

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, 1926, to-wit, the 15th day of November, 1926, at the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon; and,

That at said meeting there will be an election of one trustee 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 23rd day of October, 1926.

FLOYD FOSTER,
Secretaary.

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

1926

(Oct. 1st, 1925 to Sept. 30th, 1926.)

ASSOCIATION FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Unpaid Association Levies	\$1,204.81	
Office Furniture	545.00	
Cash in hands of treasurer.....	227.70	
Time Deposit Certificates.....	700.00	\$2,677.51

TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts

Balance Cash on hand Oct. 1, 1925....	\$ 118.80	
Deposited by secretary	5,934.29	\$6,053.09

Disbursements

Warrants Paid	\$4,825.39	
Placed on Time Deposit.....	1,000.00	
Balance on hand Sept. 30, 1926.....	227.70	\$6,053.09

The above is a correct statement of account.
F. H. SHARKEY, Treasurer.
October 1, 1926.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Receipts

Assessments for 1926	\$3,177.15	
Assessments for prior years	844.20	
Interest on delinquent assessments....	144.44	
Time Certificates Cashed	1,500.00	
Interest on same	50.00	
Mortgage Inspection and Filing Fees	218.50	
Total deposited with treasurer..		\$5,934.29

Warrants Drawn

Miscellaneous Expense	\$ 22.90	
Engineering Report by		
C. E. Crownover	500.00	
Premium on bond of secretary	10.00	
Irrigation District Expense	26.25	
Legal Services	900.00	
Postage and P. O. Box Rent	124.52	
Printing and Advertising.....	104.75	
Secretary's Services	2,350.00	
Stationery	9.05	
Trustee's Services (16 meetings)....	390.00	
Telephone	58.89	
Bounty paid on gophers	140.45	
Inspection Mortgage Security	188.58	
		\$4,825.39

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

OFFICERS OF THE YEAR

H. M. Gilbert, President
Clifford Kail, Vice-President
Floyd Foster, Secretary
F. H. Sharkey, Treasurer
Jay Elliott, Trustee
C. P. Wickersham, Trustee
Lloyd Garretson, Trustee
R. B. Williamson, Attorney

AUDITOR'S REPORT

BOARD OF TRUSTEES,

TIETON WATER USERS ASSOCIATION,

Gentlemen: Pursuant to instructions we have made an examination of the books of account of your association, kept by the secretary. We found the records to be carefully and accurately kept, and we desire to state that, in our opinion, the statements submitted herewith are correct, and properly reflect the operations of the Association for the year and the financial position of the Association as at September 30, 1926.

(Signed) COSPER ACCOUNTING COMPANY,
Oct. 4, 1926. Public Accountants.

COLLECTIONS ON WATER RIGHTS

Collections made and transmitted to the Reclamation Service during the year ending September 30, 1926.

ITEMS	To Collect	Collected	Uncollected
CONSTRUCTION			
Due Dec. 1, 1919.....	\$ 30.66	\$	\$ 30.66
Due Dec. 1, 1920.....	3,636.18	889.06	2,747.12
Due Dec. 1, 1921.....	11,050.26	3,067.07	7,983.19
Due Dec. 1, 1922.....	21,359.99	5,989.59	15,370.40
Due Dec. 1, 1923.....	34,594.83	11,024.76	23,570.07
Due Dec. 1, 1924.....	60,743.19	50,914.84	9,828.35
Due Dec. 1, 1925.....	167,500.65	101,821.57	65,679.08
Total Construction.....	\$298,915.76	\$173,706.89	\$125,208.87

MAINTENANCE

For Year 1919.....	\$ 370.96	\$ 154.54	\$ 216.42
For Year 1920.....	2,985.55	866.75	2,118.80
For Year 1921.....	8,464.29	3,436.27	5,028.02
For Year 1922.....	9,542.03	2,459.96	7,082.07
For Year 1923.....	16,642.78	5,136.72	11,506.06
For Year 1924.....	27,741.45	22,419.59	5,321.86
For Year 1925.....	76,762.47	50,447.11	26,315.36
Maintenance			
Discount	(1,831.63)	(1,831.63)	
Total Maintenance.....	\$140,677.90	\$ 83,089.31	\$ 57,588.59

SUMMARY

Total Construction	\$298,915.76	\$173,706.89	\$125,208.87
Total Maintenance..	140,677.90	83,089.31	57,588.59
Constr. Penalty	14,671.75	14,671.75	
Maintenance Penalty	4,430.26	4,430.26	
Special Delivery Boxes	1,045.00	1,045.00	
Grand Total	\$459,740.67	\$276,943.21	\$182,797.46

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 30, 1926, 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, penalties and special delivery boxes, being \$276,943.21 as stated.

