

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Directors
of the Orange Cove Irrigation District, January 13, 1948.

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

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

The minutes of the previous meeting of Dec. 9, 1947 were read and approved as read.

Bills in the amount of \$318.89 were read and ordered paid by motion of Chase and seconded by Bear.

The bank balance of Dec. 31, 1947 was shown as \$43,265.33, outstanding checks of \$533.51.

Woolley reported progress was being made by the various irrigation district attorneys toward having the State Water Code law governing the repayment period of improvement districts amended to conform to the Reclamation laws. Woolley said that he felt the California Irrigation Districts Association would cooperate in this matter.

The regular meeting of the California Irrigation Districts Association is to be held January 15, at San Francisco. Woolley and some of the Directors planned to attend. A motion was made by Bear and seconded by Chase that the expenses of the trip be borne by the District.

Woolley read a letter from R. K. Durrant, Construction Engineer on the Friant-Kern Canal, in reply to published criticisms of certain structural work on the canal. The reply indicated that the criticisms were unwarranted and showed a lack of factual knowledge of the work. The Board decided to have the letter published to appraise the public of the facts.

Replies to questionnaires sent out by the District office revealed a variety of opinions and sentiments expressed by the landowners. To date 180 out of 541 questionnaires had been returned. Failure of the remaining 361 persons to return the questionnaire was taken by the directors as an indication that they were willing to leave the matter to the discretion of the Directors to determine the best course to pursue in district policies.

A motion was made by Chase and seconded by Bear that the District purchase twelve copies of Senator Downey's book entitled, "They Would Rule the Valley". Two copies were to be placed in each of the public libraries of Orange Cove, Navelencia and Orosi and a notice published that the books were obtainable at these places. Motion carried.

Woolley stated that the Bureau was seriously considering a ten year development period plan for the Districts. According to this plan the Districts would not commence repayment of the cost of the distribution system until a period of ten years had elapsed. It was felt that this procedure would afford relief to the owners of undeveloped land. Woolley also said that a movement was underway in Washington to have the forty year repayment period extended to seventy-eight years, although nothing specific could be reported on this matter.

Mr. Stewart from Senator Downey's office called upon Mr. Woolley to obtain first hand information concerning the affairs and problems of this district. Mr. Stewart pledged his co-operation in keeping things moving, especially with the California Irrigation Districts Association.

SECRETARY'S DEMAND AND WARRANT REGISTER

ORANGE COVE IRRIGATION DISTRICT

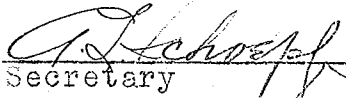
January, 1948

Warrant No.	NAME	Particulars	Amount
14	539 540	Void Petty Cash Fund	
		Reimburse Petty Cash	33 08
5	541	Ray Babcock	
		Refund	7 67
14	542	Standard Oil of Califo	
		Gasoline	4 48
	543	The Cutler Orosi Courier	
		Publishing legal Notice	24 20
	544	First ^{Nat'l} Nat'l Bank in Orosi	
		Safe Deposit Box	3 60
	545	Southern Calif Gas Co.	
		Gas (Heating Office)	4 47
	6x 546 Nat'l	Pacific Tele & Tele	
		Telephone	14 62
	547	Pacific Gas & Electric	
		Light & Power	10 26
	548	Walter G. Thomas	
		Gasoline	9 15
	549	Orange Cove Hardware	
		Janitor Supplies	3 74
	550	Irri Dists Ass'n of Calif.	
		Dues	25 00
	551	A. L. Schoepf	
		Salary	155 00
	551	Charles A. Hurst Printing	
		Printing Questionnaires	32 29

Total to be approved \$319.89

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, Feb. 10, 1948.

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

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

The Minutes of ^{the} previous regular meeting of Jan. 13 were read and approved as read.

Bills in the amount of \$362.01 were read and ordered paid upon motion of Chase and seconded by Bear. The Bank balance of Jan. 31, was shown as \$44,608.24, Outstanding checks of \$401.69, collections for Jan. \$2485.07.

By motion of Chase and seconded by Bear, the Board refused to authorize a separate redemption of delinquent taxes on two parcels of land, one of 20 acres and one of 17.5 acres, belonging to Cameron and Marion Long. The request was that the two parcels be segregated from the whole and the delinquent taxes be paid upon the segregated parcels only. The Board also refused the request of Geo. M. Ketscher and V. J. Kovacevich to refund taxes collected on certain rocky and unirrigable land excluded from the District after the taxes had been collected. The Board based its decision on the fact that the owners were not put to the expense of surveying the boundaries at the time of the original inclusion and that the District paid the expenses of exclusion.

