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Grand Junction, Colorado

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Jan 15, 1913

Minutes of the final meeting of the old Board of Directors of the G. V W U. Assoc., held Jan. 15, 1913 for the purpose of closing up the business of the year. Pres. Wallace called the meeting to order.

Members present: Wallace, Ela, Campbell, DeLong, Delaplain, Merritt, Jaynes, Hynes, Blakslee, & Aupperle.

Minutes of previous meeting, also minutes of annual meeting read and approved.

On motion of DeLong, seconded by Blakslee, a roll call vote was had on approval of resolutions adopted by annual meeting. Motion approved by unanimous vote.

On motion, Wallace, Aupperle, and Ela were appointed a committee to negotiate sale of bonds.

On motion, Pres. & Sec'y. were authorized to apply the necessary portion of receipts from sale of bonds to settle loan from J. S. Duncan, with interest, also settle loan at bank.

On motion made by Merritt, seconded by Campbell, it was ordered that interest at 8% shall be charged after Mar. 1st, 1913 on all assessments made by the assoc.

On motion, meeting adjourned.

D. W. Aupperle, Sec'y.

Minutes of first meeting of Board of Directors of G. V. W, U. Assoc. held at 3 o'clock p. m. Jan 15, 1913 for the purpose of organizing the board by electing officers for the ensuing year.

W. S. Wallace acted as chairman of the meeting and D. W. Aupperle was made Sec'y. of the meeting.

W. S. Wallace was nominated for Pres. and was elected by acclamation.

W. P. Ela was nominated for Vice Pres. and was elected by acclamation.

M. O. Delaplain was nominated for Treas. and was elected by acclamation.

D. W. Aupperle was nominated for Sec'y. and was elected by acclamation.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

D. W Aupperle, Sec'y.

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Feb. 14, 1913

At a special meeting of the Board of Directors of the G. V W U. Assoc. held at the office of the assoc. in Grand Jct., Colo. On this 14th day of Feb. 1913, which meeting was called by giving due and sufficient notice to the members of the Board and for the purpose of making certain amendments in the By-Laws of the assoc., the following resolution was passed by a unanimous vote of the Board.

Whereas, Sections 3 and 4 of Art. 6 of the By-Laws of the G. V. W U. Assoc. conflict with Art. 5 Sections 4 and 5 since the amendments made in the Articles of Incorporation of said assoc. on Jan 14, 1913, and

Whereas, the By-Laws should conform with the provisions of the Articles of Incorporation, therefore be it

Resolved, that Section 3 of Art. 6 of the By-Laws be amended to read as follows:

“Upon failure of any shareholder or his successor to make prompt application for such water right for any land owned by him, or to comply promptly and in good faith with the law and rules and regulations applicable thereto, he shall nevertheless, be liable to the U. S. for the water right charges in such sums of money as may be levied by the Sec'y. of Int. and the assoc. upon such lands, and until such charges are fully paid, they shall be a lien upon such lands and shares and the said lien shall be enforced by foreclosure and sale of said lands and shares of stock appurtenant to such lands.”

Resolve, that Art. 6 be amended by striking out all of Sect. 4.

W. S. Wallace, Pres.
D. W. Aupperle, Sec'y.
L. E. Jaynes
H. T. DeLong
Wm. Campbell

M. O. Delaplain
D. W. Lynch
John Hynes
W. P. Ela

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July 1, 1913

Minutes of a special meeting of the Board of Directors of the G. V. W. U. Assoc. held at the office of the assoc. in Grand Jct., Colo. July 1, 1913, on the call of the Pres. issued June 26, 1913, as follows:

“You are hereby notified that there will be a special meeting of the Board of Directors of the G. V. W. U. Assoc. at the office of the assoc. Tues. evening July 1, 1913, beginning at 7:30, called for the purpose of approving an agreement between the government and the Denver and Rio Grande Ry. Co., the Colorado Midland Ry. Co., and the Rio Grande Junction Ry. Co. relating to the use and occupancy of a portion of the railroad right of way in constructing the Government Irrigation Canal in the canyon, to which contract the G. V. W. U. Assoc. is a party; also to consider such other matters as may properly come before the meeting.” W. S Wallace, Pres.”

The meeting was called to order by Pres. Wallace. Roll call showed the following members present: Blakslee, Campbell, Delaplain, DeLong, Ela, Hynes, Jaynes, Merritt, Wallace & Aupperle. Lynch absent.

The Sec’y. stated that it was expected that a form of the railroad contract would be in hand for consideration but it has failed to arrive, hence, action must be postponed for the present.

The question of sending to Sec’y. Lane a communication expressing the position of the assoc. on water diversion to the Eastern Slope was considered and a draft of a communication was read. On motion, a committee consisting of DeLong, Aupperle, and Campbell was appointed to redraft this communication and forward it to the Sec’y.

On motion, the Pres. and Sec’y. were instructed to send a communication to the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce calling the attention of that body to the water diversion question.

The committee appointed to consider compensation of the Sec’y. of the assoc. brot (*sic*) in a majority and minority report. Mr. Campbell reported in favor of fixing the salary at \$60.00 per mo. Messrs. DeLong...

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...and Jaynes reported in favor of \$125.00 per mo. Sec’y. Aupperle withdrew from the July 1, 1913. during the discussion of the question The adoption of the minority was on motion taken up first and failed to carry on a vote of 6 to 3. The majority report was on motion taken up next and carried by a vote of 5 to 4. The salary thus fixed to apply from Aug 1, 1910 to July 1, 1913. On his return to the meeting, Sec’y. Aupperle explained that he did not expect any salary for the month of Oct. 1911 because he had devoted a portion of his time to other work during that time.

On motion, the Pres. and Sec’y. were instructed to issue the note of the assoc. to the Sec’y for the amount of salary due, bearing 8% interest until paid.

On motion, the salary of the Sec’y. was fixed at \$50.00 per mo. Beginning July 1, 1913, subject to change by the Board as conditions may warrant.

On motion, the meeting adjourned awaiting the arrival of the railroad contracts with instructions that the Pres. shall call a meeting of the Board without time notice on the arrival of the contract.

Aug. 11, 1913

Minutes of adjourned meeting of the Board of Directors of the G. V W. U. Assoc. held Aug. 11, 1913 as per adjournment of July 1, 1913.

