid upon motion by Chase and seconded by Jensen. Deposits for the month of May were \$275.03; Bank balance of \$30,150.63; outstanding checks \$223.00.

A petition for exclusion was presented by Mr. E. E. Balcom. As Mr. Balcom had previously petitioned for exclusion of a greater acreage and subsequently withdrawn his petition, Mr. McCormick advised him that it was not necessary to submit another petition. Upon motion by Chase and seconded by Jensen, the hearing was again postponed until the next regular meeting of July 8, 1947, by consent of Mr. Balcom. The property asked to be excluded is described as follows: All that part, being approximately 105 acres, of the south-east quarter of Section 7, and all that part, being approximately 28½ acres, of the northeast quarter of Section 18, in Township 16, South, Range 26 East, M.D.B.&M.

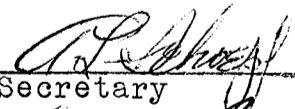
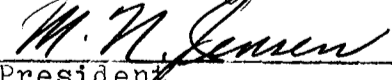
Reclamation Bureau officials Ragle, Alexander, Thompson and Stennit attended the meeting and submitted carefully prepared reports of crop and land water requirements of the District. Of particular interest was Mr. Alexander's report of the pumping problems involved to prevent a too rapid rise in water levels due to application of project water and seepage.

The Bureau's report showed there were 10059 acres under irrigation in the District in 1946. 43% of which was citrus and 38% grapes.

Mr. Woolley reported upon the conference of the Directors and himself with Ragle, Thompson and Cozzins of the Reclamation Bureau in Fresno concerning the contract for the distribution system and purchase of water. He reported that considerable progress had been made in negotiations for an agreeable contract. Mr. Woolley also reported that he had received word from Mr. Krug, Secretary of the Interior, that Richard L. Boke had been delegated full authority to negotiate the contracts. This action by the Secretary greatly facilitates the signing of the contracts.

The meeting was opened for discussion and the audience invited to ask questions pertaining to the District. This suggestion was acted upon in a gratifying manner by several landowners. The Bureau officials displayed excellent cooperative spirit in answering questions and explaining various contemplated plans of operation.

The Meeting was then adjourned.

  
Secretary  
  
President



Minutes of the Regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange Cove Irrigation District, July 8, 1947.

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

Present were Directors M. N. Jensen, President, Harvey S. Chase Fred M. Bear, Representatives Geo. T. Jadwin and Donald L. Case, Manager-Treasurer Fred K. Woolley, Secretary-Assessor-Collector A. L. Schoepf, Attorney Leroy McCormick.

The minutes of the previous regular meeting of June 10 were read and approved as read.

Bills in the amount of \$1085.37 were read and ordered paid by motion of Chase and seconded by Bear. Motion carried.

The Treasurers report for the month of June showed collections of \$123.07, checks deawn and paid \$996.67, Bank balance of \$29,277.93, outstanding checks \$179.05.

The exclusion hearing of E. E. Balcom was set for this date but as Mr. Balcom had asked for a postponement the hearing was set for the next regular meeting of Aug. 12, by motion of Chase and seconded by Bear and carried.

Manager Woolley reported upon his conference with Regional Director Boke and Attorney Brody of the Reclamation Bureau concerning the contract with the distribution system and water purchase contract. Woolley reported excellent results of the meeting and that several changes and concessions had been mutually agreed upon.

Woolley, McCormick and the directors reviewed and compared the revised draft of the contract with the former contract. The directors were well pleased with the progress in negotiations obtained by Woolley and were in agreement that the contract as now written, with the exception of a few minor changes, is as good as they could expect to secure.

Attorney McCormick was instructed to prepare a resolution approving the form of contract covering the distribution system and water purchase contract. The signing of the resolution approving this form of contract would enable the Bureau to proceed immediatly with the final plans and costs of the system.