Mr. Woolley reported upon his meeting with the California Irrigation Districts Association at San Francisco. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the possibilities of having the State law governing the repayment period of improvement districts amended to coincide with the Federal law. Mr. Woolley was named as one of a committee to further investigate the matter. Mr. Harry Barnes, chairman of the committee, suggested that Mr. Brody, attorney for the Bureau of Reclamation, be contacted to meet and cooperate with the Committee.

The Board discussed the advisability of forming improvement districts within the District. It was thought that this program would be more economical at present than installing the entire system. Under this plan the distribution system could be extended as the district developed. Distribution systems under this plan could be either permanent or temporary as the landowners desired. They could also be built with or without the aid of the Bureau.

Woolley stated that he had received notice of his filing for water, in the name of the District, from the San Joaquin River. The notice was from the Department of Public Works. His application was given the number 12252.

The Department requested that he submit evidence of due authorization for his filing. By motion of Chase and seconded by Bear and carried, the following resolution was made, passed and adopted.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the action of Fred K. Woolley in filing an application No. 12252 to appropriate water from the San Joaquin River on behalf of the Orange Cove Irrigation District, be and the same is hereby approved.

Mr. Harmon S. Bonte, Executive Secretary of the California Districts Securities Commission, called upon Mr. Woolley and Mr. McCormick. Mr. Bonte said that he could not get the Committee together to hold the public meeting in this locality as contemplated. He also said that the Committee was hesitating to act upon our contract as presented. He intimated that the Committee would not approve the contract in the present form and requested that the Board withdraw its request for approval and resubmit a revised contract. He asked Mr. Woolley to convey this request to the Board for its consideration.

Mr. McCormick suggested that the Directors try to determine how many land owners would be agreeable to forming improvement districts under the present state law. The directors agreed that a canvass of the improved areas would be made.

Mr. Woolley tendered his resignation as Superintendent-Manager of the District effective January 20, 1948. A motion was made by Chase and seconded by Bear that Fred K. Woolley's resignation be accepted with regret. A motion was then made by Chase and seconded by Bear that Woolley be retained in an advisory position as consulting engineer at a retainer fee of fifty dollars per month and traveling expenses.

Mr. Jensen reflected the sentiment of the Board in stating that the Board regretted losing him. Mr. Jensen commended Mr. Woolley upon the work he had done in behalf of the District and especially upon bringing about satisfactory negotiations with the Bureau of Reclamation. The members of the Board were in agreement that Mr. Woolley had done a wonderful job and had rendered valuable assistance to the District during his entire term of employment.

Mr. Woolley replied that as consultant he would continue to work upon any further negotiations in behalf of the District whenever necessary.

Mr. Woolley advised the board that the employment of Lisle Kanawyer as clerk and deputy collector would be terminated as of February 1, 1948.

Chase made a motion which was seconded by Bear and carried that A. L. Schoepf be named as in charge of the office commencing February 1, 1948 and that his salary be set at \$250.00 per month.

The Board designated that after February 1, 1948, the office be open from 8 A.M. to 12 Noon and from 1 p. m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.

A motion was made by Bear and seconded by Chase that the Treasurer's Petty Cash Account be transferred to the Secretary and be henceforth entitled "Secretary's Petty Cash Account". Motion carried.

Mr. Woolley would continue to hold office as Treasurer.

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, March 9, 1948.

The meeting was called for the hour of 7:30 p. m. at the office of the District. However, due to the inadequacy of the office space to accommodate the number in attendance, the meeting was adjourned to a room at the grammar school building in Orange Cove.

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

Mr. R. B. Cozzens, District Manager, and Mr. Paul Ragle, Engineer, for the U. S. Bureau of Reclamation were also present by invitation of the Board to present and discuss the water purchase contract now in course of negotiation between the Bureau and the District.

The Citizens Committee composed of several landowners from the District was also present accompanied by a large number of landowners and visitors. Attorney Bailey was spokesman for the Committee.

The minutes of the previous regular meeting of February 10 were read and approved as read. Bills in the amount of \$424.43 were read and ordered paid by motion of Chase and seconded by Bear. Deposits for the month of February were \$1594.06. Disbursements \$755.62. Bank Balance of February 29, \$45,446.68.

A letter from the Irrigation Districts Association of California signed by Milton L. Kidd, President, was read, advising of an educational program now being pursued by the Water Economics Committee and suggesting that the District make a contribution in support of the program. He explained that the program is being carried on by voluntary contributions made by organizations and individuals. Action on the matter was deferred until the next regular meeting.