Meeting called to order by Pres. Wallace. Members present: Wallace, DeLong, Ela, Delaplain, Jaynes, Hynes, Lynch, and Aupperle.

A copy of the contract with the railroads concerning the use of a part of the Ry. right of way in the canyon was presented and read..

On motion of Jaynes, seconded by Hynes, the following resolution was adopted:

“Resolved, that W. S. Wallace, Pres. and D. W Aupperle, Sec’y. of the G. V. W. U. Assoc. are hereby authorized on behalf of said assoc., party of the third part, to execute a contract between the Rio Grande Junction Ry. Co., the Denver & Rio Grande R. R. Co., the Colorado Midland Ry. Co., as parties of the first part, the United States of America, ...

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...as party of the second part, and the Grand Valley Water Users’ Assoc. as party of the third part, granting the U. S. a license and permit to construct, maintain, and operate a dam intake, canal and private road along, upon and across the right of way of the Rio Grande Junct. Ry. Co., together with the necessary appurtenances thereto upon locations to be definitely described within Sections 13, 14, 22, 23, 24, 27, and 34 in Twp. 10 So. Range 98 W. of the 6th Principal Meridian, in the County of Mesa, State of Colo., and granting to the said G. V. W. U. Assoc. the right to maintain and operate said canal and the dam and other appurtenances thereto, all in accordance with plans attached to and made a part of the proposed contract as Exhibits A, B, & C, and all subject to such terms and conditions as shall be expressed in said contract when finally approved by all the parties in interest.

I, D. W Aupperle, Sec’y. of the G. V. W. U. Assoc. hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and complete copy of a certain resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of the G. V. W. U. Assoc. duly held under a call issued by the Pres. and held on the 11th day of Aug 1913, for the purpose of considering the approval of the contract mentioned in said resolution, by a unanimous vote, a quorum being present and voting, as such resolution appears of record in the minutes of the meeting.

Witness my hand and the seal of the G. V. W. U. Assoc. this 12th day of Aug. 1913.”

Signed – D. W Aupperle

A roll call vote was ordered with the following result:

Aupperle	yes	Hynes	yes
Campbell	absent	Jaynes	yes
Blakslee	absent	Lynch	yes
Delaplain	yes	Merritt	yes
DeLong	yes	Wallace	yes
Ela	yes		

The vote showing a majority present and all members present voting affirmatively, the resolution was declared carried and adopted.

On motion meeting adjourned.

D. W. Aupperle, Sec'y.

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Nov. 15, 1913

Minutes of a meeting of the Board of Directors of the G. V. W. U. Assoc. held at the office of the assoc. Nov. 15, 1913, at the call of the Pres. for the purpose of considering the matter of making a loan for the assoc. from Verner Z. Reed; and for the purpose of considering the matter of petitioning the Government to resurvey the lands under the Grand Va. Project; and for the further purpose of directing the call for the annual meeting of the shareholders to be held on the second Tuesday of January, 1914, and such other matters as may properly come before the Board.

The meeting was called to order at 10 o'clock a. m. by Pres. Wallace. Roll call showed all members of the Board present.

After formally discussing the question, it was moved by Mr. Ela and seconded by Mr. Merritt that the loan of \$5,000.00 from Mr. Verner Z. Reed be approved; \$3,000.00 to be paid at once for which the Pres. & Sec'y. are authorized to issue the promissory note of the assoc. at 8% interest, payable semi-annually, due on or before three years, and the balance of \$2,000.00 to be paid on demand for which the Pres. & Sec'y. are authorized to issue the note of the assoc. at the same rate. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

After discussion of the subject, it was moved by Mr. Campbell and seconded by Mr. Hynes, that the Pres. & Sec'y. be instructed to petition the Government to make a resurvey of all the lands under the Grand Va. Project. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

On motion, it was ordered that the call for the annual meeting of the shareholders shall provide for a vote by the shareholders on the question of ratifying the assessment of 5 cts. per acre made by the Board of Directors Oct. 24, 1904 and the assessment made by the Board of Directors Mar. 10, 1908 of 25 cts. per acre on lands under the project.

On motion, it was ordered that the Pres. appoint a committee of 3 of which committee he shall be chairman, make arrangements if possible with the railroad for a special train for an excursion to

be run to the works on the canal system in the canyon in case arrangements can be made for such excursion before the 1st day of Dec. 1913 on a 50 ct. rate for the round trip. Pres. Wallace appointed Mr. Merritt and Mr. Lynch as the other two members of the committee. The committee to have power to act.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

D. W. Aupperle, Sec'y.

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Jan. 13, 1914

Minutes of the annual meeting of the shareholders of the G. V. W. U. Assoc. held Tues. Jan. 13, 1914, as per regular call, copy of which is here given:

“Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the shareholders of the G. V. W. U. Assoc. will be held at the office of the assoc., 518 Main St. in Grand Jct., Colo. between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 12 o'clock noon on Tues. Jan. 13, 1914, for the purpose of electing eleven (11) directors for the ensuing year; for the purpose of voting on the question of ratifying the action of former Boards of Directors in making an assessment of 5 cts. per acre on Oct. 24, 1904, and an assessment of 25 cts. per acre on Mar. 10, 1908, against the lands under the project; also for the consideration of such other matters as may properly come before the said meeting.”

W. S. Wallace, Pres.

Dated at Grand Jct. Colo.
Dec 12, 1913.

Meeting was called to order by Pres. W. S. Wallace, D. W. Aupperle acting as Sec'y.

The Sec'y. reported that a majority was represented by properly filed proxies, thus assuring a working majority present.

The Sec'y. next read his annual report, which was on motion accepted and ordered made a part of the records of the assoc.

A letter from Congressman Edwin. T. Taylor relating to legislation effecting the time for repayment of construction charges was read and discussed at some length.

A communication from C. J. Blanchard in charge of settlement work on the Government projects, was presented and discussed. On motion of Mr. Merritt, seconded by Mr. Ela, a committee of five was provided for, of which the Pres. and Sec'y. shall be members and these two shall name the other three members, this committee to be permanent.

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F. F. Merritt, H. T. DeLong, and D. W. Lynch were named the other members of the committee.

The Treas. next made his annual report, showing a balance of \$149.51 on hand. On motion, the report was referred to an auditing committee consisting of DeLong, Campbell, and Ela.