Woolley strongly emphasized the necessity for the immediate action in signing a contract for the building of the distribution system. He stressed the imminent possibility that water would be available before the district would be in a position to distribute it if there was further delay, as considerable time would be consumed in preparing plans and figuring costs. The draft of the contract was to be submitted to the Tulare County Irrigation Districts Association for review at a called meeting.

The meeting was then adjourned untill July 14 at two o'clock p.m. at which time the Directors would meet with Mr. Brody for further discussion.

Minutes of the meeting of July 14, 1947.

The meeting was called to order at two o'clock P. M.

This meeting was a continuation of the regular meeting of July 8.

Present were Directors M. N. Jensen, President, Harvey S. Chase, Fred M. Bear, Manager-Treasurer Fred K. Woolley, Attorney Leroy McCormick, Secretary-Assessor-Collector A. L. Schoepf, Representatives Donald L. Case and George T. Jadwin. Reclamation officials present were R. B. Cozzens, District Manager, Ralph Brody, Attorney, Paul C. Ragle and W. C. Alexander, Engineers.

Mr. McCormick suggested several revisions of certain paragraphs in the contract. Mr. Brody and Mr. Cozzens were agreeable to the changes and insertions as proposed.

It was conceded by the directors that through the joint efforts of the District and Bureau officials a workable and equitable contract had been worked out. The only exception being the excess acreage clause which could not be adjusted without congressional action.

The Directors expressed their appreciation of Mr. Brody's and Mr. Cozzens' cooperation and efforts in helping to bring the contract to the present terms.

Mr. McCormick presented the resolution he had been asked to draft approving the form of contract covering the distribution system and water purchase contract. After consideration and slight revision of the wording the resolution was deemed acceptable to all concerned.

The acreage limitation feature of the Reclamation Law and its effect upon the operation of the District again came under discussion. Several means of circumventing this obstacle were considered including that of financing and constructing our own system. At this point Mr. Cozzens informed the directors that unless he knew whether or not the Bureau was going to construct the system he did not feel justified in spending any more time or money in planning the system.

The Directors then adjourned for a private consultation and upon resuming the meeting they informed the Bureau officials that they would advise them of their conclusions at an early date.

Plans were made to meet with the members of the Tulare County Irrigation Districts Association in Visalia at 9 o'clock Thursday, July 17, at which time the draft of the contract and resolution were to be presented to the members according to a prearranged agreement.

It was the opinion of both the Board of Directors and the Bureau officials that no further purpose could be served by continued negotiations.

By motion of Chase and seconded by Bear the meeting was adjourned until July 17.

Minutes of the adjourned meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange Cove Irrigation District, July 17, 1947.

The meeting of July 14 was adjourned from the District office to the Board of Trade Building in Visalia.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Jensen at 9 o'clock A. M.

Attending from the Orange Cove Irrigation District were Directors M. N. Jensen, President, Harvey S. Chase, Fred M. Bear, Manager-Treasurer Fred K. Woolley, Attorney Leroy McCormick, Secretary-Assessor-Collector A. L. Schoepf. Representatives from other Districts were as follows:

- Geo. A. Osner, Delano Earlimart
  - H. A. Campbell, Ronald S. Bessy, Saucelito
  - H. C. Pegram, Vandalia
  - H. H. Chandler, Exeter Irrig. District.
  - S. A. Warson, H. R. Hubert, A. A. Daniels, Lindsay-Strathmore.
- Attorney James Abercrombie was present in behalf of other districts.

All of the above DISTRICTS are members of the Tulare County Irrigation Districts Association.

The meeting was called for the purpose of submitting to the members the latest draft of the water purchase and distribution system contract. Each paragraph of the new contract was read and compared with the former contract.

Mr. Jensen informed those present that the contract as applied to his District was acceptable to the Directors and as soon as a few minor revisions were made the contract, together with the costs of the system, would be submitted to the electors of the District for ratification.

Mr. Jensen also read the following resolution prepared by Mr. McCormick by which the Directors resolve to accept the terms of the contract. The resolution was passed by motion of Bear and seconded by Chase.