Mr. Woolley reported upon the activities of the committee of which he is a member and whose function is to bring about a reconciliation with the State and the Bureau of Reclamation regarding amendments to the present irrigation district laws, pertaining to Improvement Districts. He stated that it appeared there was no hope for action until the next session of the State Legislature. Woolley also stated that he attended the hearing of the Public Utilities Commission in Fresno on March 4 in behalf of the District. He submitted a statement to them objecting to the partial curtailment of electrical energy for pumping in this District. He recommended that the Board write the Public Utilities Commission asking for representatives to visit this area and make a survey of existing conditions.

The Board recessed the meeting for the purpose of holding an executive session. The subject discussed was proposed Assembly Bill # 21, California Legislature, an act to amend certain sections of the Water Code and Health and Safety Code. Mr. McCormick was asked to study the bill and report the result of his considerations to the Board. The copy of the bill was sent to the District by Senator Bradford S. Crittenden together with a letter from the Senator asking the Board to study the Bill.

Mr. Cozzens presented copies of a draft of the contract for purchase of water from the Government. The contract was identical with that part of the contract previously approved by the Board. Mr. Cozzens urged the Board to seriously consider the problem of seepage at ultimate development of the District. He also stated that he had received a telegram authorizing him to notify the Board that should the Bureau build the distribution system, the Bureau will extend to the District a development period during which period the District will make no repayment to the Government on the cost of the distribution system. This period will be of sufficient length to enable the District to extend a seven year development period to the undeveloped land by starting assessments on all developed land upon the completion of the distribution system.

The Board considered the matter at length and arrived at the conclusion that it would be more beneficial to the interests of the District to withdraw the request for approval of the contract and that a new contract for the purchase of water only be re-submitted. Whereupon by motion Bear and seconded by Chase and carried the following resolution was made, passed and adopted.

*Resolution Re: Proposed Contract Between
UCIB & MSOR
Placed in Resolution file 1947 1985 L.C.*

Mr. Jensen and Harvey Chase reported that they had consulted with Mr. R. B. Cozzens in Fresno regarding the contract and various other phases of District negotiations. Mr. Cozzens indicated strong disapproval of purchasing water on an interim basis. He also suggested that the District negotiate for a separate water purchase contract in view of the possibility that some areas of the District might favor construction of a disribution system under the present State Law.

Following a discussion of matter of general interest the meeting was adjourned.

Note: Copies of the Resolution asking for a water purchase contract only, together with a letter of explanation were to be sent to the California Districts Securities Commission, The Bureau of Reclamation, c/o R. B. Cozzens, Senators Downey and Knowland, Congressmen Elliott and Gearhart.

A. L. Schoepf
A. L. Schoepf, Secretary

M. N. Jensen
M. N. Jensen, President

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange Cove Irrigation District, March 15, 1948.

Consent for the meeting was made by the following proclamation and signed by the Directors and Area Representatives.

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

The following officers were present. Directors M. N. Jensen, President, Harvey S. Chase, Fred H. Bear, Consulting-Engineer-Treasurer Fred K. Woolley, Attorney Leroy McCormick, Assessor-Collector-Secretary A. L. Schoepf, Area Representatives Donald L. Case and George T. Jadwin.

The meeting was for the purpose of considering and acting upon the proposed contract for the purchase of water from the Government and such other business as should come before the Board.

The contract was reviewed and compared with that part of the previous contract pertaining to purchase of water and found to be identical in contents.

The contract was approved by the following resolution.

*Resolution Re. Revised Contract USOR
Filed in Resolution File 1947 '48 L.C.*

The resolution was signed by the President of the Board and attested and sealed by the Secretary. The resolution was delivered to the Bureau of Reclamation through Mr. R. B. Cozzens, District Manager, on March 17, 1948.

The meeting was then adjourned.

A. L. Schoepf
A. L. Schoepf, Secretary

M. N. Jensen
M. N. Jensen, President

The Board agreed to hold a special meeting to consider the contract.

Mr. Cozzens also said that if this plan was desired it would be written into the contract, and that the Bureau would build the system in blocks if so agreed upon.

Mr. Cozzens advised the Board that water would be available from the Canal before the District could construct facilities to distribute it. Mr. Jensen replied that it was the opinion of the Board that some water could be put to beneficial use either by underground or temporary surface means.

At the conclusion of the business before the Board Mr. Jensen announced that the meeting was open for discussion.

