

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 17TH DAY OF MARCH, 1953, AT 1:30 P.M.



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

<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Joe B. Hogsett Houston Hill Dan H. Priest A. T. Seymour, Jr.	W. L. Pier

Also present were Sidney L. Samuels, General Counsel, C. L. McNair
General Manager of the District, and Marvin C. Nichols, of the
firm of Freese and Nichols, consulting engineers 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.

It was announced by Mr. Hogsett as President of the Board,
that this was a special meeting called mainly for the purpose of
considering what should be done by the District with respect to
the interruption of travel and traffic over West Seventh Street
Bridge, and that a delegation composed of Mr. Ransom as Chairman,
Mr. Lightfoot and Mr. Ryan, citizens of Fort Worth and owners of
business enterprises in the vicinity, desired to appear before the
Board and discuss the subject for making provisions for travel
for the convenience of property owners in the immediate vicinity
of the bridge, and for the public generally, while the bridge was

closed to travel and pending the completion of the improvements contemplated in the flood prevention plans.

Accordingly, the three gentlemen, Mr. Ransom, Mr. Lightfoot and Mr. Ryan, were invited to seats at the table. The three members of the delegation stated the object of the visit, then pointed out the desirability of making some arrangement whereby a by-pass should be put up while the bridge was closed that would enable the public to detour with as little inconvenience as practicable, and also enable business in that vicinity to be conducted without serious loss to the owners thereof.

The members of the Board all agreed that a by-pass would be desirable during the period of improvements. The delegation was also informed that these improvements at the west end of the bridge were required in the flood prevention plan, because of the alterations of the channel of the river at that point, which alterations were deemed imperative by the engineers, who were engaged in the task to make the river at that particular area less liable to the hazards of flood and overflow.

The members of the Board also indicated to the members of the delegation that while it was the obligation of the District to make the improvements in the bridge to conform to the changes in the stream, nevertheless the bridge itself was a part of the Seventh Street Highway, and that the duty of controlling and regulating travel and traffic thereon was one that rested exclusively upon the City of Fort Worth--that the District had no authority to direct the course of travel or traffic over the streets of the city, and that primarily the City of Fort Worth, as a municipal govern-

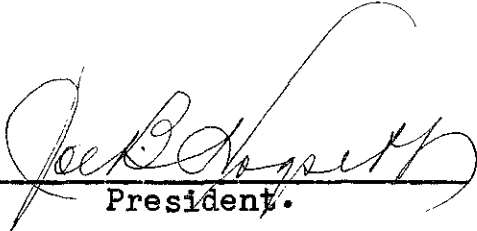
ment, was the only public agency that could lawfully provide streets and thoroughfares, and where same were obstructed by public improvements it was likewise the duty of the city to make provisions for travel, such as would cause the least disturbance to the public consistent with nature and scope of the work.

The Board members, however, indicated to the delegation that they would use as far as it was permissible for the District so to do, its influence and good offices with the city to see whether or not some form of temporary by-pass could be built by the city to relieve the congestion during the period of the reconstruction.


At the conclusion of this discussion, the members of the delegation thanked the Board for their concern in this matter, and expressed the hope that the District would in all proper ways endeavor to procure a solution of the problem.

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



President.



Secretary.