

No. 66. THE IRRIGATION (PRIVATE WATER) ASSOCIATION LAW, 1949.

In pursuance of the provisions of sub-section (3) of section 12 of the Irrigation (Private Water) Association Law, 1949, the following rules made by the Committee of the Irrigation Association of Petra ("Ipoiyon Neron" Water), in the District of Nicosia, are published in the *Gazette*.

IRRIGATION ASSOCIATION OF PETRA ("IPOIYON NERON" WATER).

*Rules.*

1. These rules may be cited as the Irrigation Association of Petra ("Ipoiyon Neron" Water) Rules, 1954.

2. In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires—

"Commissioner" means the Commissioner of the District of Nicosia;

"Committee" means the Committee of the Irrigation Association;

"Irrigation Association" means the Irrigation Association of Petra ("Ipoiyon Neron" Water);

"Law" means the Irrigation (Private Water) Association Law, 1949;

"List" means the list of the names and residences of the proprietors and of the extent of the interest of each proprietor in the water, as finally settled in accordance with the provisions of section 11 of the Law;

"Water" means the water commonly known as "Ipoiyon Neron" Water;

"Works" means the irrigation works of the Irrigation Association.

3. The present Committee shall hold office for a period of three years beginning on the 20th December, 1953. The election of each subsequent Committee shall take place in the manner hereinafter provided every third year in the first week of the month of December and it shall hold office for a period of three years from the date of the expiration of the period of office of the previous Committee.

4.—(1) The Commissioner shall, not less than one month before the holding of the meeting as in rule 3 provided, cause a written notice thereof to be—

(a) published in a newspaper or newspapers; and

(b) posted in a conspicuous place in the town, village or quarter in which the water is situate.

(2) All expenses connected with the notices shall be paid for from the funds of the Irrigation Association.

5.—(1) The Commissioner shall preside at every meeting so convened and if any question is raised as to the right of a person to attend thereat or to vote, the Commissioner may there and then make such enquiry as he may deem requisite and declare whether such person has a right to attend or to vote or not and the decision so made shall be final; and an entry shall be made in the minutes of the meeting of any such question and of the decision thereon.

(2) No business shall be transacted at any such meeting and no decision shall be taken thereat, unless more than one-half of the aggregate number of the proprietors are present in person or are represented by a proxy properly appointed by an instrument signed in the presence of and certified by a mukhtar.

(3) The Commissioner shall call the persons who are present at the meeting and entitled to vote to elect, by an open vote, to be taken as to him may appear convenient, a committee of not less than three and not more than five persons from among the proprietors. Every candidate for such election shall be properly proposed and seconded at the meeting.

(4) Every proprietor present shall be entitled to give one vote for each candidate and every authorized proxy shall be similarly entitled to give one vote in respect of every proprietor from whom he holds authority.

(5) At the conclusion of the voting the Commissioner shall count the votes and the candidates who have received the greatest number of votes shall be declared to be elected as the Committee and shall hold office for a period of three years from the date of the expiration of the period of office of the previous Committee.

(6) In case a person elected as a member of the Committee declines to act, the person who received the greatest number of votes next to such candidate shall be appointed by the Commissioner to be a member of the Committee in the place of the candidate so declining to act.

(7) In case the number of candidates proposed and elected as members of the Committee is not greater than the number of persons required as members of the Committee and one or more of them declines to act, the Commissioner shall nominate another proprietor or proprietors to be a member or members of the Committee in his or their place.

(8) The Commissioner shall keep or cause to be kept minutes of the proceedings at every such meeting and shall enter or cause to be entered therein the questions or resolutions proposed thereat and the number of votes given for and against them and shall at the close of the meeting sign the minutes and declare the result of votes given.

(9) The Commissioner may at his discretion adjourn any such meeting from time to time to a date and place to be declared by him at the meeting or the adjourned meeting and no further notice thereof shall be necessary:

Provided that, unless special notice is given therefor, no subject which was not contained in the notice convening the public meeting shall be discussed or considered at any adjourned meeting.

6.—(1) The Committee shall appoint a treasurer who shall collect the charges assessed upon the proprietors mentioned in the list.

(2) The treasurer shall, on the 31st August in every year, prepare a statement of all charges still due and unpaid on that date and shall forward such statement to the Commissioner.