Attorney Bailey addressed the Board in behalf of the Citizens Committee. He informed the Board that he was appearing on behalf of over two hundred landowners within the District representing over seven-thousand acres of land. He stated several objections to this land being retained in the District among which were the following; Cost of the distribution system as planned; Taxation of undeveloped land and of undeveloped land being included in the district. Disatisfaction of owners of undeveloped land in having to guarantee payments on the same. Inability of owners to pay costs involved in any event. He referred to the failure of the Lindsay-Strathmore District to meet its obligations.

Mr. Bailey then asked the Board to exclude the lands he represented from the District and intimated that in case this was not done it would be necessary to take legal action to dissolve the District. He requested a definite answer within one week.

Mr. Jensen replied that the Board would consider his request but that it was not within the power of the Board to exclude land if there were any objections and the objections could be sustained.

Mr. Bailey contended that the Board was the sole judge in the matter and that it was wholly within its power to make the decision.

Mr. Jensen suggested that the Committee canvas their areas and make a determination as to whether or not the entire areas wished to be excluded. He reiterated his statement that if one-hundred per cent of the landowners signed for exclusion the Board would grant the request. Questions were asked by several persons present and answers returned by the Directors.

As the meeting progressed the officers of the District became the object of a barrage of verbal brickbats consisting of unwarranted insinuations, accusations, incriminations and personalities directed by several members of the audience from Navelencia and Orosi. The officers stood the attack in a commendable manner and answered several charges in their own defense.

The meeting was then adjourned.

A. L. Schoepf

A. L. Schoepf, Secretary

M. N. Jensen

M. N. Jensen, President

ORANGE COVE IRRIGATION DISTRICT

ORANGE COVE, CALIFORNIA

We, the underigned, directors of the Orange Cove Irrigation District, do hereby consent to a special meeting of the Board of Directors of said district for the purpose of considering and acting upon the proposed contract with the United States of America for the sale to the district of water from the Central Valley Project and for such other business that may come before the said board of Directors. Said meeting to be held at the office of the district on Monday March 15, 1948 at 7:30 P. M.

Dated this 15th day of March, 1948.

M. N. Jensen

Fred Bear

Harvey A. Chase
Directors.

Donald L. Case

Geo. T. Jodwin

Area Representatives

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange Cove Irrigation District, May 11, 1948.

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

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

The minutes of the previous regular meeting of April 13 and subsequent Special meeting of May 5 were read and approved as read.

Bills in the amount of \$116.34 were read and ordered paid by motion of Chase and seconded by Jensen. Bills previously authorized of \$300.06 were also read.

The Bank balance of April 30 was shown as \$44,434.74. Receipts for April \$178.03.

A letter from the Irrigation Districts Association of California requesting a contribution to the Water Economics Committee was read. A motion was made by Chase and seconded by Jensen that a contribution of \$100.00 be forwarded to the Committee.

The matter of an assessment for the fiscal year of 1948-49 was discussed and it was agreed that in consideration of the surplus now on hand an assessment would not be necessary. Whereupon a motion was made by Chase and seconded by Jensen and carried that there would be no assessment issued for the fiscal year of 1948-49.

A letter from W. R. Bailey, Attorney for the Citizens Committee, was read in which he requested the Board to refrain from executing any water purchase contract such as has been proposed and to withdraw its request to the Districts Securities Commission to approve the contract. A motion was made by Jensen and seconded by Chase that the letter be tabled and filed. Motion carried.

The Secretary read a letter from Mr. McCormick, Attorney for the District, saying that Mr. Cozzens had advised him that the Bureau of reclamation was ready to sign the contract and that the Districts Securities Commission would be so advised. Also that the Districts Securities Commission would not hold a hearing on May 11 as expected but would hold a hearing at a later date when a full Board would be present and that Mr. Bonte, Secretary of the Commission, advised that we have the contract in their hands, accompanied by a resolution requesting the Commission to act on the contract.

The Board was unwilling to act on this matter until a full Board was present. The meeting was therefore adjourned until Monday, May 17, at 1:30 P. M.

A. L. Schoepf
A. L. Schoepf, Secretary.

M. N. Jensen
M. N. Jensen, President.

Minutes of the adjourned regular meeting of the Board of
Directors of the Orange Cove Irrigation District, May 17, 1948.

The meeting was adjourned from the Regular meeting of May 11, 1948.

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 P.M. as scheduled.

Present were Directors M. N. Jensen, President, Fred H. Bear,
Harvey S. Chase, Assessor-Collector-Secretary A. L. Schoepf.

