

Fort Worth, Texas.

February 11th, 1926.

The Board of Directors of Tarrant County Water Control and Improvement District met in Special Session on the above named date at 10:30 O'clock A. M.; Present and Presiding, A. L. Baker, Vice President; Also present, L. C. Abbott, H. M. Hightower and W. E. Bideker, Secretary, when the following proceedings were had, to-wit: The reading of the minutes of last meeting were dispensed with, as this meeting was called solely upon request of Marion Sansom Jr., et al, who said they desired to be informed more fully about the purposes of this organization in general. Among said Gentlemen present, were Mr. M. Sanson, Jr., Mr. Baker, Mr. O. W. Matthews, Bill Mitchell, Will Cantrell, C. W. Piper, and others. Mr. Sidney Samuels, Attorney for the District, was also present, as was Mr. S. W. Freese, Consulting Engineer.

Mr. A. L. Baker, asked Mr. M. Sansom Jr., if he would make a statement as to why he requested this called meeting of the Board, who, thereupon answered that it was solely for the purpose of getting more information on this point, "Whether or not a contest of the recent election held, would invalidate our water rights with the State Board of Water Engineers, should same be held null and void."

Mr. Baker called upon Mr. Samuels to answer Mr. Sansom, and Mr. Samuels said that he would be glad to answer as to any legal matters, but requested the Chair to call upon Mr. Bideker at this time; Mr. Bideker stated that the District has no definite information from an engineering standpoint yet, but when the report

of the Engineers is complete, it will be sufficient to intelligently present to the people, three phases of usefulness, to which water may be put by storing same, to-wit: First: Flood Control, Second; Industrial; and Third; Irrigation, and that these propositions can be made ready to be presented to the people, by co-operation on the part of every one, especially, if no contest is filed, or other obstruction thrown in the way. Then the people of the district will determine later, by vote if they want all of these phases included or any part of them.

He stated further that the district ought to produce revenue sufficient to liquidate whatever indebtedness is incurred, or the greater part of it, and if the directors cannot see where this can be done, they will be slow to recommend these propositions as a good thing for the district. Mr. Samuels, at this point agreed fully with Mr. Bideker. Mr. Bideker then stated, "The idea held by some that this is solely a City Project is erroneous. If the County and City is to grow as we hope to see it, we must take care of our water rights, and have water to sell at a cheap rate to prospective commercial and manufacturing interests, in order to compete with Wichita Falls, who has already availed herself of an abundance of water for this purpose and also for irrigation."

Mr. Sansom asked,; Is Wichita falls selling water and is she producing revenue yet ? He said the New Law, as he sees it presumes that every one wants to get in to the district and stay there and that it is absolutely up to the directors to let them out, if the directors thinks it a bad thing for the District, The land owner not even having right ^{to} petition as under the old law.

Mr. Bideker stated that the Directors and Engineers of this District ^{are} ~~is~~ to a great extent responsible for the law being enacted

so that the work of same might be better co-ordinated, thereby saving untold expense etc.

Mr. Sansom: Is it a fact that the District is organized under an ad valorem basis ?.

Mr. Samuels: "Yes, but the Directors are not precluded from excluding lands, if they deem it right and necessary. "

Mr. Piper: "We proposed to this Board last year, that we would withdraw our protests and not bother the district for two years, if at that time they would let us out, and the Board refused us."

Mr. Samuels: " Mr. Piper, they could not, under the law, have under any consideration, granted that request" and I so advised them."

Mr. Abbott; "We do not know yet whether we want to continue the District after all the investigations are in."

Mr. Hightower: "When investigation is complete, the ~~cast~~ may be so high that it would be extravagant to the taxpayers to undertake it, and if this is the case, I for one will be against it."

Mr. Bill Mitchell: "I have not gotten very well into the merits of just what this is all about, but the time has come when we must watch pilling up of any more indebtedness on the City and County"

Mr. Baker, "No man on this Board wants to run over any farmer, but just the opposite, what we shall do will be for the purpose of helping his condition"

Mr. Sansom: "Gentlemen, since we have gotten what information we have here this morning, I am sure that a contest of this recent election will not cause the District to lose its ~~waters~~

water rights, acquired from the State Board of Water Engineers, as same has been granted for two and one half years more, so I for one, am in favor of contesting this election. Let the contest be in a friendly way to test the matter out, for we believe that, especially the farming and ranching interests can be better served and protected under the old law, than under the new, so, gentlemen, we will join in with others to contest the election. We thank you for meeting us and going into these matters with us."

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned, subject to call by the Vice President.

J. D. Barber
Vice President.

Attest:

M. E. ...
Secretary

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Cash Receipts and Disbursements of
the \$75,000.00 note issue of Tarrant Co. Water Improvement
District No. 1, since sale of same to date.

R E C E I P T S

Sale of Notes - - - - -	\$	75,000.00	
Accrued Int. transferred to I & S Fund -	\$	729.00	
Int. on Checking acct. Tran I & S Fund -	\$	567.81	
Refund from Water Board - - - - -	\$	120.60	
Refund by West. Engr Expenses - - - - -	\$	36.20	
Recording Fees Refunded by Arlitt - - -	\$	23.50	} 353.58 -
Insurance on Transfer Bonds Refd. Arlitt -	\$	8.68	
Refund on Wise Co. Surveys - - - - -	\$	125.00	
			\$ 76,650.39

D I S B U R S E M E N T S

Engineering - - - - -	\$	17,092.44	
Exploration - Core Drilling - - - - -	\$	6,408.76	
Directors' Salaries - - - - -	\$	11,732.08	
Interest on loan from F and M. Bank - -	\$	13.35	
Insurance and Bon Premiums - - - - -	\$	236.97	
Office Expenses and Salaries - - - - -	\$	4,015.26	
Furniture and Fixtures - - - - -	\$	953.62	
Geology- T. C. U - - - - -	\$	852.40	
State Board of Water Engineers - - - - -	\$	2,304.80	
Petty Cash account - - - - -	\$	50.00	
Engineering equipment and tools - - - -	\$	130.00	
River Automatic Gauges and rain gauges-	\$	415.56	
Transferred to Special Int. Account - -	\$	25,000.00	
Election Expense Jan 12, 1926 - - - - -	\$	2,826.36	
Legal Expenses - - - - -	\$	1,175.56	
Money paid L. A. Freeman out of General cash for 1st. payment on assessing	\$	500.00	
Accrued interest transferred to Int and Sinking fund - - - - -	\$	541.36	
Int. Accrued when Notes sold, transferred to Int and Skg. Fund - - - - -	\$	729.00	
Miscellaneous Refunds - - - - -	\$	353.58	\$ 65,331.10
Cash on hand in Checking account	\$		\$ 11,319.28
			\$ 76,650.39

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