*Resolution Re: terms of LSCC Contract  
- Placed in Resolution File 1947 7/18 L.C.*

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Secretary

The meeting was then adjourned.

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President

Note: Above minutes corrected to read as follows;

Par. 2. The Directors met with the members of the Tulare County Irrigation Districts Association at 9 o'clock A.M. In the absence of Mr. Bradford, Chairman of the Association, Mr. Jensen presided.

Par. 7. Mr. Jensen then adjourned the meeting of the Association and opened the meeting of the Orange Cove Irrigation District at 11:30 A.M. By motion of Chase, seconded by Bear, the following resolution was passed and adopted.

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Secretary

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President



Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange Cove Irrigation District, August 12, 1947.

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

Present were Directors M. N. Jensen, President, Fred M. Bear, Harvey S. Chase, Representative George T. Jadwin, Manager-Treasurer Fred K. Woolley, Secretary-Assessor-Collector A. L. Schoepf, Attorney Leroy McCormick, Lisle Kanawyer and Reporter Thomas B. Goodwill.

The minutes of the regular meeting of July 8 and subsequent adjourned meetings of July 14 and 17 were read and approved as corrected. The minutes of the July 17 meeting were corrected to read as follows.

Par. (2) The Directors met with the members of the Tulare County Irrigation Districts Association at 9 o'clock A.M. In the absence of Mr. Bradford, Chairman of the Association, Mr. Jensen presided.

Par. (7) Mr. Jensen then adjourned the meeting of the Association and opened the meeting of the Orange Cove, Irrigation District at 11.30 A.M.. By motion of Chase and seconded by Bear the following resolution was passed.

The Secretary read current bills in the amount of \$529.63. The bills were ordered paid upon motion of Chase and seconded by Bear. The Secretary reported collections for the month of July of \$46.54, Bank balance of \$27, 519.69, outstanding checks of \$113.61.

A motion was made by Chase and seconded by Bear that the District purchase a Ford pickup from Tren Biswell of Dinuba. The price of the pickup was to be \$1239.51. A motion was made by Chase and seconded by Bear that the bill for the purchase price be paid. The Manager was instructed to sell the Dodge truck now owned by the District.

The exclusion hearing of E. E. Balcom had been postponed to this date. However Mr. Balcom again requested by phone, shortly before the meeting, that the hearing be again postponed because he would be unable to attend. The date for the hearing was accordingly set for October 14, 1947, at 7:30 P. M.

Petitions for exclusion of rocky and unirrigable land from the District were presented signed by over 51% of the owners, representing over 51% of the acreage, embracing a total of 484.02 acres. Also a petition of inclusion for parcels comprising 51 acres. The petitions were found to be in order and the secretary was instructed to publish and post the petitions together with the date of hearing according to the regular legal procedure.

The date of the meeting of the Board as a Board of Equalization was set as September 5, at 7:30 P. M. at the office of the District by motion of Chase and seconded by Bear. The notice of the date, time and place was to be published in both Fresno and Tulare Counties.

The matter of locating turnouts and meters was discussed. Upon motion by Chase and seconded by Bear the following resolution was passed and adopted.

RESOLVED, that it is the policy of the Directors to furnish turnouts to each *Resolutions Re. Turnouts meters to* acres and including *landowners of 40 ac. 1985 re.* All turnouts and meters *placed in Resolution 7th 1947* in the county one-half and one mile roads. This policy to be in effect as of August 12, 1947.

Any owner of a parcel of land less than forty acres in size and down to and including a five acre tract, will, after this date, if meter service is desired, pay a share of the complete installation cost, including but not limited to the cost of the meter and the connection. The amount of the cost borne by the landowner will be the remainder determined by subtracting from the total cost the product of the acreage times 0.025 times the total cost.

