

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE DIVISIONAL HEADS OF THE TULE LAKE CENTER
TULE LAKE CENTER
January 22, 1944

A special meeting of the divisional heads of the Tule Lake Center was held on January 22, 1944, from 1.45 p.m. at 1608-A, Chairman E. Akitsuki presided.

Minutes of the special meeting held on January 12, 1944 were read and approved as read.

The Chair first reiterated that on January 15, 1944, Project Director Best and Colonel Austin had formally recognized the Co-ordinating Committee. He then announced that up to date, 784 employees are back to work and among this, 671 received their passes. He further went on to announce that 26 detainees were released up to yesterday; specifically, 22 returned last night and four the night before.

Reports of the number of employees who returned to work were given by each respective divisional heads as follows:

Property Control ---48 are back to work. Former staff was 120. More will return on Monday and Tuesday.
Payroll -----14 are back. Full staff is 16 but two did not report. (Also reported that hereafter pay checks will be issued through the foremen.)
Garage -----Seven returned and 10 more will be coming back.
Maintenance -----17 to 20 will not return. Passes have been issued but the individuals will not report to work.
Construction -----Seven are back.
(Irrigation)
Packing Shed (Mktg.)-15 workers are back. On Monday or Tuesday, 10 more may return. (Mr. Minomiya also added that there 40 thousand barrels of potatoes in the shed.)
Procurement -----Four workers are back.
Mess Management ----40 employees have returned. Possibly 28-30 more will be reinstated on Monday. Former staff constituted 100 employees.
Electrical Crew --- There are about three working.
Furniture Factory --14 are back. The present ruling is that Nisei or Issei, regardless of citizenship, may work in the factory.
Construction -----77 workers are back. 36 are working in the High School. 35 workers are yet to be employed.
Office Service -----No one working, however, three are now working in the Mimeograph department.
Hog Farm -----On Monday, 19 will commence work. Opportunity for increase is obvious--10 more will be coming in.
Slaughter House-----There are seven licensed Caucasians working there now; however they will be replaced in the near future by evacuees.
Coal Crew -----Crew has been working in spite of the present condition. Nevertheless about 20 boys of the night crew were refused passes. In the day crew probably all will be given passes.
Janitor -----Janitors have been working but would like to suggest that plumbers return to work immediately in order to repair the numerous boilers which are out-of-order. Mr. Sakuma also recommended that the plumbing crew should be increased because the work in that division is three months behind.

Upon the Chair's question for suggestions and plans whereby the Project can be improved and simultaneously employment of evacuees could be increased, the following were given:

1. Clean-up crew composed of about 30 for the purpose of general clean-up of the camp.
2. Establishment of a cow farm along the line of the hog farm.
3. Additional men's showers by constructing extensions to the laundry rooms. \$2,000 to \$3,000 will be sufficient expense.
4. Chemicals requested for out-of-order boilers.
5. Increase of garage personnel requested because of abundance of back works.
6. Request to immediately open the south gate for the convenience of the workers in the Administration area.
7. Increase of Garbage crew to dispose ashes.

In the event a responsible foreman does not return to work, the body assembled unanimously decided that WRA should appoint or the Committee should recommend another person to replace such. Such replacement will be made if the foreman does not report to work for three days subsequent to his assignment. However, he shall be cancelled without prejudice. Momentarily, it was clarified that WRA regulation is that a person is subject to termination if he does not report to work after five days without reason.

Thereupon the Chair requested that the responsible divisional heads should report the number of persons not working without reasons to the Co-ordinating Committee. Chair further advised that people who have come from other Centers should be given work opportunities.

Mr. Yamatani then suggested that a Fair Practice Board should be established for the purpose of studying employment problems and fair distribution of jobs.

The body then accepted unanimously to organize a sub Co-ordination Committee which will be a liaison body acting between the Co-ordinating Committee and the Divisional Heads and workers to receive all reports, complaints, suggestions, plans, etc. Since there are about 17 divisions, 30 members should constitute this committee, it was suggested.

Upon motion made, seconded and carried the meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Byron Akitsuki, Executive Secretary

ATTENDANCE SHEET

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Sport K. Watamura	3704-A	Construction
M. Ninomiya	7117-A	Marketing
Hideo K. Sakuma	3203-D	Janitor Foremen
Frank S. Miyake	3107-D	Civic Organization
Kumesaburo Kasaka	1405-B	Maintenance
Tom Minami	2018-D	"
M. Shimada	1606-A	Co-ordinating Committee
George Yamatani	3107-C	Co-op
I. Namekawa	3017-B	Civic Organization
J. I. Naydo	4207-D	"
M. Yamashiro	1001-B	Warden Office
K. Okamoto	1318-D	Construction
N. Ishida	1618-E	Maintenance
T. Miyosaki	4211-E	"
S. Morishima	6703-E	"
Kiyoshi Nakatani	3819-B	"
Joe Nakao		Mess Management
Ben Ishida	1616-D	Garage
Oscar Itani	4406-D	Property Control Whse.
Eiichi Yoshida	4402-E	"
W. Idemoto	3915-D	Coal Crew
E. Matsuo	4519-A	Mess Warehouse
M. Furuta	4811-A	"
S. Muraoka	1217-A	Mess Supervisor
S. Fukushima	3702-B	"
Richard Kondo	2004-B	Construction
James Nishida	603-C	"
James H. Okamoto	2214-C	Industry-Furn. Factory
Tadashi Ikemoto	3502-B	Co-op
Kelvin Mitani	4402-A	Property Control
Yasuo Honda	3405-D	Payroll Unit
Bob Suefa	4303-C	Administrative
Shinji Saito	1303-A	Coal Crew
Hugo Nishimoto	4311-E	Receiving Warehouse
Tatsuo Miyaki	4303-D	"
Byron Akitsuki	2904-E	Co-ordinating Committee