

DESERT SPRINGS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

MEETING

MINUTES

February 9, 1957

The regular meeting of the Desert Springs Chamber of Commerce, February 9, 1957 ~~was~~ was held at the home of Frank and Kathryn Jones. President Max Kipf called the meeting to order at 8 P.M. following which Salute to the Flag was given by the group.

Roll Call was answered by 16 Members and 7 Visitors.

Minutes of the January 12th Meeting were read and approved.

The Secretary reported that membership letters had been sent out, and 1957 dues of 20 members had been received. It was also reported that all materials for the roof of the Chamber of Commerce Building had been purchased and paid for, the present amount in the treasury being \$64.58. Moved by Kathryn Jones, seconded by Mr. Goulet that the report be filed.

Welfare Chairman, Kathryn Jones reported the passing of Mr. Duvour's Mother, also the serious illness of Charles Campbell.

Building Chairman Frank Jones stated that some work on the trusses for the Building roof were in process of construction and that a work day would soon be in order provided the weather was favorable for work on the building.

Membership applications for Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Brockman and Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Tanner were read. Moved by Frank Jones, seconded by Mrs. Killian, that the applications be approved. Unanimously carried.

Special feature of the program was a splendid talk by Hill Killian on the subject "Safety in the Home and In Your Car". He pointed out that in most home accidents some kind of a Fall was responsible for the injury. And in 80 % of Auto accidents some traffic regulation had been violated. His talk was much appreciated by the group.

Meeting adjourned, and refreshments were served by the Entertainment Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

DESERT SPRINGS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

MINUTES

March 9, 1957

The regular meeting of the Desert Springs Chamber of Commerce convened on March 9, 1957 at the Winsby home, having in attendance 24 members and 6 visitors. Salute to the Flag was given by the group.

Minutes of the February 9th Meeting were read and approved. Having no Financial Report from the Treasurer, the Secretary stated that the sum of \$153.06 is the present balance in the treasury, and 74 members have paid dues for 1957.

It was reported by the Building Project Chairman, Frank Jones, that there had been good response to the call for volunteer man-power to put the roof on the Chamber Building. In spite of the cold, blustery day 15 different men turned out for the job. Under the Chairmanship of Mrs. Winsby dinner was served to the workers at the home of Frank & Lucille Jackley. Assisting were Mrs. Ruth Kirchoff, Kathryn Jones and Bertha K. Kipf. Appreciation for this effort was expressed by the President.

George Coulet, newly appointed Director serving to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Judge Ralph Bills, reported in brief on the Public Utilities Commission Decision on the water issues. Following this brief outline, Director Bill Killian read the various provisions set forth in the Order of the Commission. There were some questions by members of the group and subsequent explanations were given.

President Kipf reported on various matters discussed at the Board of Directors Meeting, and stated that anyone having special business to report to the Directors was free to attend their Meeting. Among the matters to be adjusted in the Community are found the condition of Mountain Road and the handling of run-off water. An important project to be undertaken is the location of property boundaries upon a map of the area. Response of Chamber members in sending the legal description of their property to the Secretary will be a big help in accomplishing this project.

Mr. Tanner proposed for consideration the installation of a luminous sign on Highway 138 indicating the intersection at Oasis Road, also the turn-off for Mountain Road.

Mrs. McGee suggested the posting of a "No Through Road" sign on Mountain Road and it was recalled by Mr. Wurzbarger that such a sign had been promised by Road Supervisor Campbell. Evidently the promise had been forgotten as no sign has been placed.

The letter of inquiry, to the Southern California Gas Co. in regard to installation of their cross-country pipe line and possible service from the natural gas line for residents of this area set forth was promptly answered and set forth the details of cost of service.

Membership applications of Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Swart, Mr. & Mrs. Pat Brown and Mr. Collins B. Butler were read. It was moved by Mr. Killian, seconded by Mrs. Winsby that the applications be approved. The vote was unanimous.

Moved by Mr. Tanner, seconded by Mr. Jackley, that the Meeting adjourn. Vote was unanimous.