There being no further business of a general character, the meeting was turned over to the previously appointed Board of Judges, Messrs. Ela, Jaynes, and Merritt, to conduct the annual election as per official call.

Nominations for Directors for the ensuing year being in order, the following nominations were regularly made:

M. O. Delaplain, John Hynes, W. S. Wallace, F. F. Merritt, L. E. Jaynes, W. P. Ela, D. W. Aupperle, Wm. Campbell, D. W. Lynch, H. T. DeLong, and M. W. Blakslee.

The results of the election are shown by the report made by the Judges of the election to the Pres. as provided in the By-Laws of the assoc.

D. W. Aupperle, Sec'y.

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To the members of the Grand Valley Water Users' Assoc.

The year 1913 brot (*sic*) the largest results of any year in the history of our association. The good work (construction work) begun in 1912, has been continued, has not even been interrupted by the change of administration, and has been carried on with ever increasing energy.

There would be no need of reporting to you who are present anything concerning the things which have been accomplished: you already have this information. But as a matter of record, it may be well to mention the main features of the work done.

Work on Tunnel No. 1 was begun Oct. 22, 1912. The construction of camp buildings was started about the same time. Work was confined to this tunnel until Mar. 4, 1913, at which time Tunnel No. 2 was started.

In June a contract was let for excavating about 4 ½ miles of open canal work in the canyon. This includes all of the canal work in the canyon, between the location of the diversion dam and the upper end of Tunnel No. 3. This contract was let to the Reynolds-Ely Construction Co. of Provo, Utah, at a total cost of \$109,568.00. This is the heaviest part of the canal construction work. The size of the canal is much greater than that of the balance of the system because it provides for carrying 750 ft. of water for power purposes in addition to that needed for irrigation. The character of the ground there is such as to make the work much more difficult and expensive than will be the case in the rest of the system.

In Sept., work was started on the diversion dam, where the water will be taken out of the river, and in Oct., preliminary work was started on Tunnel No. 3.

Now as to results.

The boring of Tunnel No. 1 was completed in Sept. and a considerable portion of cement lining has been done.

Tunnel No. 2 was completed several weeks ago. Cementing of this tunnel will not be started for some...

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...time yet.

About 80% of the contract work on the canal has been done and the balance will be finished in the Spring as soon as the weather conditions will permit.

Work on the diversion dam is going on and it is expected that half of this work will be done before high water comes in the Spring, the work to be taken up again when the high water is passed, and the dam completed next year.

Work is now under way at three headings on Tunnel No. 3 with a moderate force of men. Progress on this tunnel has been hindered by reason of failure to get certain right-of-way privileges from the railroads.

The officials of your assoc. feel that splendid progress has been made during the past year. They feel justified also in predicting that the year 1914 will bring us satisfactory results.

The Sec'y. of the Int., Hon. Franklin K. Love, was here in Aug. to get acquainted with local conditions. Sec'y. Lane is greatly interested in reclamation and development work. He is a man with real constructive policies, looking for practical results. He gave assurance that our work shall be carried on as rapidly as the available funds will justify.

Chief Engineer A. P. Davis, Atty. Morris Bien, and Statistician C. J. Blanchard, all from the Washington office, visited our project during the year, and all have shown a keen interest in our welfare and a desire to push our work as rapidly as conditions will permit.

Of course, we have had some troubles to deal with. Perhaps the most annoying of these have been connected with certain railroad right-of-way matters. The legal department of the Denver and Rio Grande Ry. Co. has never, it seems to us, shown a proper spirit of co-operation in connection with this enter- ...

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...prise; a work in which the railroad should take a keen interest, as it means the development of lands in its own trade territory. So far, no question has, within our knowledge, gone to this legal department without being met with opposition and contention to an extent which seems to us unjustifiable. We have been unable until quite recently to understand this attitude, but a

statement recently made by the head counsel indicates that there must be some degree of unfriendly feeling toward the Government with a disposition to retaliate. It seems to us the gentleman should realize that any process of retaliation in this case reflects upon and injures the land holders and home builders under this project; people who will be the permanent patrons and supporters of the railroad, and that he doesn't even touch the Government.

We are pleased to state, however, that the other department of the railroad company has shown an interest in our proposition and has generally been ready to co-operate. This is especially true of the local representatives of the railroads.

Finances

At the annual meeting a year ago authority was voted to issue and sell bonds of the assoc. to a limit of \$15,000.00, with which to pay accumulated indebtedness and necessary expenses. It was found that, on account of it being so small an issue and the time limit on the bonds being so short, it was not possible to sell the bonds except at a heavy discount. This your officials were not willing to do, so for the most part our creditors have carried the amounts due them. A loan of \$3,000.00 was secured from Mr. Verner Z. Reed, which amount was used in paying some of the claims where the need was greatest. Your officials have at times been slightly hampered by the lack of funds with which to properly handle the affairs of the assoc., but there has been...

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...no real embarrassment: our creditors have been patient with us. Only a small total amount has been received during the year from assessments, viz. \$284.35. The total indebtedness of the assoc. to date, including accumulated interest, is \$12,160.80. This can all be paid from the returns of the 30 ct. per acre assessment already made against the lands.

As to the Future:

No one can give any assurance when the canal will be completed ready to carry water, but there is some basis for the hope that water may be ready for a crop in the Spring of 1916. This is possible if funds are available and there is a fair prospect that they shall be available. This brings us to the consideration of a very important question; the question of settling and developing the lands under the project. This is a very serious question, and that should have consideration for every interested person in this valley. This project will not be a real success unless practically every farm unit is occupied by a real home builder, and it will not be a success then unless every home builder has a chance to succeed. The Government officials and your officials realize the importance of this question. The Sec'y. of the Int. and the Reclamation officials are insisting that this assoc. shall begin early to co-operate with the government in securing suitable settlers to go on the lands as soon as the water is ready. They are also insisting that this assoc. shall use its influence to the fullest possible extent in seeing that those who want these lands for the purpose of development and home building shall get them at fair prices, prices which will permit the man of moderate means to pay for the land and water charges and prosper.

We have the promise of the officials in charge of the settlement work for the Reclamation Service...

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...that they will give us all the assistance possible if we will work for the interests of the project by assisting the real home seeker and discourage speculation.

