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 30TH DAY OF MAY, 1949, AT 3:00 P.M.

The call of the roll disclosed the presence or absence of Directors, as follows:

PRESENT

ABSENT

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 President, Mr. Joe B. Hogsett, called to the attention of the meeting and to those present thereat, the widespread damage that occurred to life and property and the devastation that followed the flood that came down the Clear Fork of the Trinity River consequent on the unprecedented rainfall in Fort Worth and vicinity on Monday, May 16, 1949, and the state of the public mind concerning measures of safety that should take place in the future to prevent recurrences of such flood disasters. Mr. Hogsett also pointed out that a general demand had grown up from the citizenship and the inhabitants of Fort Worth and the surrounding countryside that since the Tarrant County Water Control and Improve-

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ment District Number One was the only agency that was qualified under the law to conserve the waters that came from this particular watershed, and to shield and protect life and property from flood waters, that such District should be the over-all agency under which all other governmental agencies in this area could be coordinated.

The members present then engaged in discussion concerning the powers of the District and the way in which the District could respond to the requirements and exercise those powers for the purpose of producing great works and improvements that would shield life and property in this District from similar catastrophe.

It further appeared in the discussion that the Chamber of Commerce of the City of Fort Worth, the City Government and voluntary civic organizations had all joined and concurred in requesting that this District, acting under its Board of Directors, should be the leader in the problems which confronted the entire community.

It was resolved that the attorney of the Board should look into the legal phases of it, and that meanwhile the members of the Board should attend public meetings, and at a later date determine from information and engineering and other data placed before them, whether the District should yield to the public demand so far as the law in such cases would authorize and sanction.

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It was then resolved that the Board of Directors should meet with other bodies of the City of Fort Worth, give ear to their counsel and then the Board should determine the wise, lawful and expedient course it should pursue.

Mr. Hogsett in presenting these matters to the Board, and preceding the discussion thereof, submitted to the Board the following written communication, dated May 30, 1949, from the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce, through Harold S. Foster, Acting Secretary:

> "FORT WORTH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE Fort Worth, Texas May 30, 1949 Mr. Joe B. Hogsett, Chairman, Tarrant County Water Control and Improvement District #1 Fort Worth, Texas

Following is a copy of a resolution adopted by a Special Committee appointed by a Citizens Committee which convened on Wednesday, May 25, to consider flood control measures:

"RESOLVED that the Tarrant County Water Control and Improvement District #1 be designated as the agency to take the necessary steps to accomplish all flood preventions and control measures in this area"

Very truly yours,

/s/ HAROLD S. FOSTER Harold S. Foster Acting Secretary[#]

This communication was before the meeting in the discussion of the steps that should be taken and considered and

the extent of the responsibility that should be assumed by the District before making reply to the foregoing resolution hereinbefore set out.

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There being no further business before the Board, the Meeting thereupon adjourned.

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