Honoring the 86th Birthday of Mr. Hubert Winands, Mrs. Killian and Mrs. Winsby served the traditional birthday cake and special refreshments to the Group.

Respectfully submitted,

MINUTES

The regular monthly meeting of the Desert Springs Chamber of Commerce was held on May 11, 1957 at the home of the Winsbys, and was called to order by President Max Kipf at 7:45 P.M.

Salute to the Flag was given by the group, and roll call was answered by 16 members.

Secretary's Minutes of the April Meeting were read and approved.

A Financial Report was given by the Secretary, showing a balance of \$140.75 in the treasury after payment of Bills on hand.

Announcement of Committees, approved by the Board of Directors, was made by the President, as follows:

Interior Arrangements: Mrs. Peg Killian, Chairman
Mrs. LaVaughn Salisbury
Mrs. Stanley Kirchoff

Landscaping and Grounds: Mrs. Maude McGee, Chairman
Mrs. Harry Krogen
Mr. & Mrs. Roy Turzburger

The following motion was made by Frank Jones, seconded by Kate Winsby "In view of the longer days and extended daylight with Daylight Saving Time, I move that the Chamber meetings be called for 8 P.M. instead of 7:30." After brief discussion the question was called but failed to carry. Accordingly Meeting time will continue to be 7:30 P.M.

A request to the State Forestry Office, in San Bernardino, for a speaker to present information on Causes and Control of Forest Fires was answered by the presence of Mr. Davis, Fire Warden, who gave a most informative and interesting talk on this subject which is of vital interest to everyone.

As an introduction to his talk Mr. Davis stated a few facts about our State of California as a whole. He said that our natural resources are our richest asset. The State comprises 100 million acres of land, and in comparison with other States is 2nd in population, 2nd in size, 1st in agricultural crops, 2nd in manufactured goods and 2nd in lumber.

Protecting these valuable assets in a public manner is the work of the Federal Forest Service, the State Division of Forestry, County and City Fire Departments. Demands on the Federal Forest Service indicate that $\frac{1}{4}$ of the fire losses of the entire nation are in Southern California.

In the 4 southern Counties statistics show that 1 out of 10 fires are caused by lightning, and 9 out of 10 by human carelessness, such as use of tobacco, debris and trash burning and children with matches. Debris burning is a primary cause in this area, also illegal dumps in which spontaneous combustion may start a fire. San Bernardino county requires a permit, year round, for outside burning. Incinerator burning is allowed from 6 to 11 A.M. and a 10 ft. clearance is required for this, and a 30 ft. clearance around buildings... Many details of Forestry work were presented in a fine manner by Mr. Davis.

Refreshments were served by the Entertainment Committee with Mrs. Winsby in charge.

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DESERT SPRINGS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

MEETING

June 8, 1957

The regular meeting of the Desert Springs Chamber of Commerce was held at the Max Kipf home, with nineteen members and two guests present.

Salute to the Flag was given by the group.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Report of the financial standing of the Chamber was given by the Secretary. This report showed a balance on hand of \$135.50 and bills payable for building materials in the amount of \$132.39. The bills being ordered paid by the Board of Directors will leave a balance of \$3.11 in the treasury.

Katherine Jones, Welfare Chairman, reported that Mr. Cline is improving, following his automobile accident. Mr. Hamilton has had another stroke and is confined to his bed. Mrs. Phillips is seriously ill.

Mr. Killian made a comprehensive report on the Community Building project in which the financial aspects were plainly outlined. All materials, to date, have been paid for. Explanation of details still to be met was outlined by Mr. Killian. An estimate of \$675. needed to continue the work had been made by the Board of Directors at their meeting on the previous evening. This would cover, mainly, installation of electrical wiring, walls for kitchen and rest rooms, plumbing, and kitchen cupboards.