D. W. Aupperle, Sec'y.

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Jan. 13, 1914

Minutes of the final meeting of the old Board of Directors of the G. V. W. U. Assoc. held at the office of the assoc. at 3 o'clock p. m. Tues, Jan'y. 13, 1914. President Wallace presiding.

Members present: Ela, Lynch, Merritt, Jaynes, Hynes, Campbell. Wallace, DeLong, & Aupperle.

Minutes of the meetings held July 1, 1913, Aug. 11, 1913, and Nov 15, 1913 were read and approved.

On motion the following bills were allowed:

Daily News Pub. Co.	\$10.50
M. O. Delaplain	\$11.05
D. W. Aupperle	\$ 9.60
Western Sugar & Land Co.	\$ 7.50

The judges of the election held at the office of the assoc. between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 12 o'clock noon on the 13 day of Jan'y. 1914, reported that the following were duly elected to serve as directors for the ensuing year:

M. W. Blakslee, Wm. Campbell, M. O. Delaplain, Horace T. DeLong, W. P. Ela, John Hynes, L. E. Jaynes, D. W. Lynch, F. F. Merritt, W. S. Wallace, and D. W. Aupperle.

On motion, Board adjourned. Sec'y. Delaplain.

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Jan'y. 13, 1914

Minutes of the first meeting of the newly elected Board of Directors of the G. V. W. U. Assoc. held at the office of the assoc. Tues Jan'y. 13, 1914, at 4 o'clock p. m.

On motion, W. P. Ela was chosen chairman. Members present: Campbell, Delaplain, DeLong, Ela, Hynes, Jaynes, Lynch, Merritt, Wallace, & Aupperle.

The first order of business was organizing the new Board.

W. S. Wallace was nominated for Pres. and elected by unanimous vote.

W. P. Ela was nominated for Vice Pres., and elected by unanimous vote.

M. O. Delaplain was nominated for Treas. and elected by unanimous vote.

D. W. Aupperle was nominated for Sec'y. and elected by unanimous vote.

The progress of the work on constructing the irrigation was then discussed at some length. Pres. Wallace reported that some complaints had been received concerning some of the men on the works. On motion of DeLong, the Pres. and Sec'y. were made a committee to co-operate with the Engineers in charge of the works in order that the interests of the assoc. may be fully protected.

The question of securing settlers was discussed and Wallace, Aupperle, DeLong, Merrit, and Lynch were made a committee on settlement to direct the work of settling the canals.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

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Grand Jct., Colo. Jan'y. 13, 1914

To W. S. Wallace, Pres. of G. V. W. U. Assoc.

In compliance with Sect 6, Art VII of the By-Laws of the assoc., we beg to make the following report:

We, the undersigned, state that we were regularly appointed to act as judges of election at the annual meeting of the members of the G. V. W. U. Assoc. held this day, Jan'y. 13, 1914.

After the purpose of the meeting was stated, nominations were called for and the following persons were placed in nomination for Directors for the ensur~~ing~~ing year:

W. S. Wallace, D. W. Aupperle, John Hynes, M. O. Delaplain, W. P. Ela, L. E. Jaynes, Wm. Campbell, H. T. DeLong, D. W. Lynch, M. W. Blakslee, & F.F. Merritt.

The poles (sic) were then opened to the voters present and a total of 14,427 votes were cast, the candidates receiving votes as follows:

W. S. Wallace	14,427
D. W. Aupperle	14,427
John Hynes	14,427
M. O. Delaplain	14,427

W. P. Ela	14,427
L. E. Jaynes	14,317
Wm. Campbell	14,317
H. T. DeLong	14,317
D. W. Lynch	14,427
M. W. Blakslee	14,427
F.F. Merritt	14,427

A majority of the legal votes of the assoc. having been cast, and the above named candidates having received a majority of the votes cast, we declare them elected to serve as Directors of the assoc. for the ensuing year.

F. F. Merritt }
W. P. Ela } Judges
L. E. Jaynes }

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Jan'y. 21, 1914

Minutes of a special meeting of the Board of Directors of the G. V. W. U. Assoc. held on Jan'y. 21, 1914, Pres. Wallace presiding. Members present: Wallace, DeLong, Campbell, Ela, Delaplain, Merritt, & Aupperle.

The Pres. stated the purpose of the meeting to be the consideration of some questions arising from the negotiations between the Palisade Irrigation Dist. And the Mesa County Mut. Irrigation Dist. In which some of the land owners in the said districts are proposing that the Government shall supply water to the Districts from the Government system.

After some discussion the Pres. was instructed to address the following statement to the committee represents, the land owners.

July 21- 1914

Mr. Wm. Harrison }
Mr. A. E. Johnson } Committee
Mr. H. G. Fletcher }

Gentlemen:---

At a called meeting of the Directors of the Water Users' Assoc. held today, I was directed to submit to you the following as the position of the Board of Directors of the Water Users' Assoc. in reference to the proposed negotiations between the Palisade and Mesa County Irrigation Dist. and the Government:

First, we are satisfied with our contract with the Government and plan of work and water supply.

Second, we will not approve any changes that will result in the delay of a single day.

Third, we cannot approve any change that will materially increase the price to our land owners.

Fourth, we stand ready to aid in any way desired in negotiating for a change of plan to furnish water to the districts consistent with the above restrictions.

Resp.,
W. S. Wallace, Pres.

On motion, meeting adjourned.

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Feb'y. 19, 1914

Minutes of a special meeting of the Board of Directors of the G. V. W. U. Assoc. held Feb'y. 19, 1914 on call of the Pres. for the purpose of receiving a report from the committee on settlement of the lands under the Grand Va. Project, and for consideration of such other matters as may properly come before the meeting. Pres. Wallace presiding. Meeting called to order at 4:30 p. m.

Roll call showed the following present: Wallace, Blakslee, Ela, Jaynes, Merritt, Campbell, Lynch, Delaplain, DeLong, and Aupperle.

Minutes of meeting held Jan'y. 13, and 21, 1914 were read and approved.

The committee on settlement reported that two meetings had been held and tentative plans for organizing a campaign for the securing of settlers has been outlined. A draft of a letter to be sent to the land holders was read. The purpose of the letter is to urge those land owners who expect to develop their lands to get ready early to cultivate the land, and asking those who expect to sell their lands to list them with this assoc.

A draft of a letter intended to be sent in response to inquiries was also read. On motion, both letters were approved and ordered sent out.

