

STATE OF WASHINGTON

BEFORE THE PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS COMMISSION

In the matter of the petition of: )  
 )  
EAST COLUMBIA BASIN IRRIGATION )  
DISTRICT EMPLOYEE ASSOCIATION ) CASE 16250-E-02-2694  
 )  
Involving certain employees of: ) DECISION 7717 - PECB  
 )  
EAST COLUMBIA BASIN IRRIGATION )  
DISTRICT ) CERTIFICATION  
 ) Representation Election  
 ) by Agreement of Parties  
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\_\_\_\_\_ )

Emmal Skalbania and Vinnedge by *Pat Emmal*, Attorney at Law, appeared on behalf of the petitioner.

Wesley Group by *Kevin Wesley*, Attorney at Law, and *Richard Erickson*, Manager, appeared on behalf of the employer.

*Noel McMurty*, Union Attorney, *Steven Agenbroad*, Union representative, *Richard Barrickman*, Union Representative, *John Masterjohn*, Union Representative, *Craig McClure*, Union Representative, and *Rich Davies*, Union Representative, appeared on behalf of the intervenor, Columbia Basin Irrigation Council.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The above-named petitioner filed with the Public Employment Relations Commission a petition for investigation of a question concerning representation of employees of the above-named employer. The petition was timely filed and was accompanied by a showing of interest which was administratively determined by the Commission to be sufficient.
2. The organization(s) listed above as intervenors timely moved for intervention in the proceedings, and each motion for intervention was supported by a showing of interest which was administratively determined by the Commission to be sufficient.
3. These representation proceedings were conducted by the Commission in the bargaining unit described as:

ALL FULL-TIME AND REGULAR PART-TIME EMPLOYEES  
OF THE EAST COLUMBIA BASIN IRRIGATION DISTRICT,  
EXCLUDING SUPERVISORS, CONFIDENTIAL EMPLOYEES  
AND ALL OTHER EMPLOYEES.

4. All proceedings were conducted under the supervision of the Commission in a manner designed to afford the affected employees a free choice in the selection of their bargaining representative, if any; a tally of the results previously furnished to the parties is attached hereto; and no meritorious objections have been filed with respect to these proceedings.

CONCLUSION OF LAW

1. The unit described in paragraph 3 of the foregoing Findings of Fact is an appropriate unit for the purposes of collective bargaining within the meaning of RCW 41.56.060.
2. All conditions precedent to a certification have been met.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is

CERTIFIED

The employees of the above-named employer in the appropriate bargaining unit described in paragraph 3 of the foregoing Findings of Fact have chosen:

COLUMBIA BASIN IRRIGATION COUNCIL

as their representative for the purpose of collective bargaining with their employer.

Issued at Olympia, Washington, this 10th day of May, 2002.

PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS COMMISSION



MARVIN L. SCHURKE, Executive Director



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Applicable Rule: WAC 391-25-550

CASE NUMBER 16250 E-02-2694 EMPLOYER E. Columbia Basin Irrig Dist.

The Public Employment Relations Commission has tabulated the ballots cast in the election conducted in this case, and certifies that the results of the election are as follows:

- 1. APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF ELIGIBLE VOTERS ..... 48
- 2. VOID BALLOTS ..... \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. VOTES CAST FOR E. Columbia Basin Irrig Dist Employee Assn ..... 11
- 4. VOTES CAST FOR Columbia Basin Irrig. Council ..... 32
- 5. VOTES CAST FOR \_\_\_\_\_ ..... \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. VOTES CAST FOR NO REPRESENTATION ..... 0
- 7. VALID BALLOTS COUNTED (Total of lines 3 through 6) ..... 43
- 8. CHALLENGED BALLOTS CAST ..... 0
- 9. VALID BALLOTS COUNTED PLUS CHALLENGED BALLOTS (Total of lines 7 and 8) ..... 43
- 10. NUMBER OF VALID BALLOTS NEEDED TO DETERMINE ELECTION ..... 25
- 11. CHALLENGED BALLOTS (check one):
  - ARE SUFFICIENT IN NUMBER TO AFFECT THE RESULTS OF THE ELECTION.
  - DO NOT AFFECT THE OUTCOME OF THE ELECTION.
- 12. THE RESULTS OF THE ELECTION APPEAR TO BE (check one):
  - INCONCLUSIVE, SO THAT A RUNOFF ELECTION WILL BE NECESSARY.
  - CONCLUSIVE, FAVORING THE CHOICE LISTED ON LINE 4, ABOVE.

PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS COMMISSION

DATE ISSUED Apr 30, 2002

BY Sally J. WELSON

### ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF OBSERVERS

The undersigned acted as authorized observers for the parties, and acknowledge service of a copy of this tally of ballots.

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| For the Employer                         | .....                        | Title .....                        | Date .....             |
| For organization listed on Line 3        | .....                        | Title .....                        | Date .....             |
| For organization listed on Line 4        | <u>Joseph B. Jeffers III</u> | Title <u>BUS. REP., LUWA #1239</u> | Date <u>04/30/2002</u> |
| For organization listed on Line <u>4</u> | <u>Michael P. Banks</u>      | Title <u>Petitioner</u>            | Date <u>4-30-02</u>    |
| For decertification petitioner           | .....                        | Title .....                        | Date .....             |