

# **NOTICE**

of the

## **ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS**

OF THE

## **TIETON WATER USERS ASSOCIATION**

(A corporation organized under the laws  
of the State of Washington)

and the

### **ANNUAL ELECTION OF TRUSTEES FOR SAID ASSOCIATION**

#### **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**

That the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Tieton Water Users Association, and the annual election of trustees for said corporation will be held at the Yakima Chamber of Commerce Rooms, Yakima, Washington, being the place heretofore designated by the Trustees, on the third Monday in November, 1925, to-wit, the 16th day of November, 1925, at the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon; and,

That at said meeting there will be an election of two trustees for said corporation, to serve for a term of three (3) years; and, That at said meeting there will be transacted such other business as may properly come before the stockholders of said corporation.

As provided in the by-laws, no proxy votes are permitted.

Dated at Yakima, Washington, this 24th day of October, 1925.

FLOYD FOSTER,  
Secretary.



Nineteenth Annual Report  
of the  
**Tieton Water Users'  
Association**

Year 1925

(Oct. 1st, 1924 to Sept. 30th, 1925)

**ASSOCIATION FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

Unpaid Association Levies .....	\$1,224.56	
Office Equipment .....	545.00	
Cash in Hands of Treasurer .....	118.80	
Time Deposit Certificates .....	1,200.00	
		\$3,088.36

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

**Receipts**

Balance Cash on hand Oct. 1, 1924 ....	\$ 551.33	
Deposited by Secretary .....	5,224.99	\$5,776.32

**DISBURSEMENTS**

Warrants Paid .....	\$4,457.52	
Placed on Time Deposit .....	1,200.00	
Balance on hand Sept. 30, 1925.....	118.80	\$5,776.32

The above is a correct statement of account.

F. H. SHARKEY, Treasurer.

Oct. 1, 1925.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT**

**Receipts**

Assessments for 1925 .....	\$3,276.94	
Assessments for prior years .....	1,631.13	
Interest on delinquent assessments .....	316.92	
Total deposited with treasurer .....		\$5,224.99

**WARRANTS DRAWN**

Miscellaneous Expense .....	\$ 146.00	
Expense of delegates to Denver Conference .....	257.70	
Premium on bond of secretary .....	10.00	
Premium on bond of Assn. as Fisc. Agt. ....	35.00	
Irrigation District Expense .....	20.00	
Legal services .....	900.00	
Postage .....	60.26	
Printing and Advertising .....	82.63	
Secretary's Services .....	2,400.00	
Stationery .....	16.70	
Trustees' Services (20 meetings) ....	410.00	
Telephone .....	59.88	
Bounty Paid on Gophers .....	59.35	
		\$4,457.52

All accounts are approved by the Trustees before warrants are drawn.

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES.**

Tieton Water Users Association

Gentlemen: Pursuant to your request we have made an audit of the books of account of your Association kept by the secretary. We found the records to be carefully and accurately kept and certify that in our opinion the above statements are true and correct.

COSPER ACCOUNTING COMPANY.

October 5, 1925.

**OFFICERS OF THE YEAR**

H. M. Gilbert, President  
Clifford Kail, Vice-President  
Floyd Foster, Secretary  
J. A. Loudon, Treasurer  
W. E. Thompson, Trustee  
C. P. Wickersham, Trustee  
W. I. Huxtable, Trustee  
R. B. Williamson, Attorney



## COLLECTIONS ON WATER RIGHTS

Collections made and transmitted to the Reclamation Service during the year ending September 30, 1925.

ITEMS	To Collect	Collected	Uncollected
<b>CONSTRUCTION</b>			
Due Dec. 1, 1919.....\$	30.66	\$	30.66
Due Dec. 1, 1920.....	4,327.99	691.81	3,636.18
Due Dec. 1, 1921.....	13,811.14	2,760.88	11,050.26
Due Dec. 1, 1922.....	36,204.51	14,783.47	21,421.04
Due Dec. 1, 1923.....	66,906.65	31,805.93	35,100.72
Due Dec. 1, 1924.....	165,366.55	104,738.98	60,627.57
Total construction..	\$286,647.50	\$154,781.07	\$131,866.43