Mr. Wallace, chairman of the committee, next presented a tentative plan for organizing for settlement work. It was suggested that the statement of the plan be typewritten so the members of the Board may have opportunity to read and study the plan.

On motion, the meeting was adjourned to meet (*end of text*)

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Jan'y. 12, 1915

Minutes of the annual meeting of the shareholders of the G. V. W. U. Assoc. held at the office of the assoc. in Grand Jct., Colo. Tues. Jan'y. 12, 1915 as per call issued by the President of the Board, W. S. Wallace, Dec. 11, 1914.

Pres. Wallace called the meeting to order at 10:30 and called for a reading of the call for the meeting. The official call was read by Sec'y. Aupperle.

A roll of those present was made showing the shares represented. Those present were:

W. S. Wallace	W. J. Hynes
M. O. Delaplain	O. W. Jaynes
Tim Manion	Edith L. Borschell
Mary N. Davis	Henry Patterson
M. G. Woolverton	Geo. Kaup
John Hynes	James O'Brien
M W. Blakslee	L. E. Jaynes
A . Noorine	M. S. Patterson
F. F. Merritt	D. W. Aupperle

Those present represented a total of 2802 shares. The Sec'y. then reported that only 3643 shares had been filed as required by the By-Laws of the assoc. Thus, the total number represented by proxy and in person aggregated only 6445 shares out of about 24,000; there was clearly no quorum present. The Sec'y. then read to those present Sections 4, 5, & 6 of Art. VII of the By-Laws relating to holding annual meeting and explained that in the absence of a quorum, those present can adjourn for a period not exceeding 60 days, or they may adjourn without date in which event the old Board of Directors will hold over for another year.

It was decided to hold an informal session of those present for the purpose of discussing matters of interest. The report of Treas. Delaplain was read showing total receipts for the year of \$2,358.51 with total disbursements of \$2,219.25, leaving a balance of \$130.41 in the treasury.

Sec'y. Aupperle reported that \$84.50 was received on assessments, \$60.00 on commissions, and \$2,150.00 on loans, \$150.00 of which has been paid.

The Sec'y. then gave an extended oral report of the progress...

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...made in construction work during the past year: the present condition of the work and the prospects and hopes for the coming year. The questions of securing settlers and of arranging with parties to plow and level lands were also discussed, after which, on motion of O. W. Jaynes seconded by M. W. Blakslee, the meeting adjourned.

D. W. Aupperle, Sec'y.

Treasurer's Statement – Jan'y. 12, 1915

(Note: Table format inserted by transcriber)

Jan'y. 12, 1914	Balance on hand			149.51
Apr 7	"	Home Loan & W. G. Jones		27.00
Feb 6	"	Beech check returned		20.00
Apr 27	"	By Cash		12.00
May 22	"	" "		150.00
Dec 1	"	" "		2000.00
Jan'y. 17	"	To. H. H Beech check returned		20.00
Jan'y. 5	"	" Daily News ck	#391	10.50
Jan'y. 23	"	" D. W. Aupperle	#393	9.90
Jan'y. 23	"	" M. O. Delaplain	#392	11.05
Jan'y 26	"	" West Sugar & Land	#394	7.50
Apr 6	"	" D. W. Aupperle	#398	35.00
Apr 7	"	" Daily News	#395	29.25
May 27	"	" G. Va. Nat. Bank	#397	120.00
May 1	"	" Chapin & Vorbeck	#396	5.00
May 25	"	" G. Va. Nat. Bank	#399	3.75
Sept 2	"	" D. W. Aupperle	#400	95.80
Dec 1	"	" " " " "	#403	1500.00
Dec 2	"	" G. Va. Nat. Bank	#402	120.00
Dec 2	"	" " " " " "	#401	150.00
Dec 7	"	" Fred Coe	#407	55.00
Dec 8	"	" Daily News	#405	17.25
Dec 8	"	" Griffith, Watson & Smith	#404	17.50
Dec 9	"	" F. E. Dean	#406	11.75
				2219.25
		Balance on hand		139.26
				2358.51
				2358.51

In arriving at my balance under date of Jan'y. 14.1914 when I said we had a balance of 149.51, I included in this my personal bill against the assoc. of
 Also crediting the assoc. with John Benson's assessments

11.05
2.20
 8.85

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Statement herewith shows balance of ----- 139.26
 Deduct ----- 8.85
 Leaves correct balance 130.41

Which is as follows:

Amt. in Grand Va. Nat. Bank----- 130.44
 Amt. in Mesa Co. Nat Bank----- .01
 130.41

Signed – M. O. Delaplain, Treas.

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Jan'y. 12, 1915

Minutes of the annual meeting of the Board of Directors of the G. V. W. U. Assoc. held as provided by the By-Laws Tues. p. m. at 2:30 Jan'y. 12, 1915, for the purpose of closing up the work of the past year and to organize for the ensuing year. Meeting called to order by Pres. Wallace. Roll call showed following present: Wallace, Ela, Delaplain, DeLong, Merritt, Haynes. Jaynes, Blakslee, Campbell, & Aupperle.

Minutes of the previous meeting held Aug 29, 1914 read and approved.

Bills allowed:

News	\$8.50
Sentinel	5.92
A . C. Newton	2.00
D. W. Aupperle	29.55
C. J. Blanchard	<u>50.00</u>
	95.97

A delegation of 15 cattlemen came before the Board asking that the High Line Canal be fenced on both sides to keep cattle out of the canal. The Board promised to give the matter serious consideration with the view to possibly making some recommendations to the Gov't.

Sec'y. Aupperle next presented to the Board minutes of the annual meeting which showed that less than a quorum were present and that the meeting adjourned without electing directors for the ensuing year.

Pres. Wallace then ruled that the old directors would hold over for the ensuing year and the present offers hold over without reorganizing the Board.

Pres. Wallace then submitted a draft of a communication which he had prepared, addressed to Mr. C. J. Blanchard of the Reclamation Service suggesting the securing if possible of Belgian farmers for settlers on one our project lands. On motion, the Board ordered that the communication be sent.

On motion, The Sec'y. was instructed to send a letter to Sec'y. F K. Lane expressing appreciation of the work done during the past year; also one to Congressman E. T. Taylor for the work done and being done by him.

