The Water Committee met August 15, 1956, at the Chamber of Commerce office with John Harper as Chairman.

Report by Bill Nelson--committee member and new member of Colorado River Water Conservation District. We asked for a letter to Secretary of Interior, Fred Seaton. Withhold approval of Williams Fork enlargement (6,000 acre feet to 93,000 acre feet). It'll wreck the Parshall project.

We must promote upper reach projects to save some of our water for us. Also any water put to use will help us.

Suggested letter to Secretary of the Interior, Fred Seaton was read by Chairman Harper. It was moved that the letter be approved by Cecil Walt and seconded by D. G. Sampson. Motion carried.

Suggested letter to Ivan Crawford was read by John Harper. It was moved by Laird Smith and seconded by Cecil Walt that John Harper rewrite.

Meeting of Water District board in Montrose to chose a chairman to replace the late George Bailey. A banker in Walden has been named to replace George Bailey. Almost every member of the board has been an appointment in the last two years.

Question: Would it be better to have a Western Slope Chairman or a voter in place of a chairman? Feeling seemed to be that a strong Chairman would be more important.

Bill Nelson reported that Homestake Creek reservoir site is being filed on by our Colorado River Water Conservation District. Frying Pan projectors are thinking of dropping one of the reservoirs, the Aspen reservoir and getting private financing. This will give Western Colorado a legal tool--Can't drop replacement storage, which this reservoir is.

Collbran Project--Bureau of Reclamation Chief Engineer's office had to back down on asking for bids until later and contracts are still being held in Washington. Wayne Chiesman thinks it's the repayment contract that is bothering them.

Members present were: Tom Beatty, Miles Kane, Cecil Walt, John Burton, Bill Nelson D. G. Sampson, Reverend Earl Gosa, Laird Smith, John Harper, Bill Ela, and Wayne Chiesman.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

S/ John Harper
Chairman