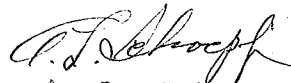
The Directors met for the purpose of acting upon a resolution
asking the California Districts Securities Commission to approve
the water purchase contract now before it for consideration.

The following resolution was passed and adopted.

*Resolution Re: approved Contract U.S.R.
Filed in Resolution File 1948 19/85 L.C.*

The Secretary was to forward to the Commission a copy of the res-
olution together with a copy of the contract, certification of same,
check for \$5.00 for filing fee and three letters from Mr. R. B. Cozzens
in regard to the contract.

The meeting 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 8, 1948.

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

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

The minutes of the previous regular meeting and subsequent special meeting were read and approved as read.

Bills in the amount of \$496.75 were read and ordered paid by motion of Chase and seconded by Bear. Deposits for May were \$191.64, Bank Balance \$43,976.36.

Mr. McCormick reported that the California Districts Securities Commission had asked for reports on feasibility, distribution system, diversion, etc. This request was made following the submission of the water purchase contract to the Commission. The Board felt that as no distribution system was planned it would be impossible to comply with this request. The feasibility, re-payment ability, economic studies and various other detailed reports had previously been submitted to the Commission. These reports had been compiled by the U. S. Bureau of Reclamation. Mr. McCormick also reported that a hearing was held on this District's contract by the Commission at the meeting of May 27. It was disclosed that a protest to the approval of the contract was submitted by Attorney W. R. Bailey, representing protestants from the District. A final hearing on the contract was deferred until a later date not as yet decided upon. As officials of the District were assured that our contract would not be acted upon at the May meeting, no one from this District was present at the hearing.

Mr. Frank Frane of the First National Bank of Orange Cove appeared before the Board with the proposition that the District transfer the security bonds now held in custody by the District, to the Wells-Fargo Bank and Union Trust Co. A depository receipt would be issued to the District. The bonds are now held in the First National Bank of Orosi. The bonds are security for deposits by the District. Mr. Frane explained that this was the usual practice in such cases and that this action would relieve the District of all responsibility for the safety of the bonds.

A motion was made by Chase and seconded by Bear and carried that the Treasurer attend to the matter of transferring security bonds in the amount of \$60,000.00, now held in a safe deposit box in the First National Bank of Orosi, to the Wells Fargo Bank and Union Trust Company at San Francisco and accept a depository receipt for the same.

The meeting was then adjourned.

A. L. Schoepf
Secretary

President.

M. N. Jensen

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of
the Orange Cove Irrigation District, July 13, 1948.

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

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

Bills in the amount of \$349.35 were read and ordered paid upon motion of Bear and seconded by Jensen. The bank balance as of June 30 was shown as \$43,478.76. Receipts for June were \$32.17

A letter from the California Districts Securities Commission in answer to Mr. Mensen's letter of June 17 was read informing Mr. Jensen that he would be advised as to the date which would be set for a hearing on this District's water purchase contract with the United States.

Mr. Jensen and Mr. McCormick reported that they had contacted the Securities Commission and were informed that a hearing would be held at 10:30 A. M. Friday, July 23, in this locality.

A motion was made by Chase and seconded by Bear that Jensen be authorized to arrange accomodations for the hearing. It was agreed that notice of the hearing be given each landowner in the District as well as wide publication in the newspapers.

The matter of engaging an attorney to assist Mr. McCormick in preparing a reply to the protests to the approving of the contract submitted by Attorney Bailey and Julien Simon was discussed.

A motion was made by Bear and seconded by Chase that Attorney Lawrence W. Young of Fresno be engaged to assist Mr. McCormick in legal matters pertaining to the District. Motion carried.

Mr. Woolley reported that he had completed the transfer of \$60,000.00 in security bonds from the First National Bank of Orosi to the Wells Fargo Bank and Union Trust Co., in San Francisco as per instructions. A receipt for the same is on file in the office of the District.

Woolley also read a report of the plans for the temporary distribution of water when available from the Canal, including the estimated amounts to be distributed.

The meeting was then adjourned.

M. N. Jensen
Secretary *T. H. S.*

A. L. Schoepf
President *S. C. J.*

Minutes of the Regular meeting of the Board of Directors
of the Orange Cove Irrigation District, August 10, 1948.

The meeting was called to order at 8 o'clock p. m.

Present: Directors M. N. Jensen, President, Harvey S. Chase, Fred H. Bear, Representative Geo. T. Jadwin, Attorney Leroy McCormick, Engineer-Treasurer Fred K. Woolley, Assessor-Collector-Secretary A. L. Schoepf. The meeting was well attended by property owners of the District.

Bills in the amount of \$985.28 were read and approved.