On motion, the Board adjourned to meet again at 10 a. m. Tues. Jan'y. 19, 1915.

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Jan'y. 19, 1915

Minutes of the adjourned meeting of the Board of Directors of the G. V. W. U. Assoc. adjourned from Jan'y. 12, 1915

Meeting called to order by Pres. Wallace at 1:45. Roll call showed the following members present: Jaynes, Merritt, Hynes, Ela, Blakslee, Delaplain, Wallace, & Aupperle.

Minutes of the preceding meeting read and approved. Copy of the letters sent to Sec'y. Lane & Congressman Taylor were read.

The matter of the Minton Bros. proposed plan for contracting for plowing and leveling lands under the Government project were discussed.

Question of providing some suitable literature to be used in advertising the project for the purpose of securing settlers.

Motion by Blakslee seconded by Hynes that a committee of 3 be appointed on advertising. Wallace, Ela, & Aupperle appointed.

Moved by Ela that Jaynes, Merritt, Blakslee, and Hynes be a committee to consider the fencing proposition as presented by the committee of cattlemen on the 12th inst.

The question of plans for distributing laterals as being laid out by the engineers at present was taken up by Ela.

Moved by Hynes, seconded by Delaplain that a committee of 5 be appointed to confer with Reclamation officials concerning laterals. Committee consists of Blakslee, Hynes, Ela, Merritt, & Jaynes. On motion by Ela, Wallace was added to committee.

Question of petitioning the County Commissioners to re-establish the roads at 40 ft. instead of 60 ft. was taken up.

Moved by Merritt, seconded by Blakslee, that the Board request the County Commissioners to establish the section line roads at 40 ft. in width within the limits of the Government Reclamation Project. Carried unanimously.

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Sec'y. Aupperle then presented to Pres. Wallace the following communication:

Grand Jct. Jan'y. 19—

To the Board of Directors of the G.V.W.U. Assoc.
Gentlemen --

I hereby tender my resignation as Sec'y. of your Board to take effect Mar. 1st, 1915.

Sincerely Yours,
D. W. Aupperle

The directors asked for an explanation. Sec'y. Aupperle stated briefly that it would be impossible for him to continue in the work of the assoc. unless arrangements are made to finance the assoc. in such a manner that in the future its affairs can be conducted on a practical business basis. That in order that settlers may be secured to develop and occupy the lands under the project, it will be necessary to inaugurate a practical and active campaign; and this cannot be done without money to cover the necessary expense. He was asked for suggestions as to a plan for providing for the necessary money. He suggested that the matter be taken up with the 3 local banks to secure credit for the necessary amounts. The Sec'y. was then asked to prepare a budget showing the amounts he thot (*sic*) necessary.

A committee consisting of Pres. Wallace and Vice Pres. Ela was named to take up the matter of finances with the local banks.

The resignation of Sec'y. Aupperle was then laid on the table to be taken up at an adjourned meeting to be held Feb'y. 20, 1915.

On motion, meeting adjourned to meet Sat. Feb. 20, 1915 at 10 o'clock a. m.

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Feb. 20, 1915

Minutes of the adjourned meeting of the Board of Directors of the G. V. W. U. Assoc. held at the office of the assoc. Sat. Feb. 20, 1915 at 10 o'clock a. m.

Pres. Wallace called the meeting to order. Roll call members present: Blakslee, Campbell, Delaplain, DeLong, Ela, Hynes, Jaynes, Lynch, Merritt, Wallace, & Aupperle.

Minutes of the last meeting held Jan'y. 19, 1915 read and approved.

Pres. Wallace asked for a report from the committee on fencing the canal as requested by the delegation of cattlemen. The committee stated that they are not yet ready to make final report. The committee was continued.

Mr. Ela reporting for the committee appointed to confer with the bank about financing the assoc. for the current year, stated that Mr. Talbert states that the Grand Va. Bank officials feel their bank has rendered its proper proportion of accommodation thru the \$5,000.00 loan made by Verner Z. Reed. The matter was taken up with Mr. D. L. Stone, Pres. of the U. S. Bank and Trust Co. Mr. Stone had a conference with the officials of the Bank of Grand Jct. Mr. Stone reported to Mr. Ela that the latter bank refused to consider the proposition. Mr. Ela also stated that the U. S. Bank & Tr. Co. is considering the matter of extending credit to the extent of \$1500.00.

The committee appointed to look into the matter of location of laterals reported having conferred with Reclamation Engineers and found the work being done in a quite satisfactory manner.

Dist. Engineer R. F. Walter and Project Engineer Miner appeared before the Board to present the mater of Sec'y. Lane's plan for a Board of Review to examine the records showing all cost items connected with the construction of the Project.

On motion, W. S. Wallace was appointed to represent this project.

Committee on roads reported having called upon the County Commissioners and the Commissioners have agreed to establish all...

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...section line roads within the limits of the Government Project 40 ft. in width.

Mr. Miner reported having gone over the canal line with the County Commissioners for the purpose of locating the necessary bridges across the canal, and that a very satisfactory agreement was reached as to the number of bridges to be built.

The consideration of the resignation of Sec'y. Aupperle was then called for, but as no definite information was at hand concerning finances, and as such information is expected by Tuesday the 23rd, the meeting was adjourned to meet at 10 o'clock Tues. Feb. 23, 1915.

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Feb. 23, 1915

Minutes of an adjourned meeting of the Board of Directors of the G. V. W. U. Assoc. held at the office of the assoc. at 10 o'clock a. m. Feb'y. 23, 1915, as per adjournment of Feb'y. 20, 1915.

President called meeting to order. Members present: Blakslee, Campbell, Delaplain, DeLong, Ela, Hynes, Jaynes, Merritt, Wallace, & Aupperle.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

The committee on financing reported by Mr. Wallace that Mr. Stone of the U. S. Bank and Tr. Co. will supply \$1500.00 to the assoc. as needed during the current year.

Moved by Mr. Ela that the loan of \$1500.00 at 8% interest offered by the U. S. Bank and Tr. Co. be accepted and the proper officials of the assoc. be authorized to execute warrants on note for funds as received; also that the offer of D. W. Aupperle to serve for one year as Sec'y. for \$1800.00, for which he agrees to accept notes or warrants at 8 % be accepted and that back salary due Aupperle be put in form of notes. Motion seconded and carried.

