

AGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS BOARD

Board Meeting Minutes

November 28, 1973
Occupational Licensing Building, Room 126
Phoenix, Arizona

The meeting was called to order at 9:40 A.M. by Chairman Sanders.

Members Present: Messrs Gene Blake, William Boice, John Consaul, Jack McManus and Milton G. Sanders. Members Absent: Messrs Jack Montgomery, R. Keith Walden and Judge Jesse A. Udall.

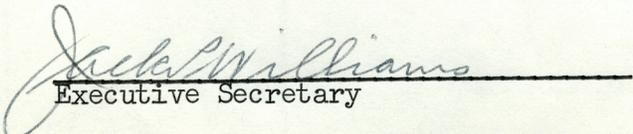
Field Investigator, Mr. Oviedo, reported that the picketing of Safeway Stores has increased and that picketers were distributing pamphlets which identified them as Inter Harvest workers. The pickets numbered 120 at one store. Plans are underway by the Teamsters to organize workers in the Yuma area. Incidents have occurred recently in the Yuma area resulting in the damage of several buses belonging to Barkley and J.A. Wood Company, and the UFW hall was accidentally burned.

Mr. Dickelman reported Safeway asked for a contempt citation and that the UFW made application to the Arizona Supreme Court to appeal Judge Hardy's four rulings regarding our law. Also discussed was a contempt citation pending regarding El Dorado Farms. Discussion was held regarding our suit in Federal Court in which the UFW have filed to have the entire AERB law declared unconstitutional. Mr. John Kyl, as representative of the growers has intervened.

The Executive Secretary opened his report by stating that each member would be provided with a special binder booklet which contains his name, and the same binder would be issued them at each meeting. He stated the finance department has converted to a computerized payroll and it would not be necessary for Board Members to sign payroll forms. Travel forms would be signed as usual. Discussed was a completed operations manual which covers any action that would take place by the office; investigations, hearings, elections and various other activities. It was agreed that a copy of the manual be issued to the members for reference purposes. Board Members expressed desire to have a copy for their individual firms, as well as an up-dated copy of the Rules and Regulations. Discussed were pamphlets regarding Board elections. These are being printed in both English and Spanish, to be furnished each worker at the time of an election. An agricultural reference booklet has been compiled containing information from state, county and federal agencies and is available in the office. Mr. McManus said he would get us on the mailing list of Western Grower's Association's weekly pamphlet "Up-Date," and the monthly publication of "Free Marketing."

It was decided that a Board Meeting be held every other month with a bulletin issued in between. Special Board meetings could be called at any time. Next meeting is tentatively set for the 23rd of January 1974. Meeting was adjourned at 10:50 A.M.

Respectfully,


Executive Secretary