The bill for fire insurance on the District buildings was held over for further consideration. A motion was made by Bear and seconded by Chase to reduce the insurance on the office building from \$6000.00 to \$3000.00 and increase the insurance on office equipment from \$500.00 to \$2000.00. Motion carried.

Receipts for July were \$255.96. Bank balance of July 31, \$43,334.11

The budget for the fiscal year of 1948-49 was read and the following resolution authorizing the Budget was passed.

*Resolution Re: Fiscal Budget 48-49
Filed in Resolution File 1948 10/85 L.C. -*

The Secretary read the annual report of the audit of District operations for the past fiscal year. The report indicated that the records and transactions of the District had been kept in a satisfactory manner.

Mr. McCormick reported that he had heard unofficially that the California Districts Securities Commission had approved the District's contract with the United States for the purchase of water.

Mr. Woolley said that he believed the committee of which he is a member was making satisfactory progress toward having the State law prescribing a ten year repayment period on improvement districts amended to conform to the federal reclamation law of forty years.

A general discussion of various matters pertaining to the district and future plans for distributing water was then conducted between landowners present and the Board of Directors.

The meeting was then adjourned until Friday, August 13, at 7:30 p. m.

A. L. Schoepf
Secretary

M. N. Jensen
President

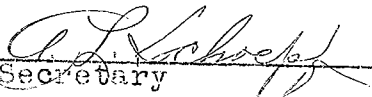
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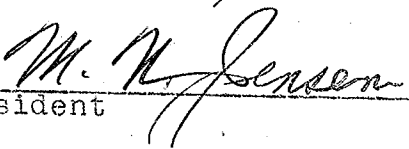
The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p. m.

Present: Directors M. N. Jensen, President, Harvey S. Chase,
Assessor-Collector-Secretary A. L. Schcepf.

The meeting of August 10 was adjourned to this date in anticipation
of hearing from the California Districts Securities Commission
in regard to the District's contract for the purchase of water
from the United States.

As no word from the Commission had been received the meeting
was adjourned until call of the chair.


Secretary


President

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange Cove Irrigation District, September 14, 1948.

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

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

The minutes of the previous regular adjourned meetings of Aug. 10 and Aug. 13 were read and approved as read.

Bills in the amount of \$1539.99 were read. Mr. Wendell Travioli, a landowner of the District protested the bill of \$1000.00 presented by Attorney Lawrence C. Young. The bill was accordingly held over for consideration and Bear and Chase were instructed by the Chairman to confer with Mr. Young in regard to the bill. The remainder of \$539.99 was approved and ordered paid by motion of Chase and seconded by Bear. Bank deposits for August were shown as \$67.85. Bank balance of August 31, \$42,411.19.

The Report and Approval of the District's contract for the purchase of water from the United States by the California Districts Securities Commission was read by the Secretary. A motion was made by Chase and seconded by Bear that the report be filed for further reference. The report contained the approval of the contract subject to four conditions which were to be complied with. The Board is endeavoring to ascertain what steps could be taken to comply with the conditions. Three of the conditions contained in the report required certain assurances from the Secretary of the interior. The Board contacted officials of the Bureau of Reclamation and received their promise that the Bureau would consider and give answers as to whether they could comply with the conditions.

Mr. Jensen reported that members of the Board of Directors had attended the meeting of the Joint Committee on Water Problems held at Fresno, Sept. 13 and 14, at which the Orange Cove Irrigation District's contract was the major subject of discussion.

Members of the California Districts Security Commission were also in attendance at the meeting. The Board conferred with the Commission on matters pertaining to the District. Mr. Jensen stated that judging from the discussions it appeared evident that the policy set in dealing with this District would be used as an example to other districts.

The Secretary read an invitation from the National Reclamation Association to attend the convention to be held at Oklahoma City, Nov. 17-18-19. Mr. McCormick said that he and Mr. Althouse were being sent to the convention by Tulare County.

Following the regular business a discussion on district problems between the Board and landowners present was conducted. Several landowners reported their intention of submitting petitions for exclusion. Mr. McCormick advised them that he would prepare the petitions for them free of charge. The Board stated that the petitions would be acted upon according to their merits and evidence presented.

It was announced that there would be a mass meeting held in the Orosi High School, on the night of September 21, and that notices would be sent to all landowners in the District inviting them to attend.

The meeting was than adjourned.

A. L. Schoepf
A. L. Schoepf, Secretary

M. N. Jensen
M. N. Jensen, President

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
of the Orange Cove Irrigation District, Oct. 12, 1948.