Woolley reported that he had written Congressman Welch requesting that he devote more time to inspecting the Central Valleys Project while on his tour of California. Woolley had sent a copy of the letter to Congressman Gearhardt and Mr. Gearhardt replied that Mr. Welch had left Washington and could not then be contacted. Mr. Jensen suggested that the directors write to Congressmah Welch so as to reach him at Bakersfield.

Woolley also reported that the reclamation Bureau had asked for an estimated budget of expenses of operation and maintenance at full operation. Woolley quoted a figure of \$55,875.00, using the Lindsay-Strathmore District as an example. Woolley also said that Mr. Hazeltine had talked to him regarding the inclusion of land to the north of the District, including the Bell property. Woolley set a tentative date of January 1 as a time limit. Mr. Hazeltine said he would contact Mr. Bell and others interested at once.

It was announced that there would be a convention of the National Reclamation Association held at Phoenix, Ariz. Oct. 29 to 31. Mr. Jensen suggested that all who could possibly do so should attend.

Woolley informed the Directors that he and Reclamation Bureau engineers had made a survey of the District relative to locating the laterals for the distribution system. Woolley stated that the result of the survey indicated that it would be more feasible and economical to secure rithts-of -way on private property than to use the County roads. He gave various reasons to support his contention.

The meeting was then adjourned until Sept. 5.

Minutes of the adjourned meeting of the Board of Directors, Sept. 5. '47  
A continuation of the regular meeting of Aug. 12, 1947.

Present were Directors M. N. Jensen, President, Harvey S. Chase, Fred M. Bear, Representatives George T. Jadwin, Donald L. Case, Manager-Treasurer Fred K. Woolley, Secretary-Assessor-Collector A. L. Schoepf, Attorney Leroy McCormick, Deputy collector Lisle Kanawyer.

The Board of Directors sat as a Board of Equalization. As there were no protests to the assessment valuations the hearing was closed and the following resolution was passed and adopted.

*Resolution Re: Assessment Valuation  
Placed in Resolution File 1947 1485 L.C.*

Bureau of Reclamation officials attending the meeting were R. B. Cozzens, District Manager, Engineers Ragle and Thempson.

The Secretary read a letter from Mr. Cozzens to the Board, explaining the form of contract submitted to the Board and which he stated the Regional Director was willing to recommend to the Secretary of the Interior for approval. The letter also stated that it was estimated that the Friar-Kern Canal would be completed within two years to the point where it might be possible to furnish water to the district and Mr. Cozzens urged speedy action in the matter of agreeing upon the estimates to be inserted in the contract if water was to be furnished to the district at the earliest possible date.

Mr. Cozzens submitted copies of the latest revised contract containing the maximum construction cost figures of the distribution system together with the estimated water requirements.

The Board took exception to the water requirements study as presented by the Bureau officials. They contended that the figure of 10,000 feet of seepage was too high and that only a small percentage of this amount could be recovered and insisted that more canal water be provided than was indicated in the contract. Mr. Cozzens presented volumes of data compiled by the Bureau engineers in support of his contentions.

The Directors, however, were not convinced of the accuracy of the Bureau's estimate and were extremely reticent to sign a contract for an amount of water which might in time prove to be inadequate for district requirements. Mr. Cozzens then agreed to write the Regional Director recommending that if the seepage recovery was less than 10,000 feet the Bureau would agree to deliver, canal side, the difference between the actual seepage and recovery, thus assuring the District of a full supply of supplemental water in any event.

This agreement was acceptable to the Directors, whereupon the following resolution was passed and adopted.

*Resolution Re: Revised User Contract  
Placed in Resolution File 1947 1/85 L.C.*

The adoption of the above resolution consummated prolonged arguments and negotiations with the Government and was a source of great satisfaction to all concerned.

The meeting was then adjourned.

*[Signature]*  
Secretary

*[Signature]*  
President, Pro. Tex.

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange Cove Irrigation District, Sept. 9, 1947.