Present, as guests, were former Judge Ernest E. Armstrong and Mrs. Armstrong of Phelan, now of San Bernardino. Mr. Armstrong had recently returned from a visit to the Feather River and Oroville, in which he had sought to ascertain the real attitude of the residents of that area in regard to the proposed Big Oroville Dam. To his surprise he found that there is not the reported antipathy of northern inhabitants to the sharing of their water with the southern part of the State, but rather the method and proposed plan of the City of Los Angeles.

A letter, written by A. L. Chaffin, based upon a 1952 Report of the Federal Power Commission, set forth the facts that first building a dam at Bidwell Bar, which is ten miles upstream on the Feather River, would furnish a storage basin for approximately 2½ million acre feet of water, thereby serving as flood control and water supply for a large area in the Sacramento Valley as well as excess water to be transplanted to Southern California. Later building of the Big Oroville Dam will furnish storage capacity for 3½ million acre feet of water, thus bringing total capacity of the project to 6 million acre feet. However if Big Oroville is built first, Bidwell Bar could never be built and thus there would be tragic and costly misusage of the water resources of the area. If Los Angeles is permitted to carry out its plan there will be no water from the Feather River for other areas of So. California. Urgent action by other areas of the Southland is very much needed.

Refreshments were served by the Entertainment Committee, after adjournment of the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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Copy of the A. L. Chaffin letter attached hereto

Oroville, Calif. Feb. 15, 1957

FEATHER RIVER PROJECT

BUILD BIDWELL BAR DAM FIRST!

For earlier flood control, tremendous savings of our tax dollars, and for efficiency of operation, the Bidwell Bar Dam must be built first.

At Bidwell Bar, elevation 300 ft., a constant angle arch dam should be constructed to a height of 835 ft above stream bed. Total capacity behind this dam estimated $2\frac{1}{2}$ million acre feet. Estimated cost of Dam \$125 million.

The Bidwell Bar Dam can be built in stages, with the first stage of 300 ft, for a cost of \$25 million. This would provide ~~complete~~ flood control on the Feather, if the Parks Bar Dam on the Yuba River, which would cost \$23 million, is constructed at the same time. These dams could be completed in three years.

The Power House for Bidwell Bar Dam could be built so limited production of electricity could be obtained as soon as the 300 foot Bidwell Bar Dam is completed. Power House to be located $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles down stream below Big Oroville Dam site. This would give additional power head on all water in Bidwell Bar, and would not be flooded out if at some future date it was deemed necessary to build Big Oroville to conserve all Feather River water during peak floods. The balance of Bidwell Bar Dam could be constructed as needed, and also a 1000 Second Foot Diversion Tunnel from the North Fork could bring in an added million acre feet of water for storage in Bidwell.

Total Power yield of Bidwell and the present Las Plumas (P. G. & E.) would equal 90% of total output of Big Oroville.

Bidwell Dam could furnish water for 50,000 acres to the Oroville-Wyandotte Irrigation District and Yuba County by a Gravity Diversion Canal at 800 ft. level.

The initial stage of the Bidwell Dam and Parks Bar Dam on the Yuba, giving adequate flood control could conceivably cost less than the re-location of the Western Pacific RR and the Highway.

To conserve every drop of water possible for the future needs of California, it will be necessary to construct both Dams. The Bidwell Bar Dam capacity $2\frac{1}{2}$ million acre feet. Big Oroville Dam capacity $3\frac{1}{2}$ million acre feet. Two Dams capacity 6 million acre feet. Duplicate storage 800,000 acre feet, giving a net storage of the 2 dams 5.2 million acre feet.

If Big Oroville Dam is built first, Bidwell Bar Dam can never be built, and only $3\frac{1}{2}$ million acre feet of water can be conserved on the Feather River Project.

BUILD BIDWELL BAR DAM FIRST!!

For references consult Federal Power Commission Report 1952.

A. L. Chaffin
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MEETING

The regular meeting of the Desert Springs Chamber of Commerce was held at the home of Frank and Katherine Jones, with 18 members and 1 guest present.

Salute to the Flag was given by the group.

Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and approved.