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

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

The minutes of the previous regular meeting of September 14 were read and approved as read.

Bills in the amount of \$1467.08 were read and ordered paid by motion of Chase and seconded by Bear.

Deposits for the month of September were \$132.19. Bank balance of September 30 was \$42,004.51

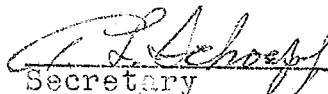
The Secretary read a notice from the Irrigation Districts Association of California that the 1948 Fall convention would be held on November 29-30 and Dec. 1 at Hollywood.

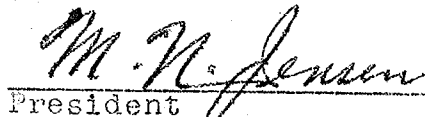
A motion was made by Bear and seconded by Chase that all of the Board members who could were authorized to attend this meeting and also go on an inspection tour of other irrigation projects in the South. Motion carried.

Mr. McCormick informed the Board that the California Water Council would meet on October 21 in Sacramento and recommended that some one from the District attend. A motion was made by Bear and seconded by Chase that Fred Woolley be authorized to attend if possible. Motion carried.

Mr. Wnedell Travioli presented a petition for exclusion in which he requested that his property consisting of 210 acres be excluded from the District. He requested that the District pay the expenses of publishing the notice of exclusion. This request was denied as the law required that the petitioner pay the expenses. Mr. Travioli then deposited a check for \$20.00 toward the costs.

The meeting was then adjourned.


Secretary


President

Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange Cove Irrigation District, Nov. 9, 1948.

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

The minutes of the previous meeting of Oct. 12 were read and approved as read.

Bills in the amount of \$616.26 were read and ordered paid by motion of Chase and seconded by Bear.

Receipts for October were \$85.15. Bank balance October 31, \$40545.31

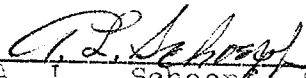
A petition for exclusion of lands from the District, submitted by W. R. Bailey, attorney for petitioners, was received on Oct. 13. The required legal publications of the petition were completed by being published in both the Grosi and Orange Cove papers. The petition of Mr. Travioli, presented at the meeting of Oct. 12 had also been published in the same papers.

The meeting of Nov. 9 was advertised as the date of hearing of the petitions but due to circumstances a motion was made by Bear and seconded by Chase that the hearing be postponed until Nov. 24 at 9 A.M., to be held in the American Legion Hall at Orange Cove.

Mr. Woolley reported that an investigation of the possibility of temporary turnouts from the Canal had disclosed several favorable locations. This matter was now being considered by the Bureau of Reclamation. Woolley also reported that he had met with the Committee on improvement districts within districts. He stated that the Bureau was in accord with the Committee that the State Water Code should be amended extending the repayment period of improvement districts from ten to forty years. Woolley expressed confidence that the Committee would be successful in having the law amended.

A general discussion of District problems followed the business of the Board.

A motion was made by Chase and seconded by Bear that the meeting be continued until Wednesday, Nov. 24, at 9 A. M. Motion carried.


A. L. Schoep, Secretary


M. N. Jensen, President

Minutes of the continued regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange Cove Irrigation District, Nov. 24, 1948.

The meeting was called to order at 9 A.M. in the American Legion Hall at Orange Cove.

The meeting was called for the purpose of concluding business at hand and for hearing petitions for exclusion of lands.

Present were Directors M. N. Jensen, President of Board, Harvey S. Chase, Fred H. Bear, Representatives Geo. T. Jaadwin, Donald S. Case, Attorney Leroy McCormick, Engineer -Treasurer Fred K. Woolley, Assessor-Collector-Secretary A. L. Schoepf, Attorneys Lawrence W. Young and W. R. Bailey, Reporter C. David Rohrer. An estimated audience of 100 was also in attendance.

Bills in the amount of \$99.94 were read and ordered paid by motion of Chase and seconded by Bear.

The Board then proceeded with the hearing of petitions for exclusion.

Attorney W. R. Bailey was counsel for the petitioners from the Orosi and Navelencia Areas.

Attorney Lawrence W. Young was counsel for the District.

Mr. Wendell G. Travioli appeared without counsel on behalf of himself, his wife and son on a separate petition.

All proceedings of the hearing were taken in shorthand by Reporter C. David Rohrer.

The following witnesses for the petitioners were called to testify and were questioned by both attorneys:

A. Rush Martin, Harry Allen, J. A. Cagle, Ross Perkins, Oscar Orlopp and J. K. Chowning.

At 5 o'clock P. M. the hearing was adjourned to meet again on Wednesday, Dec. 8 at 9 A. M.