Present were Directors Harvey S. Chase, Fred M. Bear, Representative Donald L. Case, Manager-Treasurer Fred K. Woolley, Secretary-Assessor-Collector A. L. Schoepf, Deputy Collector Lisle Kanawyer. Harvey Chase presided as President pro tem.

The meeting was also attended by Messrs. Stitzer, Pollard, Savich, Hudson and Rhodes.

The minutes of the regular meeting of August 12 and subsequent meeting of September 5 were read and approved as read. The meeting of August 12 having been adjourned to Sept. 5.

The Secretary read current bills totaling \$1090.41 which were approved and ordered paid upon motion of Bear and seconded by Chase. Deposits of August were \$159.66. Bank balance of Aug. 31, \$25,085.21. Checks outstanding \$540.53.

Mr. Stitzer introduced Mr. Savich, attorney for Pollard Bros. Ltd., manufacturers of concrete pipe. Mr. Savich explained the process of making spun, reinforced concrete pipe and invited the engineer and directors to visit the plant at Colton, Calif. Mr. Pollard spoke briefly and also invited the Directors to visit their plant at his expense.

Woolley stated that Congressman Welch would speak at Fresno Sept. 26, and advised the directors to attend if possible.

The meeting was then adjourned to Sept. 19, 1947.

Minutes of the adjourned regular meeting of the Board of ~~the~~ Directors of the Orange Cove Irrigation District, Sept. 19, 1947. The meeting was adjourned from the regular meeting of Sept. 9, 1947.

Present were Directors Harvey S. Chase, Fred Bear, Representatives Donald L. Case, George T. Jadwin, Manager-Treasurer Fred K. Woolley, Assessor-Collector -Secretary A. L. Schoepf, Deputy Collector Lisle Kanawyer. Harvey Chase acted as President pro tem in the absence of Mr. Jensen.

The budget for the fiscal year of 1947-48 was read, approved and adopted by the following resolution.

*Resolution Re: Fiscal Yr. 1947-48  
- Placed in Resolution <sup>Budget</sup> file 1947 '85 LC -*

The rate of assessment was discussed and it was found that in order to meet the budget requirement it would be necessary to set the rate at a figure that would raise an amount equivalent to about \$1.25 per acre. The rate was accordingly set at \$2.1293 per \$100.00 valuation of land. The following resolution was passed and adopted.

*Resolution Re: Assessed Valuation  
for 1947-48  
Placed in Resolution file 1947 '85 LC -*

As of this date the total acreage as shown by the assessment roll is 26,160.18 acres, of which 25,585.97 acres is assessed at \$60.00 per acre valuation and 574.21 acres at \$1.00 per acre valuation.

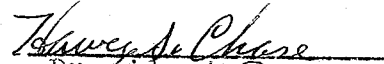
Woolley reported that the California Districts Securities Commission would meet on Sept. 23, at which time they would conduct a preview of the contract for building the distribution system and purchase of water from the Government. He stated that he intended to attend to present our case.

Woolley also reported on his trip to Southern California with Mr. Pollard. The purpose of the trip was to familiarize himself with the manufacture and installation of this particular type of concrete pipe manufactured by Pollard Bros, Ltd. He said that the Indio and Coachella Districts were planning to install this pipe. Woolley stated that in his opinion this type of pipe was superior to any he had seen and was unequalled for endurance and longevity and recommended its use in this district.

Woolley also advised the directors that there would be an annual convention of the California Irrigation Districts Association held in San Diego on November 13 and 14, and suggested that the Directors attend if possible and at the same time inspect other irrigation districts in the South.

The meeting was then adjourned.

  
Secretary

  
President P. O. Ten.

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Directors  
of the Orange Cove Irrigation District, Oct. 14, 1947.

The meeting was held in the Orange Cove Grammar School for the reason that the office space was inadequate to accommodate the attendance.

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

Officers present were Directors M. N. Jensen, President, Harvey S. Chase, Fred Bear, Representatives Donald L. Case and Geo. T. Jadwin, Fred K. Woolley, Manager-Treasurer, A. L. Schoepf, Secretary-Assessor-Collector, Leroy McCormick, Attorney, Lisle Kanawyer, Deputy Collector.

