

REGULAR MEETING

The meeting was held in the Water District Office and was called to order by Chairman E. O. Siegler at 7:30 p.m. Board members present were Richard McIlhenny, Pete Place and Lon Vaughan. Also present were Budget Committee member Henry Schwartz, Superintendent Marion Hubbard, Claire Klock, and Carol Quinn, assistant clerk. Mr. James Lee of Lee Engineering arrived about 7:45 p.m.

The minutes of the March 8, 1953, April 12, 1953, and April 26, 1953, meetings were read and approved.

Mr. Klock presented some additional information regarding an agricultural use permit for water service. Although the present agreement with the Water Resources Bureau specifies domestic use only, a district or an individual can apply for agricultural use. If an individual applies and is granted such a use, it becomes part of the lease cancel. If the district applies for such a permit, it would incur additional water cost. Mr. Klock and therefore increase the amount of water to which the district would have rights to. He believed that an agricultural permit allows approximately 120,000 gallons per year per acre at this time. The question would arise what when the agricultural need would be highest, domestic need would also be highest and the district at this time could not take care of both needs adequately. There would also be additional costs for chemicals and maintenance would also be increased because of the additional water flow. However, the board would like notification before making a definite decision. Mr. Lee will do some more research to present to the board.

Mr. Lee brought 25 copies of the Water Study report. He briefly noted the changes that had been made from the preliminary report. He will have a financial considerations study prepared for the meeting to be held June 7.

Mr. McIlhenny moved that the Board accept the election results. Mr. Place seconded. Passed. Mr. Place, Mr. Vaughan, and Mr. Schwartz were elected to four-year terms and Mr. McIlhenny was elected to a two-year term effective July 1, 1953.

There was some discussion of Mr. Argee's bill. Mr. Hubbard reported that he has located the line, installed new valves, and insulated the leak to within about 100 feet under some houses which need to be allowed before the line can be fixed. The Board felt that Mr. Hubbard had done more than necessary to be accommodating and helpful to Mr. Argee. Mr. Vaughan and Mr. McIlhenny will meet with Mr. Argee to discuss what can be done and needs to be done and payment made.

Mr. Siegler read a letter from the Tax Supervising & Conservation Commission certifying the Budget provided some errors were corrected. The SCC also requested that the Board consider if additional funds were on hand at the end of the fiscal year, that those additional funds should be placed in the operating contingency fund. Mr. Place moved that the recommendations be accepted. Mr. McIlhenny seconded. The Board and Budget Committee member passed the motion.

Mr. McIlhenny moved that the Board have a retirement dinner for Margaret Quinn who will retire after 13 years as district clerk. Lon Vaughan seconded. Passed. If agreeable it will be June 11 at 1316 North Falls. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

*James A. Lee*