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 11TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1953, AT 2:00 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 W. L. Pier A. T. Seymour, Jr.

Also present were Marvin C. Nichols, of the firm of Freese and Nichols, Consulting Engineers of the District, and C. L. McNair, General Manager of the District.

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:

1.

Mr. Ben F. Hickey, Land Agent for the District, presented to the Board for its action thereon certain described lots or tracts of land within the corporate boundaries of the City of Fort Worth, immediately contiguous to the work now being performed by the Federal Army Engineers pursuant to an Act of Congress for the straightening and widening of the channel of the Trinity River, which extends through Fort Worth and part of the territorial area of this District. Mr. Hickey reported that each and all of the lots or tracts hereinafter described are absolutely necessary to the completion of the plans and work of such Federal Army Engineers now in process of construction and that such engineers require that the District ac-

quire such tracts either by voluntary purchase or by the exercise of eminent domain. Mr. Hickey further reported in connection with the matter, that with respect to each one of the said described lots or tracts, he had been unable to arrive at an agreement concerning price with Mr. Marc B. Smith, owner of certain lots in Block 207 of the North Fort Worth Addition to the City of Fort Worth, and that in view of the failure to reach an agreement with Mr. Marc B. Smith, after having made repeated attempts therefor, and in as much as the owners of the other said lots or tracts could not be contacted, it was necessary, in his opinion, that such tracts be condemned in fee simple to the use of the District under the law governing eminent domain. Mr. Hickey further reported that the several lots or tracts with the owners thereof are as herein set forth, to-wit:

- (1) Lot One and West 15 feet of Lot Two, Lot Three and East 20 feet of Lot Two, Lot Twelve and East 20 feet of Lot Thirteen, West 15 feet of Lot Thirteen and all of Lot Fourteen, Block 207 in the North Fort Worth Addition to the City of Fort Worth, Texas.

 The Lots have been purchased at tax sales during the year 1952 by Marc B. Smith, 267 W. 10th, Fort Worth, Texas.
- (2) Lot Fifteen, Block Forty Seven in the North Fort Worth Addition to the City of Fort Worth, Texas, owned by Bettie Johnson, and Lot Sixteen, Block Forty Seven in the North Fort Worth Addition to the City of Fort Worth, Texas, owned by Lewis Johnson, Jr.
- (3) Lot Eighteen, Block Forty Seven in the North Fort Worth Addition to the City of Fort Worth, Texas, owned by Curtis Williamson.
- (4) Lots Five, Six, Seven and Eight, Block Forty Two in the North Fort Worth Addition to the City of Fort Worth, Texas, owned by North Texas State Bank.
- (5) Lot 9, Block Fourteen in the Crawford Addition, owned by Daniel Pulido.

Following the recitation of the descriptions of all of the lots or tracts of land hereinabove set out for which condemnation under eminent domain to the uses of the District is necessary, Director Hill, seconded by Director Pier, moved the adoption of the following resolution:

"BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF TARRANT COUNTY WATER CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NUMBER It appearing to the Board, and the Board having so found, that it is necessary to the uses of the District in widening and straightening the channel of the Trinity River, within the borders of the District for the purposes of flood protection, a step which is essential to the welfare and safety of lives and property within the District, it is necessary that the said Tarrant County Water Control and Improvement District Number One acquire for such purposes the tracts of land hereinabove set forth and described in the minutes of this meeting preceding the enactment of this resolution, and it further appearing that negotiations were had between the representatives of this District and the owners of said properties and that the said District, through its agent and representative, has been unable to agree upon a price or compensation with said owners for the acquisition of said lands, NOW, THEREFORE: Be it further resolved that the attorneys for the District be, and they are hereby

authorized, empowered and instructed to proceed with

the condemnation under the right of eminent domain of said properties, and that the procedure to be employed for this purpose is contained in the provisions of Title 52 Eminent Domain of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas of the year 1925, as therein provided for counties, reference to which is made in subdivision a. of Art. 7880--126 on page 329 of Vol. 21 of Vernon's Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, and to take such other and further steps in connection therewith as may be appropriate and necessary to condemn such properties to the uses of said District as hereinabove provided."

The resolution having been submitted to the Board by the President, all the Directors present voted "aye" thereon, and the motion to adopt such resolution was declared carried and adopted.

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

President.

Secretary