The meeting was attended by a committee representing landowners of the Navelencia area as well as a number of interested persons from the district. Messrs. Ragle, Alexander and Stennett of the Bureau of Reclamation were present by request.

The minutes of the previous meeting of Sept. 9 were read and approved as read.

Bills in the amount of \$823.08 were read and ordered paid upon motion by Chase and seconded by Bear. Bank balance of Sept. 30, \$24,360.70, Checks outstanding, \$105.92, Receipts \$800.51.

The exclusion hearing of E. E. Balcom was scheduled for this date but the petition was withdrawn in the meantime.

The hearing on the petition for inclusion of land was conducted by Attorney Leroy McCormick. Fred K. Woolley was sworn to testify as to his knowledge of the land. The inclusion was granted by motion of Chase and seconded by Bear.

The hearing on the exclusion petition was also conducted at this time by Mr. McCormick. Mr. Woolley was again sworn to testify. Upon request Woolley explained reasons for the exclusion. The exclusion was granted by motion of Bear and seconded by Chase. Motion carried.

The Secretary presented the signed petitions, affidavits of publication and posting. Mr. McCormick inspected the papers and passed upon the legality of the procedure. There were no protests to either petitions.

Miss Viola Vollmer was appointed to report the hearings by motion of Chase and seconded by Bear. Miss Vollmer would prepare a transcript of the testimony. Mr. McCormick stated he would prepare the exclusion and inclusion orders in legal form for filing with the county recorders.

Mr. Jensen addressed the meeting and invited the members of the Navelencia committee to speak. Mr. Kavacevich, as chairman of the committee, stated that it was the wish of a great number of the Navelencia land owners to withdraw from the district. Mr. Jensen and Mr. McCormick advised them as to the legal procedure in this action.

Mr. Jensen offered the suggestion of forming an improvement district. By this method of operating only a part of the distribution system would be completed in certain areas at a time. The cost of the distribution system would then only be charged to the developed area, leaving the remaining part of the system to be constructed at some future time. In this way the water rights to the remaining portion would be maintained for a period of fifteen years. Mr. McCormick explained that the legality and feasibility of this plan would bear further investigation and that he would study the matter and report his findings.

Mr. Ragle explained that it might be possible to arrange with the Bureau for a development period of several years during which time the distribution system would be completed and water would be available. The district would not commence payment on the system until the prescribed development period had elapsed. He also said that this district was allotted 100% first class water and that any part of the first class water relinquished by this district would immediately be transferred to other districts, thus denying this supply to this district.

Mr. Stennett read a detailed report on crop returns from the district in which it was shown that the average net crop returns from irrigated land covering the period from 1939 to 1944 was \$93 per acre.

The committee from Navelencia agreed to hold another meeting and invited Mr. Ragle and other Bureau officials to attend. Mr. Ragle accepted the invitation.

It was agreed by the Directors that as the date of the next regular meeting would fall on Armistice Day, the regular meeting would be called on Nov. 4.

The meeting was then adjourned until Nov. 4.

  
Secretary

  
President.

Minutes of the adjourned regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange Cove Irrigation District, Nov. 4, 1947.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p. m.

Officers present were Directors M. N. Jensen, President, Harvey S. Chase, Manager-Treasurer Fred K. Woolley, Secretary-Assessor-Collector A. L. Schoepf, Attorney Leroy McCormick, Deputy Collector Lisle Kanawyer.

Bills in the amount of \$328.91 were read and ordered paid by motion of Chase and seconded by Jensen. Motion carried.

Collections for the month of October were shown as \$3,743.60. Bank balance of October 31, \$26,572.14.

