

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
TARRANT COUNTY WATER CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NUMBER ONE
HELD IN THE DISTRICT OFFICE IN FORT WORTH, TEXAS, ON THE
10TH DAY OF MAY, 1949, AT 1:00 P.M.

The call of the roll disclosed the presence of Directors
as follows:

PRESENT

Joe B. Hogsett
Houston Hill
Dan H. Priest
Gaylord J. Stone
W. L. Pier

Also present were Sidney L. Samuels, General Attorney, and C. L.
McNair, General Manager.

Director Hogsett acted in his capacity as President,
and Director Priest acted in his capacity as Secretary, whereupon
proceedings were had and done as follows:

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The Board assembled for the purpose of receiving a
delegation of officers from the Headquarters of the Eighth Naval
District at New Orleans, Louisiana, who came to discuss with the
Board of Directors the matter which had been so long pending con-
cerning the restoration to this District of Tract No. 16, which
had been used during the existence of the Great World War for
naval purposes by the Federal Government, and concerning which
decree had been entered in the United States District Court for
the Northern District at Fort Worth, and which was styled on the
docket of such Court as, "United States of America, Petitioner,

vs. Certain Parcels of Land, situate in Tarrant County, Texas, and William Fleming, et al, Defendants. No. 432 Civil."

The delgation consisted in Captain W. B. Howard; Captain W. S. Harris; Lieutenant Commander R.B. Choate and Mr. H. L. Heflin, civil Real Estate Appraiser for the Eighth Naval District.

Captain W. B. Howard acted as the chief spokesman of the group and announced that since their prior visit to the Board the Washington authorities desired to approach the matter concerning the release of the lands and premises above mentioned to the District in a different mode and manner. In other words, that in lieu of the leasing the premises as was first suggested, the Federal Government at Washington, through the Navy Department, desired to lay before the Board a proposal for exchanging lands; that is to say, in lieu of the restoration of Tract No. 16; that the Federal Government offer to the District a body of land immediately adjacent to Tract No. 16, which in quantity and value should, as the Government deemed it, equal in quantity and value the aforesaid Tract No. 16. To that end, Captain Howard stated that the proposal was in substance set forth in a certain communication in writing issued from Headquarters, Eighth Naval District, New Orleans, Louisiana, dated May 9, 1949, addressed to the Board and signed by Captain W. B. Howard, (CEC) USN, District Public Works Officer, which letter was once again submitted to the Board and is attached in folio to these Minutes.

Thereupon, a running conversation and discussion

ensued between the delegation above mentioned and the members of the Board with regard to the expediency and legality of effectuating such an arrangement. Captain Howard pointed out on the map the location of the lands which the Government would offer in exchange for lands in Tract No. 16, and also suggested that the Board, through its Committee and General Manager, investigate the lands on the ground and make a report thereon.

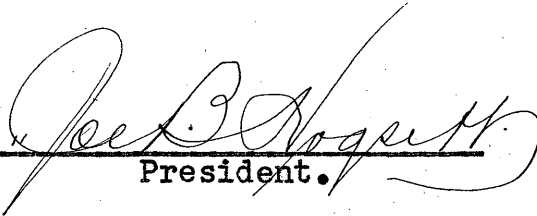
After each member of the Board had entered into the discussion of the matter and also after hearing from Mr. McNair, the General Manager of the District, it was resolved unanimously by the Board that a committee of the Board with the General Manager, look over the properties and make a report concerning the desirability of making such an arrangement, especially with reference to the value, location and the uses to which such lands could be subjected.

When asked concerning the kind of title which would be conveyed to the District in the event such a proposal or modification of such should be favorably entertained, Captain Howard answered that a full fee simple title would be conveyed to the District, but that before it could be accomplished, it would be legally necessary to obtain the consent of the National Congress, which consent, Captain Howard stated he did not doubt could be obtained by the Naval Department in Washington.

After the consideration of these matters to the extent, at the time, same could be considered in the absence of more definite information, it was determined by the Board that the matter

should be thoroughly sifted out and examined and after such examination, the Board would hear from the committee and General Manager of the District.

Thereupon, the meeting adjourned.


President.


Secretary.