

Fort Worth, Texas.

February 15th, 1926.

The Board of Directors of Tarrant County Water Control and Improvement District No. 1, met in regular semi-monthly session on the above date at 3:30 o'clock p. m.; Present and presiding, A. L. Baker, Vice President: Also present Directors, W. E. Bideker, L. C. Abbott and H. M. Hightower, when the following proceedings were had, to-wit:

The minutes of a called meeting of the board, held on the 11th day of February were read, and approved, with the following corrections: On page 80, of said minutes, they read as follows:

"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". when in fact, said statement of Mr. Piper and replythereto by Mr. Samuels were as follows, to-wit: " At this Juncture Mr. Piper arose and said: that he was not disposed to make any concessions now ---that this opportunity had been presented on a former hearing, when the property owners asked to be excluded from the district, and that it was then proposed by the representatives of these property owners, that if the Board would agree, at the end of two years, to exclude such lands from the district, then no further contest would be prosecuted.

Thereupon, Sidney Samuels, attorney for the board, responded somewhat to this effect: that he was responsible for advising the Board not to accept such proposition, because, while it was true that the Board was given the power under the new law to exclude such lands, where such exclusion, in the descretion of the Board, should be made,

never-the-less, the preliminary surveys and other data had not reached the point, where the board could properly exercise such discretion. That to endeavor to exercise such descretion at such a stage of the work was premature and therefore, inadvisable".

Mr. Baker, President of a farmer's organization, opposing having their lands included in the district ~~was~~ present at said meeting and the minutes of same should have also contained the following: Mr. Baker stated that he and his organization appreciated what FortWorth was ~~to~~ the Farmers of Tarrant County, and was willing to participate in storing of water for flood control and commercial purposes but not for irrigation."

Mr. Buck Sansom and Mr. Bill Cantrell, both stated to the Board, that they were only opposing our program, so far as it pertained to irrigation, but would ~~wo~~-operate with the District in its efforts to store water for flood control and for commercial purposes.

The following bills and accounts against the District were considered, checked and allowed, as follows:

U. E. Byers, Engineering 6 days at \$5.00 -Wise Co-	\$ 30.00
E. R. Foster " 6 " at \$3.50 - " "	\$ 21.00
A. L. Easley " 6 " at \$3,50 - " "	\$ 21.00
C. O. Thompson " 6 " at \$3.50 - " "	\$ 21.00
U. E. Byers, use of car, 260 Mi. @ 8 Cents - - - -	\$ 20.80
A. N. Wilson Engineering 12 days at \$5.00 - - - -	\$ 60.00
E. F. McMurtrey, Asst. Mgr-Engr Salary 1/2 Mo. - - -	\$ 150.00
J. H. Bullock, Office Manager- 1/2 Mo. Salary - - -	\$ 100.00
Charlie Thomas, Office Janitor, Salary 1 Mo. 0 - - -	\$ 15.000
K. Robey, Manager-Engineer - 1/2 Mo. Salary - - - -	\$ 200.00
Telephone Bill- Feb'y 1st. and calls - - - - -	\$ 13.56
Majestic Reproduction Company - Photostats - - - -	\$ 1.15
Standard Blue Print Company -Photostats Blue Prts -	\$ 14.16
L. A. Barnes- Blue Prints - Photostats etc. - - - -	\$ 14.29
J. E. McGinness, Fee for reporting hearing - - - -	\$ 199.00
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\$ 880.96	

Mr. J. E. McGinness, whose account was paid for \$199.00 as listed above, was present, and stated that the bill rendred *by* him for reporting the two hearings, for which the bill was presented, was just his ordinary charge for said work, and that, had the Directors of

Board asked him, he would have told them, that, was his regular price, before he reported the hearing, however, he said that he would now throw himself on the mercy of the Board, and would be satisfied with what the Board did in his behalf, whereupon, a motion was made by L. C. Abbott, which was seconded by W. E. Bideker, which motion unanimously carried, that the Board pay said McGinness the \$199.00, but that it was not responsible for an additional bill filed with this Board, amounting to \$26.85 for a carbon copy of said hearing; and, that before this copy is delivered to the parties who brought on the hearing, or to their attorneys, that they be required to pay one-half of the cost of said report of said hearing, which including the \$26.85 amounts to \$225.85 divided by two or \$112.93.

Judge Sidney Samuels, Attorney for the District and Mr. S. W. Freese, Asst, Consulting Engineer for the District were present and participated in the various discussions pertaining to the District's work and welfare.

It appearing to the Board, that since the death of our esteemed President, Mr. W. C. Weeks, a President should be selected at this time to succeed him; Mr. L. C. Abbott placed Vice President A. L. Baker in Nomination for the place, which was immediately seconded by H. M. Hightower; Mr. Baker was then asked to temporarily vacate the Chair and Secretary Bideker asked to occupy same, temporarily, while this matter was under consideration, whereupon, Mr. Bideker having put the vote, Mr. Baker was unanimously chosen as President of the Board to succeed Mr. Weeks.

There being no further business at this time, the Board adjourned to meet upon call of the President.

Attest

W. E. Bideker

W. L. Baker
President.