

**WILL IMPROVE
CUSTER DITCH**

Byrd Reelected President at Meeting of Stockholders.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Waco-Custer Ditch company held at Custer Monday, John Byrd of Custer was re-elected president and M. A. Cooley of Custer, secretary-treasurer. Directors elected were Mr. Byrd and Mr. Cooley, Tom Kamp of Waco and William V. Beers and O. K. Grinstead of Billings. A number of Billings people owning land under the Waco-Custer ditch attended the meeting, among them being Mayor Beers, Charles M. Barr, O. K. Grinstead, Backwood Brown and H. P. Fish.

Mr. Cooley, in addition to being elected a member of the board of directors and secretary-treasurer of the company, was also voted to be the choice of the stockholders for the position of superintendent of the ditch. A motion was adopted to the effect that it was the unanimous sense of the meeting that Mr. Cooley be employed by the board to be the superintendent of the ditch. Mr. Cooley occupied that position once before and the record of efficiency he made in that capacity was responsible for his being chosen for it again in spite of his remonstrance that he did not wish to be either director or superintendent.

Waters Rich Section.

The Waco-Custer ditch waters 4,156 acres of land in the Yellowstone valley extending from just west of the divide of Waco to the Big Horn river east of Custer, a section which has been for many the reputation of being one of the best sugar beet and alfalfa regions of Montana.

Improvements are planned for the season of 1923 which will materially increase the water supply to the stockholders and consequently production under the ditch. The dam at the headgate is to be enlarged and strengthened and the ditch water is to be conducted across Spring creek in iron culverts below the creek bed to eliminate interruption of the water supply from obstructions in the hills. With these two improvements are made the Waco-Custer ditch farmers claim they will have one of the best irrigation water supplies in the state.

The Waco-Custer territory is a favorite winter feeding ground for sheepmen in southeastern Montana, because of the ease of reaching it with both hands and the tremendous amount of forage grown there, making the feed problem an easy one.

The officers and directors and a number of the stockholders in the ditch company have arranged to go to a point seven miles above Harbin on the Big Horn river today with Mr. Barr, to view a dam which has been constructed there in connection with an irrigation project which may be used as a pattern for work to be done at the headgate of the Waco-Custer ditch.

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