

42-707. Officers of board; rules and bylaws; central office; seal; contracts; records; open to inspection; duties of county treasurer and treasurer of district. That as soon as practicable after they have qualified, the directors shall meet and select from their number a president, secretary and treasurer, and shall designate one of their number to act as vice-president in case the regular president is absent; that said board of directors may formulate and adopt rules and bylaws to regulate the transaction of business, which may be amended and changed at their pleasure. The board of directors may establish a central office for a meeting place and for the conduct of the affairs and business of the district, which office may be located outside the corporate boundaries of the district, if such location is more convenient than a location within the district. The board of directors shall adopt a seal with which all contracts executed by the board shall be authenticated. The president shall preside at all meetings of the board when he is present, and shall execute all contracts in the corporate name of the district, and all such contracts shall be attested by the secretary, and the seal of the district affixed thereto.

All of the transactions and proceedings of the board shall be entered in writing by the secretary in a journal to be kept by him expressly for such purpose, which journal shall at all times be open for inspection by all electors of the district, and by the chief engineer and his subordinates and representatives, and the same or copies thereof, duly authenticated by the secretary under seal of the corporation, shall be admitted in all courts as evidence of such proceedings and transactions. The county treasurer of the county in which the registered office of said irrigation district is located shall receive, safely keep and pay out as hereinafter provided all funds belonging to the district, and shall be liable upon his official bond for such funds and for any default in the proper performance of his duty in that respect, provided that county treasurers making collections of assessments and taxes upon lands within said districts and within their respective counties shall transmit and transfer said moneys to the county treasurer, wherein the registered office of said district is located, and that each said county treasurer shall be liable upon his official bond for such funds and for the proper performance of his duty in that respect. The purchase price of bonds sold by the district shall be paid directly to such county treasurer, of county where registered office of district is located. The county treasurer of the county in which the registered office of an irrigation district is located shall pay to the treasurer of such district all moneys in the county treasury belonging to said district, upon the order of the treasurer of the district countersigned by the president and the secretary of the district except as otherwise provided by law: *Provided*, That said county treasurer shall not pay to said district treasurer any such moneys unless and until he has been notified by the secretary of state that said district treasurer has filed his bond and the same has been approved by the secretary of state.

All moneys received by the treasurer of the district from the county treasurer shall be deposited by him in a depository designated by the board of directors as provided in article 14 of chapter 9 of the General Statutes of 1949, and acts amendatory thereof. The treasurer of each irrigation district shall pay out, on the warrant of the secretary, signed by the president of the district moneys which shall come into his hands for the use of the district, and he shall not pay any sum or sums from the funds of the district in any other manner. The treasurer shall keep a book in which he shall enter all the moneys received and disbursed by him, specifying the person or persons to whom, and the object for which, the same has been paid out. On the first Monday of February of each year, he shall present to the board of directors at its regular meeting a report in writing containing a statement of all moneys received by him from the county treasurer or from any other source during the calendar year preceding; and of the disbursements made by him with the items of such disbursements, and exhibit the warrants or checks, which report shall be recorded by the secretary; and at the close of his term of office shall settle with the board of directors of the district, and shall hand over to his successor said book and all other records and papers coming into his hands as treasurer of the district, together with all the moneys remaining in his hands as such treasurer.

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