A. L. Schoepf
A. L. Schoepf, Secretary,
M. N. Jensen
M. N. Jensen, President

Minutes of the continued ^{Regular} meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange Cove Irrigation District, Dec. 8, 1948.

The meeting was called to order at 9 o'clock A. M. in the American Legion Hall at Orange Cove.

Present: Directors M. N. Jensen, President, Harvey S. Chase, Fred H. Bear, Representatives Geo. T. Jadwin, Donald L. Case, Assessor*Collector-Secretary A. L. Schoepf, Engineer-Treasurer Fred K. Woolley, Attorney for the District Lawrence W. Young, Attorney for petitioners W. R. Bailey.

The Board proceeded with the hearing for exclusion of land from the District.

Witnesses called and questioned by both attorneys were V. J. Kovacevich, Herbert G. Toews, John Hudson, P. S. Phillips, Geo. Gaede, Harry M. Thomas, Ivan W. Harper, Mrs. Jeanette Harper, all landowners in the District.

Witnesses from the U. S. Bureau of Reclamation were: Jack W. Rodner, District Manager, Lloyd H. Stennet, Agriculturist, Alex G. Nordholm, Economist, W. H. Alexander, Engineer.

The meeting was adjourned at 5 o'clock P. M. to be continued at 9 o'clock Dec. 9.

A. L. Schoepf
Secretary

M. N. Jensen
President

Minutes of the continued regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orange Cove Irrigation District, Dec. 9, 1948.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 A. M. in the American Legion Hall at Orange Cove.

Present: Directors M. N. Jensen, President, Harvey S. Chase, Fred H. Bear, Representatives Donald L. Case, Geo T. Jadwin, Assessor-Collector-Secretary A. L. Schoepf, Engineer-Treasurer Fred K. Woolley, Attorneys Lawrence W. Young and W. R. Bailey.

The Board proceeded with the hearing for exclusion of lands.

Witnesses called to testify were as follows:

Mrs. Gladys Clark, Hobart Johnson, Frank Snively, Frank Long, A. L. Schoepf, A. Rush Martin, Fred K. Woolley, W. E. Ferguson, Lawrence Baker, H. W. Picher, Henry A. Collin, Berry J. Foster, Robert J. Hixon.

All witnesses were questioned by both attorneys.

The hearing was concluded and adjourned at 5 o'clock P. M.

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. 14, 1948.

The meeting was called to order at 8 P. M.

Present were: Directors M. N. Jensen, President, Harvey S. Chase, Fred H. Bear, Representative Donald L. Case, Engineer-Treasurer Fred K. Woolley, Assessor-Collector-Secretary A. L. Schoepf, Attorney Leroy McCormick.

The minutes of the Regular continued meeting of Nov. 9, 24 and Dec. 8 and 9 were read and approved with one correction. The name of Geo. T. Jadwin having been read as present at the Dec. 8 hearing was changed to read not present.

Bills in the amount of \$1324.41 were read and ordered paid by motion of Bear and seconded by Chase.

A letter was read by the Secretary from the Southern California Edison Company, dated Nov. 29, 1948 giving permission to install pipe lines near the transmission line tower at Marljar and Adams Avenues to long as a distance of ten feet is maintained from the bases of the tower.

A motion was made by Chase and seconded by Bear that the boundaries of the Divisions and voting precincts of the District, running from north to south, should be designated as follows:

Division # 1* All area in District North of Washington Ave.

Division # 2- All area in District South of Washington, West of Marljar and North of Parlier.

Division # 3- All area in District East of Marljar, North of Manning Ave. and Curtiss Mtn.

Division # 4- All area in District West of Marljar, South of Parlier, all West of Palm South of Manning.

Division # 5- All area in District East of Palm Ave. and South of Curtiss Mtn.

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Chase and seconded by Bear that the Secretary prepare a resolution ordering the General Election of February 2, 1949 for the purpose of electing five directors and other officers. The resolution is as follows:

*Resolution Re: 1949 General Election
Placed in Resolution File 1948 1985 L.C.*

The Secretary was instructed to make all preparation for the forthcoming election.

Mr. Jensen and Mr. Chase reported on the proceedings of the convention of the Irrigation Districts Association of California held at Hollywood on Nov. 29, 30 and Dec. 1, and also on the investigation they had made of different irrigation systems in the southern part of the State.

A general discussion of subjects relating to the District followed the regular business of the meeting.

A. L. Schoepf
Secretary

M. N. Jensen
President