I further certify that the amount remaining uncollected at the end of September, 1926, \$182,797.46, is in agreement with the total file of bills for construction and operation and maintenance charges remaining unpaid at the end of September, 1926.

R. K. CUNNINGHAM, Chief Clerk,
October 6, 1926. Bureau of Reclamation.

GENERAL

In the 1925 report you were told about the Act of Congress of Dec. 5th, 1924, which provided for the repayment of construction charges on a 5% gross returns plan. There was also outlined in that report all that had been done in presenting the case of this project to the Board of Survey and Adjustment, and the efforts of your Board of Trustees to obtain some benefits from the law. These efforts were continued and extended in order to meet the desires of the water users as expressed at the annual meeting last November. We had strong hopes that the Board of Survey and Adjustment would make favorable recommendations relative to extending the time of payment and increasing the water supply for the project. At one time the engineering department of the Reclamation Bureau offered to make an investigation of the feasibility of canal enlargement, but when we undertook to close a contract with them to have the work done they demanded an advance payment of \$5,000 to cover the cost. The Board of Trustees did not feel that this demand was justified and felt that the actual cost should be charged to operation and maintenance, which was what the Bureau first proposed to do.

Every effort was made to secure the report of the Board of Survey and Adjustment; but it was only after the report had been submitted to Congress that we were able to get a copy. Then we found that the Adjustment Committee had not recommended either an extension of time, nor an increase of water supply for the project. This left the Tieton Project without any hope of securing any relief under the Act of Dec. 5th, 1924.

In the meantime, however, Senator Jones and Representative Summers had introduced a bill in Congress providing that Federal Reclamation Projects should have a period of forty years from the time of the first payment to complete the repayment. This bill became a law in May, 1926, but when it passed it had been amended to provide that the Secretary of the Interior could grant this additional time in his discretion, that is he could give a project additional time in which to pay or not, just as he saw fit.

In the hope that the Tieton Project might get some relief under this new law the Board of Trustees held several meetings for consideration of the matters that should be adjusted by any new contract with the Government. On July 10th a special meeting was held to discuss the matter with Mr. Mead the Commissioner of the Reclamation Bureau, and the Reclamation Attorney Mr. B. E. Stoutemeyer. Following these meetings a contract was prepared providing that a million dollars be expended for canal enlargement and increasing the water supply, and that this money together with the amount now owing be repaid to the government in 25 years, which is about 17 years longer than the present period of repayment.

The contract also provided that in consideration of these benefits the association would take over the project to operate and maintain. This contract was submitted to the Reclamation Bureau under date of July 29th with a long letter explaining why the water users must have the benefits provided thereby. Under date of September 16th the Reclamation Commissioner wrote us a letter denying everything we asked for, but he did consent that the association might take over the project to operate and maintain, and he still contends that any increase in water supply should be secured by elimination from the project of lands that are poor in quality and cannot pay the present charges.

In order to have definite information on the cost of enlarging the canal, the Board employed Engineer C. E. Crownover to make an investigation thereof and to report on a plan and the estimated cost. Mr. Crownover's report was completed early in the season and his plan is to build a small canal on the upper side of the present canal in the Tieton Canyon and bring the additional water down in that way. The Trustees made a trip along the canal to get an idea of the feasibility of building such a canal and found that appa-

rently no great difficulties are involved. The estimated cost of this work and the necessary improvement of the main laterals to carry additional water is about a million dollars. It is believed that it would take about the same amount of money to buy up and eliminate enough land to provide the proper amount of water for the lands that would remain.

Mr. Crownover's report was submitted to the engineering department of the Reclamation Bureau for suggestions and criticisms; but up to the present time we have not been advised of their conclusions.

All these matters will no doubt come up for discussion at the annual meeting.

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting will be held on Monday, November 15th, at 10 o'clock A. M., in the Chamber of Commerce Rooms, Yakima, Washington.

One trustee will be elected for a term of three years, the term of Mr. Jay Elliott expiring this year. Mr. Elliott was appointed, in accordance with the by-laws, by the Board of Trustees to fill the unexpired term of Trustee W. E. Thompson, who died on April 18th, 1926.

FLOYD FOSTER, Secretary.

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