A motion was made by Jensen and seconded by Chase that the assessments on the property recently excluded from the district be cancelled and no assessment made upon the property. The land excluded was considered to be unirrigable. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Chase and seconded by Jensen that Fred K. Woolley, M. N. Jensen and Leroy McCormick be authorized to attend the meeting of the Districts Securities Commission to be held at San Diego Nov. 13. The object of meeting with the Commission is to submit the contract with the United States for purchase of water and construction of a distribution system, together with resolutions and reports pertaining to the contract. Motion carried.

Woolley read a letter from Richard L. Boke substantiating Mr. Cozzens letter in which it was agreed that in the event the District could not recover 10,000 acre feet of seepage per year, the United States would supply the difference from the Friant-Kern Canal.

A discussion of the contract, resolutions pertaining thereto and data to be submitted to the District Securities Commission followed.

The meeting was then adjourned to Wednesday, Nov. 5, 1947, at 1:30 p. m.

Minutes of the adjourned regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange Cove Irrigation District, November, 5, 1947.

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p. m.

Officers present were M. N. Jensen, Harvey S. Chase, Fred Bear, A. L. Schoepf, Secretary Assessor-Collector, Donald L. Case, Representative from Navelencia Area.

Woolley read his report to the District Securities Commission relative to the water conditions in this district and also comments on the construction of the proposed distribution system. Woolley also read Mr. McCormick's written opinion on the contract with the United States. This opinion is to be submitted to the District Securities Commission.

The following resolutions were passed and adopted.

*Resolution Re: Sewer Construction Contract  
Placed in Resolution File 1947 10/85 L.C.*

The meeting was then adjourned.

*A. L. Schoepf*  
Secretary

*M. N. Jensen*  
President.



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors  
of the Orange Cove Irrigation District, Dec. 9, 1947.

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The meeting was called to order at 8 o'clock P. M.

Officers present were Directors M. N. Jensen, President, Harvey S. Chase, Donald L. Case and Geo. T. Jadwin, representatives from the Navelencia and Orosi arias, Fred K. Woolley, Manager-Treasurer, A. L. Schoepf, Secretary-Assessor-Collector, Lisle Kanawyer, Deputy Collector. Delegations from the Orosi and Navelencia Arias were also present.

The minutes of the previous adjourned meetings of Oct. 14, Nov. 4, and Nov. 5 were read and approved as read.

Bills in the amount of \$833.88 were read and ordered paid by motion of Chase and seconded by Jensen.

The bank balance of Nov. 30 was shown as \$30,071.91. Outstanding checks, \$565.49, Collections for Nov. \$4694.98.

Woolley made a verbal report of his and Attorney McCormick's meeting with the California Districts Security Commission at San Diego and Sacramento.

The San Diego meeting of Nov. 14 was a preliminary hearing at which time Mr. Woolley presented oral testimony in regard to the contract with the Government for purchase of water and construction of a distribution system. Written reports prepared by Woolley and Attorney McCormick, together with supporting data compiled by the U. S. Reclamation Bureau had previously been submitted. Action was deferred, by the commission, until Nov. 25, at Sacramento.

At the Sacramento hearing the Commission requested that the application be withdrawn and resubmitted with the understanding that the Commission would use the ninety days allowed in an attempt to obtain a better contract with the Government.

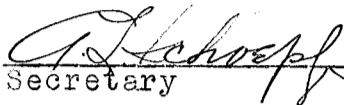
A motion was made by Chase and seconded by Jensen authorizing Woolley to prepare articles for publication informing the public as to what had been, and is being done, concerning the contract. Motion carried.

At the conclusion of business Mr. Jensen opened the meeting for discussions of matters of general interest. Various questions were asked and answers returned by the directors and engineer.

Mr. Rush Martin, representing the Citizens Committee, informed the Board that the Committee wanted a distribution system costing not over eighty dollars per acre, seventy-eight years repayment period and a guarantee of a permanent water right. Mr. Jensen replied that if the present state law governing improvement districts could be amended in conformance with legislation about to be introduced, the District would build any type of system the Orosi or Navelencia arias desired. As to the repayment period and permanent water rights, Mr. Jensen replied that these matters were entirely up to the Congress. Mr. Jensen further stated that he had requested that a meeting of the Tulare County Irrigation Districts Association be called for Dec. 8. The meeting was accordingly held at Visalia on that date. The purpose of the meeting was to explain certain legislation this District wished introduced at the January session of the State Legislature, whereby the present law governing improvement districts within irrigation districts would be amended to extend the repayment period from ten to forty years.