Katherine Jones, Welfare Chairman, reported that Mrs. Phillips is improving, slowly. Mr. Hamilton is again able to walk a few steps, and Mr. Gene has undergone serious surgery. It was suggested that individual members of the Chamber send cards to those who are ill.

Mr. M. G. Stubbs, Assistant County Building official was present, in response to an invitation by the President to discuss with the members of the Chamber the provisions of the County Building Inspection Service. A number of important items were pointed out by Mr. Stubbs, such as the following -

Public Buildings have always been subject to County Inspection.

It is the intent of the Code to check on sound building structure, adequate wiring, plumbing of proper capacity and installation.

There has been no required inspection in this area up to the present time, but under Ordinance 616 inspection is now required on any structure.

Less than a \$50. improvement requires no permit, as no structural change would be involved.

The Department does a big "mail order" business, issuing permits by mail.

Used material may be saved made use of if it is in sound condition.

The required standards are minimum, but it has been found that Insurance rates have decreased in areas where building inspection has been carried on. Proper installation of gas heating equipment has resulted in less casualties.

Anyone is permitted to do his own work if it fulfills standard requirements.

Tuesdays & Thursdays are the days on which an Inspector will be in this area. An Inspection Request Box may be found at the Post Office.

Omission of Chamber Meetings in August and September was favored by the group Meeting adjourned, with refreshments being served by the Entertainment Co. Following adjournment an impromptu meeting of the Directors was called and it was their decision, by vote, to dispense with Chamber Meetings in Aug. & Sept.

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DESERT SPRINGS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

MEETING

October 12, 1957

The October meeting of the Desert Springs Chamber of Commerce was held at the home of Frank and Katherine Jones, with 12 members and 5 officers present.

Salute to the Flag was given by the group.

Minutes of the July 13th Meeting were read and approved.

Financial Report was given by the Secretary and with all Bills paid there is a balance of \$83.07 in the treasury.

Katherine Jones, Welfare Chairman reported no illness among members as far as she knew.

Status of the Building Project was given by the President. It is anticipated that active work will soon be undertaken with more members returned from vacation. Any volunteers for week-end assistance on the project report to the President.

Report on the Hearing held by the Public Utilities Commission, on September 19, was given by Mr. Killian with additions by Mr. Dobbs and Mr. Illiate who also attended the hearing. There was good attendance by interested persons, from Desert Springs, but Mr. Schwartz did not attend and there was no representation of the Water Co. Anyone having bona fide complaints about water service is urged to write to the Public Utilities Commission.

Reporting for the Board of Directors Mr. Kipf announced that Stanley Kirchoff had tendered his resignation as 1st Vice-President and it had been accepted by the Board. Having available the 2nd Vice-President and due to the imminence of election of officers, this office will be left vacant for the time being. It was also announced that the annual Election of officers will be held at the November meeting.

Mrs. Winsby, Chairman of the Entertainment Committee announced a card party to be held at her home immediately following the business of the regular November meeting. Cards, games, prizes and refreshments are promised by the Committee.

Serving of refreshments and visiting concluded the evening after formal adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary

DESERT SPRINGS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

MEETING

November 9, 1957

The November Meeting of the Desert Springs Chamber of Commerce was held at the home of Kate & Jess Winsby.

The Meeting was called to order by President Max Kipf at 7:50 P.M. Salute to the Flag was given by the group.

Minutes of the October Meeting were read and approved as read.

Proceeding to the business of Annual Election of Officers for the Chamber, the President called for the report of the Nominating Committee which was given by George Goulet. Nominations were as follows: President-Max Kipf; 1st Vice-Pres. Tommy Dobbs; 2nd Vice-Pres. Kate Winsby; Secretary-Bertha Kipf; Treasurer-Alexandre Duvoir; For Directors- George Goulet, Oran Dixon, Sam Taylor.

Following the report of the Nominating Committee, nominations from the floor were called for by the President. There being no further nominations there was a motion by Frank Jackley, seconded by Kate Winsby, "that the report of the Nominating Committee be accepted as read and the candidates unanimously elected". Motion carried.