Moved by Campbell that officials execute note to Aupperle.

On motion, meeting adjourned.

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May 6, 1915

Minutes of a called meeting of the Board of Directors of the G. V. W. U. Assoc. held at the office of the assoc. Thurs. May 6, 1915 at ten o'clock a. m. called for the purpose of considering the order directing that the lateral work for the second unit of the G. V. Project be built on force account; to consider a communication relating to the same matter from Dist. Engineer R. F. Walter, and to transact such other business as might properly come before the board.

Roll call showed the following members present: Campbell, Blakslee, DeLong, Ela, Jaynes, Merritt, Wallace, & Aupperle.

Pres. Wallace stated the purpose of the meeting—

Letter from Mr. Walter was read. The situation was discussed, after which the following resolutions were adopted and the Sec'y. instructed to furnish Mr. Walter with a copy of same.

The matter of entertaining the sub-committee of the House Appropriation Comm. on their visit of inspection June 27, 1915 was discussed and a committee consisting of Aupperle, Ela, and DeLong was appointed to co-operate with Reclamation officials in making necessary plans and arrangements to showing the party over the project and giving suitable entertainment.

On motion, meeting adjourned.

D. W. Aupperle, Sec'y.

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Dec. 18, 1915

Minutes of a called meeting of the Board of Directors of the G. V. W. U. Assoc. held at the office of the assoc. Sat. Dec. 18, 1915 at 9 o'clock a. m. for the purpose of conferring with Mr. C. J. Blanchard, Statistician of the U. S. R. S. (*United States Reclamation Service*) about the work of securing settlers for the lands under the G. V. Project. Members present: Blakslee, Campbell, Delaplain, DeLong, Jaynes, Lynch, Merritt, Wallace & Aupperle.

Mr. Blanchard being present, Pres. Wallace called upon him to make to the Board any statements and suggestions he wished to make.

Mr. Blanchard gave a brief review of the work done at the Panama-Pacific Industrial Exposition thru the exhibit made then by the Reclamation service, of which he had charge. He stated that the inquiries made showed a hunger for western lands, but that the attitude of those inquiring showed a deplorable lack of confidence, amounting in many cases to a real fear of being defrauded if

they attempt to secure lands in the West. This feeling is a result of unsatisfactory experiences had in the past by others. He also called attention to the competition this Project must meet in seeking settlers, and stated that deeded lands should be offered to settlers at reasonable price in order that home builders may take them and make a success of developing lands and become prosperous and stable citizens. He suggested that the Board of Directors give this matter serious consideration, devise a working plan for the assoc., and submit it to the Sec'y. of Int. in order that a plan for co-operation may be agreed upon.

On motion, the Board adjourned to meet at 1:30 p. m. Mon. Dec. 20, 1915 to consider plans to be submitted to the Sec'y of the Interior.

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Dec. 20, 1915

Minutes of adjourned meeting. Members present: Campbell, DeLong, Jaynes, Lynch, Merritt, Wallace, & Aupperle.

The matter of working plans for settlement campaign was discussed and on motion, Aupperle, Wallace, & DeLong were named as a committee to prepare an outline of plans to be submitted to Mr. Blanchard and by him to the Sec'y. of the Int.

On motion, meeting adjourned to 1:30 Dec. 27, 1915.

Dec. 27, 1915

Minutes of adjourned meeting of Board of Directors held Dec. 27, 1915 as per adjournment of December 20 – 1915/ Members present: Campbell, DeLong, Delaplain, Ela, Jaynes, Lynch, Merritt, Wallace, & Aupperle.

The committee appointed to submit draft of plans for settlement work submitted resolutions which were discussed at length and after some modification were adopted and ordered sent to Mr. Blanchard.

The matter of rights-of-way taken by the Government for supply laterals was discussed and a committee consisting of Blakslee, Ela, and Merritt was appointed to confer with Mr. Miner to request that the Gov't. shall definitely establish the rights-of-way and determine the amount of land to be held.

On motion, Jaynes, Merritt, & Blakslee were made a committee on election to conduct the annual election to be held Jan'y. 11, 1916.

On motion, meeting adjourned. ---

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Feb'y. 26, 1916

Minutes of adjourned meeting held at office of assoc. Feb'y. 26, 1916 at 2 o'clock p. m. as per adjournment of Jan'y. 11, 1916. Members present: Blakslee, Campbell, Delaplain, DeLong, Ela, Jaynes, Merritt, Wallace & Aupperle.

Minutes of meetings from Dec. 18, 1915 to date read and approved.

L. Antles presented Midland Trail proposition asking that the assoc. sell one hundred "logs" of the train at \$1.00 each in exchange for a page ad in the "Log." Motion prevailed that the matter be laid on table.

Communication from Mrs. Emma D. Chester asking for a contribution of \$25.00 to assist in sending out copies of the "Booster Edition" of the Daily News to be gotten out by Women's Club on Mar. 7, 1916. On motion, the communication was laid on the table.

M. G. Woolverton appeared before the Board with a proposition to have the assoc. join with the Chamber of Commerce in getting out literature for advertising.

On motion, chair appointed Campbell, Blakslee, and Jaynes.

Matter of appraising lands under plans proposed by the Government was taken up. Motion passed that a committee of three be appointed to make appraisements, two members to be chosen from the Board and one to be suggested by Mesa County Clearing House Assoc. Moved and seconded that Pres. select committee. Campbell, Delaplain, and _____

Chicago Herald advertising proposition sent by C. J. Blanchard was read and after discussion, motion was passed providing that this assoc. shall accept the proposition in case the G. J. Chamber of Commerce agrees to bear the expense.

The following bills were allowed:

Sentinel	\$ 5.75
Dean	22.50
Murr	24.95
D. W. Aupperle	25.46
Indep. Abstract Co.	26.00
News	<u>28.25</u>
	132.91

Adjournment

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Apr. 18, 1916

Minutes of a special meeting of the Board of Directors of the G. V. W. U. Assoc. held at the office of the assoc. Tues. Apr. 18, 1916 at 2 o'clock p. m. at the call of the Pres. W. S. Wallace, for the purpose of further considering settlement plans and such other matters as may properly come before the meeting.

Members present: Wallace, Campbell, Ela, Delaplain, Blakslee, Jaynes, Merritt, & Aupperle.