The member districts of the Association agreed to have their attorneys work together in drafting an amendment. The amendment would then be presented to the California Irrigation Districts Association for consideration and approval at their next regular meeting .

The meeting was then adjourned.

  
Secretary

  
President

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange Cove Irrigation District, March 11, 1947.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p. m.

Present were Directors M. N. Jensen, President, Harvey S. Chase, Assessor-Collector-Secretary A. L. Schoepf, Manager-Treasurer Fred K. Woolley, Attorney Leroy McCormick, Donald Case and Geo. Jadwin, representatives from Navelencia and Orosi, respectively.

This being the first regular meeting in March after the February general election, the Board proceeded to reorganize to elect a president of the Board and to appoint a secretary.

Mr. McCormick acted as chairman. A motion was made by Chase and seconded by Jensen and carried that M. N. Jensen be re-elected President. A motion was also made by Chase and seconded by Jensen and carried that A. L. Schoepf be re-appointed Secretary.

Current bill for the month of February in the amount of \$745.68 were read and approved and ordered paid. Salaries for February of Fred K. Woolley, Manager-Treasurer, and E. L. Kanawyer, Clerk, paid March 1st were \$425.00 and \$174.00 respectively.

The secretary reported refund payments on excess taxes collected amounted to \$7084.17 during February.

The secretary reported that he had prepared and published the financial report of receipts and disbursements for the year 1946.

The Treasurers report showed bank deposits for February of \$2534.23. Bank balance of January 31 of \$44059.90. Checks drawn and paid \$3669.39. Ban balance of February 28 of \$42,924.74. Outstanding checks of \$5,146.91. The Collectors report showed collections of \$2,534.23.

A crop estimate of the district made by Woolley and Schoepf disclosed the following figures. Acreage planted to citrus: 3733, deciduous: 458, vines : 3350, olives: 526, figs: 722, vegetables: 560, alfalfa: 90, grain: 17,784: A total of 26,960 acres. The above figures include plantings now on the Friant-Kern Canal right of way amounting to 794.5 acres.

An exclusion petition signed by E. E. Balcom was filed with the Board asking for the exclusion of 133 1/2 acres situated in the Orosi area. The secretary was instructed to publish the notice of the filing for two successive weeks in both Fresno and Tulare Counties, and set the date of hearing as Tuesday, April 8, 1947.

A letter from Wm. E. Welch, Field Representative of the National Reclamation Association, was read, urging support of bills H.R. 1886 and S. 539. The secretary was instructed to send air mail letters to Senators Downey and Knowland and Congressmen Elliott and Gearhardt recommending the support of these bills. The letter from Welch also explained the purpose of these bills.

Woolley discussed and explained the problems confronting irrigation districts if the land limitation bill is retained.

A letter from the Irrigation Districts Association of California was also read advising of a convention to be held at Sacramento on the 20, 21 and 22 of March. It also contained a digest of bills coming up before the State Legislature.

Attorney McCormick stated that the Attorney General had ruled that contracts effecting districts must go to the Districts Security Commission for approval.

Woolley reported that the contract for the distribution system could be expected from the Government at any time. Woolley also said that there was a promising possibility of obtaining a Ford pickup for district use. The truck now owned by the District would then be disposed of.

Mr. Fortier, Reclamation Bureau engineer who has been working in cooperation with Woolley on distribution system plans, was present and gave an interesting talk and explanation of the revised plans to date.

The meeting was then adjourned.

M. N. Jensen  
Secretary (President)

A. L. Salvendy  
President (Secretary)