## MAINTENANCE

For Year 1919.....\$	428.04	\$	57.07	\$	370.96
For Year 1920.....	3,697.67	712.12	2,985.55		
For Year 1921.....	12,119.80	3,655.51	8,464.29		
For Year 1922.....	15,617.22	6,075.19	9,542.03		
For Year 1923.....	33,500.46	16,857.68	16,642.78		
For Year 1924.....	92,177.35	64,435.90	27,741.45		
Maintenance Discount .....	( 2,358.11)	( 2,358.11)			
Total Maintenance..	\$155,182.43	\$ 89,435.37	\$ 65,747.06		

## SUMMARY

Total Construction..	\$286,647.50	\$154,781.07	\$131,866.43
Total Maintenance....	155,182.43	89,435.37	65,747.06
Constr. Penalties ....	12,166.95	12,166.95	
Maintenance Penalties	5,315.67	5,315.67	
Grand Total .....	\$459,312.55	\$261,699.06	\$197,613.49

## CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing statement prepared by Floyd Foster, Collection Agent, showing collections made and transmitted to the Bureau of Reclamation during the year ending September 30th, 1925, has been checked with the government records and found to be correct. The total amount received from the collection agent, including construction, operation and maintenance, and penalty payments being \$261,699.06 as stated.

I further certify that the amount remaining uncollected at the end of September, 1925, \$197,613.49, is in agreement with the total file of bills for construction and operation and maintenance charges remaining unpaid at the end of September, 1925.

R. K. CUNNINGHAM, Chief Clerk,

Yakima, Wash., Oct. 1, 1925. Bureau of Reclamation.

The above report of collections shows that payments during this fiscal year amounted to \$70,000 more than the amounts paid in the preceding year. It will be noted however that the amount due and uncollected is \$10,000 greater than it was a year ago. This is due to a large extent to the fact that it was expected that a general revision of the terms of payment would be made during the year, and payments were withheld pending such revision. The revision, however was not secured and there is no immediate prospect of securing it.

## MAINTENANCE

The rates at which operation and maintenance will be charged for 1925 are \$1.20 per acre-foot for water used during June, July and August, and 75c per acre-foot for water used at all other times. This is a slight reduction from the charges for the past three years. Bills will be due December 31st, 1925 and are subject to 5% discount if paid on or before that date.

Canal lining as a protection against breaks and as a means of saving water will be continued this fall with an expenditure of approximately \$10,000.00. This money is provided from the supplemental construction fund, and about \$6000 will be left for such work next year.

## GENERAL CONDITIONS

The completion of the Tieton Dam at Rimrock and the storage of water therein removed any possibility of shortage of water in the Tieton River; but the insufficiency of the capacity of the Tieton main canal was felt more keenly than ever on account of the extremely windy weather during the hot months when water was needed most. It is found that as the orchards become older they require more water and the need for an increased canal capacity was forced upon the attention of the water users this season as never before.

The project was very fortunate in not having any serious canal break during the season, else the loss from shortage of water would have been far greater than it was.

The problem of securing a larger delivery of water during July and August is constantly before the board of trustees, and no definite means of solving it has yet been devised. The Secretary of the Interior and the Commissioner of the Bureau of Reclamation have stated that the Government will not make any further enlargement of the canal and that the increase of water must come by elimination of those lands which cannot be farmed profitably and which cannot pay the charges. The matter is still under consideration and will no doubt come before the water users at the annual meeting.

A special delivery of water for filling cisterns will be made the latter part of November.

## ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting will be held on November 16th at 10 o'clock, a. m. in the Chamber of Commerce Rooms, Yakima, Wash.

Two trustees will be elected to serve for a term of three years, the terms of H. M. Gilbert and W. I. Huxtable expiring with this year.

A summary of the minutes of the 1924 meeting follows:

Meeting held in basement of Methodist church, and called to order at 1:40 p. m. after which the minutes of the 1923 meeting were read and approved.

President H. M. Gilbert addressed the meeting on the need for an increased water supply and a longer time for making payment.

C. P. Wickersham and Clifford Kall were elected to succeed themselves as trustees.

By-laws were amended to provide that the annual meeting shall hereafter commence at ten o'clock in the morning.