Meeting was called to order by Pres. Wallace Minutes of previous meeting held Feb. 26, 1916 were read and approved.

A communication from, Dr. Elwood Mead concerning representation at Washington was read. Dr. Mead reported that the **Orland** Project of California was sending a committee to Washington to take up with Sec'y. Lane and with Congress the Mead plan of aiding settlers financially. The matter was discussed at length, but no definite action taken.

Project Mgr. Miner presented a communication in which he asked for recommendations for appointments to the positions of ditch superintendents and ditch riders. It was moved and seconded that J.S. O'Neil be recommended for Supt. for the first unit. Motion carried. No other recommendations were made.

Project Mgr. Miner presented also a communication relating to a proposed contract with the Mesa Co. Mutual Irrigation Dist. for carrying a water supply for a portion of the lands under the Gov't. canal. It was moved by Jaynes, seconded by Campbell, that it is the sense of the Board that if a contract is entered into with the said district for carrying water that the district should be required to surrender a proportionate part of the power water decreed to it during such time as water is furnished the district by the Gov't. canal. Motion carried.

It was moved and seconded that it is the sense of this Board that the Project Mgr. should do the work necessary to protect the banks of natural washes into which waste water is discharged. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that in the opinion of the Directors, the Reclamation Service should take steps to provide waste ways for the lands to be watered under the Project. (Carried - on motion.) Meeting adjourned subject to call of Pres.

D. W. Aupperle, Sec'y.

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Minutes of a regularly called meeting of the Board of Directors of the Grand Valley Water Users' Assoc. held at the office of the association Monday, Aug. 26, 1916.

The meeting was called to order by President W. S. Wallace. Roll call showed the following members present: Wallace, Ela, Delaplain, Campbell, DeLong, Merritt, Jaynes, Woolverton, and

Aupperle. Also Mr. Chas. F. C. Ladd of Kansas City. Board members absent, Blakslee and Lynch.

President Wallace explained that the object of the meeting was to confer with Mr. Ladd with a view to arranging with him to undertake a campaign to secure land buyers and settlers for the lands under the Government Irrigation Project. Mr. Ladd stated that he had looked over the project, beginning at the dam and going over a good portion of the lands to be irrigated by the system. He stated that he had but recently closed a selling campaign in which he had sold several thousand acres of land to actual settlers under the Carlsbad Project in New Mexico; that he had placed 113 families in that project who had shipped their household effects in carload lots; that he sold to people who had ample means to finance themselves until they could establish themselves and make a success of their undertaking. He stated that he was certain he could secure buyers for the lands in the Grand Valley under the Government system at the prices which had been quoted to him, namely \$20 to \$50 per acre for raw lands.

After an extended discussion of Mr. Ladd's ...

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...plans and proposition, during which attorney C. L. Watson was called into the conference, on motion it was unanimously voted to ask Mr. Ladd to submit for consideration a draft of a contract setting forth his proposition, which should be the basis for a working agreement between himself and the association.

On motion, Ela and Aupperle were appointed a committee to confer with the banks in Grand Junction to ascertain wherein they will loan to the association the money required to carry on the campaign proposed by Mr. Ladd.

On motion, meeting adjourned to 2 o'clock p. m. Tuesday, August 26, 1916.

D. W. Aupperle, Sec'y.

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Minutes of an adjourned meeting of the Board of Directors of the Grand Valley Water Users' Association held at the office of the association Tuesday August 26, 1916, as per adjournment of August 25th.

Members present: Campbell, Delaplain, DeLong, Ela, Jaynes, Merritt, Woolverton, Wallace and Aupperle, also Mr. Ladd of Kansas City.

The committee appointed to confer with the banks of Grand Junction relative to securing the funds for the advances asked by Mr. Ladd reported that the United States Bank and the Grand Valley National Bank promised to make the necessary advances, provided that the association

can show that it has the legal right to so borrow. The Bank of Grand Junction declined to consider the matter.

Mr. Ladd reported that draft of the proposed contract was not yet completed but would be finished soon. After some general discussion and adjournment was taken to 7: 30 p. m.

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Minutes of an adjourned meeting of the Board of Directors of the Grand Valley Water Users' Association held at the office of the association Tuesday evening August 26, 1916 as per adjournment of [redacted] date.

Members all present except Blakslee and Lynch. There were also present Mr. C. F. C. Ladd, V. C. Talbert, D. J. Stone, S. O. Harper, J. R. Alexander, and R. F. Wallis. Mr. Ladd presented the outline of the contract he desires to make with the association as a basis for the land securing campaign to be carried on by him. The proposed contract was read and considered paragraph by paragraph. After considerable discussion and suggestions of some minor changes, the meeting was adjourned subject to call of the President, said call to be made for the purpose of closing the contract with Mr. Ladd as soon as there was assurance of the necessary funds to meet the requirements.

D. W. Aupperle, Sec'y.

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Minutes of adjourned meeting of the Board of Directors of the Grand Valley Water Users' Association held at the office of the association at 10 o'clock a. m. August 30, 1916 as per adjournment of August 26th.

Members all present except Blakslee & Lynch, also Mr. C. F. C Ladd and W. F. [redacted] of Kansas City. Minutes of previous meetings read and approved.

President Wallace explained that Atty. C. L. Watson had rendered an opinion on the question referred to him, holding that the association had reached the limit of its borrowing power under its articles of incorporations, and holding that it has not the legal right to negotiate the loan to meet the requests of Mr. Ladd. He reported also that Mr. Ladd had gone to Denver when Mr. Watson's opinion was received; that he telephoned to Mr. Ladd at Denver that the association could not enter into a contract with him because the banks would not advance the money under existing conditions. He also stated that Mr. W. F. [redacted] of Kansas City, attorney for Mr. Ladd, then offered to advance the money to the association to finance Mr. Ladd's selling campaign. Mr. [redacted] and Mr. Ladd both being present, the situation was discussed. Mr. [redacted] stated that he willing to make the advances as provided in the proposed contract between the association and Mr. Ladd.

Moved by Campbell and seconded by Merritt, that the offer of Mr. ? be accepted. On roll call vote, all members present voted in favor of the motion. On motion, by DeLong, seconded by Woolverton, the President...

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...and Secretary were instructed to execute the contract with Mr. Ladd. On motion the meeting adjourned.

D. W. Aupperle, Sec'y.