

proud of the personnel employed by the district. There are 26 employees of the district, including myself. The average length of service of the employee is 6 years and 8 months. Nine of the employees have worked for the district for over 10 years. The list of personnel includes ditchriders, heavy equipment operators, shop mechanics, welders, office personnel, and laborers. I would like at this time to insert in the record a list of personnel of the Midvale Irrigation District as of September 30, 1967. This list of personnel shows the name, position, and length of service of each employee of the district.

Senator HANSEN. It may be received.

Mr. REID. In order to adequately operate and maintain an irrigation district of the size of Midvale, it is necessary that the district have a substantial investment in modern equipment. We are pleased to state that the district has an inventory of transportation and heavy equipment that is adequate and maintain Midvale and third division.

At this time I would like to enter into the record an inventory of Midvale's transportation and heavy equipment.

Senator HANSEN. Without objection, it may be received.

Mr. REID. In the last 2 years, Midvale has purchased one new Peterbilt tractor and a LaCross lowboy to transport our heavy equipment throughout the project. Midvale has also purchased one 205 Koehring backhoe, $\frac{3}{4}$ -year capacity, one Hopto truck-mounted backhoe, and four new International dump trucks, 4-yard capacity. Our equipment has a net cash value of \$131,400. Of course, the purchase, repair, and replacement of this equipment must come from our annual operating and maintenance revenues and this item forms a substantial part of our budget.

Each year the board of commissioners of Midvale are required by law to submit a budget estimate for the coming year to the District Court of Fremont County, Wyo. The commissioners determine what their financial needs will be for the ensuing year and on or before the first Tuesday of June of each year they will then submit their budget to the court.

The court fixes a time and place for hearing of objections to the annual report within 30 days after it has been filed. If there are no objections, the commissioners' budget will be confirmed and all of the irrigable acres within the district will be assessed their proportionate share of the annual budget. In the assessments of 1967, each irrigable acre was assessed \$2.75 for a total assessment of approximately \$127,000.

Senator HANSEN. I want to say that, having taken advantage of Senator Jordan's presence here a little while ago, you people have made a real effort, and I am interested in hearing from each of you, and I will be here just as long as it takes. But by the looks of the weather, you may not be too likely to leave very soon anyway. So just proceed as you choose.

Mr. REID. All right, sir.

One point I would like to make, Midvale each year has to have an assessment put on each irrigable acre, and that amounted to \$2.75 per acre. That is the total income to the district of \$127,000.

In addition to the annual assessments, the district derives incomes from the interest on emergency operation and maintenance of the third