Mr. Abrams made report on the financial condition of the farmers and recommended that efforts be continued to secure 30 years in which to complete construction repayments.

Report of the committee on increased water supply had been printed and mailed to each land owner, and was also read at the meeting. Motion was carried that the trustees negotiate for an increase in the water supply without regard to any extension of time.

The committee on electric power was continued for another year.

Adjournment.



## GENERAL

As was forecast in Mr. Gilbert's address at the 1924 meeting, Congress passed a law on December 5th, 1924 providing among other things that existing projects might have their payments adjusted to provide for annual payments on construction of 5% of the gross crop returns averaged for the preceding ten years, and that those projects that desired to take advantage of this revision must take over and operate and maintain the project works. There were further provisions in the law relative to the classification of lands in connection with such revisions, the details of the law being too extensive to be included in a report of this kind. The Act is fully discussed in the New Reclamation Era for March and April, 1925 to which water users are referred.

Following the passage of this law a conference of Reclamation Officials and Water Users was held in Denver, Colo., on January 6th, 1925 for discussion of methods for putting the law into effect. The Trustees elected C. P. Wickersham and W. E. Thompson to attend this conference as representatives of the Tieton Project.

It was decided that a Board of Survey and Adjustment was to visit each project to determine just what adjustments would be necessary and the proper method for making them. In the meantime the local water users' organizations were to assist in the classification of lands in accordance with the provisions of the law, and prepare statements of just what they expected and desired in the way of adjustments.

The board of trustees complied with all of these preliminary requirements and held a number of special meetings for the purpose of putting the requests of the project in proper form.

The Board of Survey and Adjustment met in Yakima on May 13th and after taking a trip over the project held a public meeting in the Federal Court Room, at which meeting water users were invited to speak on any matter under consideration.

The Board of Trustees placed the requests for the Tieton Project in the form of a bill of particulars consisting of the following seven points:

1. That our water users adopt the Irrigation District and take over the operation and maintenance. (This was a necessary condition to obtain any benefits of the new law.)
2. That we adopt the 5% gross returns plan of repayment of construction cost, on condition that gross returns be computed on the same basis as that practiced in 1924.
3. That in arriving at the gross returns, a reasonable consideration be given for additional investments in orchards, hops, etc.
4. That we desire a three-year moratorium.
5. That we desire a survey of our lands and a suspension of the costs on that found to be worthless, upon application of the owner before date of voting upon the Irrigation District contract, or at such time as it may come into possession of the district by reason of inability to pay.
6. That we desire all lands to be placed in one class and construction payments assessed equally. (The reason for this point was that by putting all the lands in one class a considerable reduction in the annual payments would be secured for all; while under the plan for making a number of classes, all the first class lands would have their payments increased over what they are required to pay now and the owners would naturally oppose making the change.)
7. That an appropriation be made to enlarge the main canal and to make betterments to the canal system, which are necessary to increase the water supply.

The trustees spent an entire day in presenting these points and arguing them before the Board of Survey and Adjustment, which went away without announcing any decision on any of the matters presented.

Secretary of the Interior, Mr. Work, and Commissioner of Reclamation, Mr. Mead, were in Yakima on July 3rd and met for a few minutes with the board of trustees. At that meeting they told the Board that the government would not advance money to make any further enlargement of the canal, and that the association should acquire those lands which do not yield enough to pay the present charges, and hold the water for the use of the better lands. In short, that any increase of water supply must be secured by elimination of lands and not by enlargement. They also stated that there would be no further extensions of time granted for making payments and that collections would be strictly enforced in accordance with the present law.

We have since endeavored to secure a copy of the report of the Board of Survey and Adjustment; but are advised that they have made only a partial and confidential report which cannot be given out. It was stated however that the report does not contain any recommendation for canal enlargement or adjustment of charges.

No further information is available at this time; but it is hoped that some solution of the matter may be worked out and presented at the annual meeting on November 16th.

In conclusion I wish to call the attention of those water users, who secured temporary extensions of time on their payments last spring, to the fact that a part of the charges extended must be paid on or before December 1st, 1925, or the benefit of the whole extension is lost and the charges revert back to the original delinquency with 1% per month penalty.

Respectfully submitted,

FLOYD FOSTER, Secretary.



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