Status of the Community Building Project was explained by the President. No labor on the Project has been paid for except that done by the Electrician. It was deemed advisable, by the Board of Directors, to hire this job done by a licensed Electrician. All other labor has been voluntary. At present there are a number of small jobs to be done and volunteer help is asked for.

In the absence of the Welfare Chairman this report was given by Mrs. Winsby. Mrs. Goulet is convalescing from the flu - Frank Jones has been on the sick list, and Mrs. Phillips is improving but has not fully recovered from her illness of several months duration.

Announcements by the Secretary were as follows: On Wednesday A.M. at 8:30 there will be meeting at the Justice office, in Victorville, at which time the residents of the Phelan and Desert Springs area may make a presentation of the need of a full-time Deputy from the Sheriff's office. It is urged that as many as possible be present..... Also members are urged to participate in the Benefit "Dime-a-Dip" supper to be held at the Phelan Community Bldg. on Saturday evening November 16th. Funds from the supper are to be contributed to the owner of the garage, in Phelan, whose business was robbed and stripped of all tools and equipment at a recent date. Reminder of the election of a Senator on November 26th, at Phelan Community Bldg. was given by Mrs. Winsby.

It was announced by the President that any member, of the Chamber, having a problem may submit it to the Board of Directors which meets in regular session on the previous Friday evening to the regular Chamber of Commerce Meeting.

A report was given by Sam Taylor regarding relations with the Smithson Springs Water Company. Personally, Mr. Taylor had gone to the Los Angeles offices of the Public Utilities Commission and studied all transcripts of record of the Company organization from the beginning of the Company to the present time. 20 shares of Water Co. stock have been purchased by Mr. Taylor from the Estate of Mrs. Pilzer. In future Mr. Taylor will try to act as liaison between the water users & the Water Co. Future reports will be forthcoming.

Present at the meeting were 18 members and 5 guests. The Meeting adjourned & members participated in Party activities arranged by Entertainment Com. Chairman Kate Winsby. Money in the amount of \$18.01 was contributed by the group.

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DESERT SPRINGS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

MEETING

December 14, 1957

The December Meeting of the Chamber of Commerce was held at the home of Mary and Ted Tanner

The Meeting was called to order by Pres. Kipf, and Salute to the Flag was given by the group.

Minutes of the November 9th Meeting were read and approved.

The President reported on correspondence - particularly in regard to securing a resident deputy sheriff for the area of Desert Springs, Phelan and Baldy Mesa areas. The Victor Valley Coordinating Council were interested and helpful in writing to the County Board of Supervisors. A cordial invitation to affiliate with the Coordinating Council was extended to the Chamber.

Victor Valley Chamber of Commerce also sent a letter to the Board of Supervisors in regard to the deputy sheriff matter.

The recent meeting of House Trailer owners and residents was explained by President Max Kipf. This meeting was held to protest the recent Ordinance passed by the Board of County Supervisors to regulate the locations of House Trailers used for full-time living, and requiring such trailers to be located in trailer parks and not permitting their use in lieu of conventional housing. This is regarded by many individuals as a distinct infringement on personal and constitutional rights.

Hill Killian reported on progress at the Community Building, observing that electrical installation has been completed, doors are in place, with one exception, and the big project of sanitary facilities development is under way. Septic tank installation is proving to be one of the expensive features of the project and the contribution of labor by several Chamber members is proving invaluable. In this regard special mention should be made of Tommy Dobbs, Oran Dixon, George Coulet, Max Kipf and Frank Jones in an advisory capacity. Special recognition is also given to Chuck Ison, proprietor of the Phelan Garage, for the free use of his cement mixer, which usually rents for \$6.00 per day. This was very much a gesture of neighborly good will.

In attendance at the meeting were 9 members, 4 officers and 3 visitors. Refreshments with a Christmas accent were served by the refreshment committee and the hostess.

*Correction to Minutes:
Acknowledgement of Showing
of Colored Slides taken on Trip
to Mexico - by Mr. + Mrs. C. Arthur Clive*

Respectfully submitted,