

Fort Worth, Texas
December 20, 1926

Special meeting of the Board of Directors of Tarrant County Water Control & Improvement District No. 1, held on December 20th, 1926. Presiding, A. L. Baker, President, Present, Directors, L. C. Abbott, W. H. Slay and W. E. Bideker, Secretary. Present, Attorneys Sidney Samuels and Ireland Hampton.

Minutes of the meeting of December 15th, 1926 read and approved.

There was presented to the Board a draft of a special bill to be introduced in the 40th Legislature of Texas, providing the manner and means by which the State of Texas, would in part discharge her duties to the dwellers in the Trinity River Valley and to that end contribute to the cost of the flood retarding works proposed to be constructed by Tarrant County Water Control & Improvement District No. 1 and to the end that the headwater floods of the stream would be diminished approximately one-third and so protect and insure the adequacy of the present investment in levees lower down the Valley; and further, to make it possible for the owners of lands not now protected to protect the same by works purely local in their benefits at costs much lower than would be possible without retarding the headwater floods. Further, to release the flood waters not required for local beneficial uses to increase the stream flow at periods of harmful low flow and so restore rice culture in the counties along the Trinity River on the coastal plain. Further, to diminish the flood menace for all areas in the Trinity Valley.

It was moved by W. E. Bideker that notice of intent to introduce the bill be published in conformity to law and that costs of the publication be authorized.

The motion was seconded by L. C. Abbott and was carried.

Bills and accounts due were presented by Secretary W.E.

Bideker as follows:

George C.Purl-To-Salary to 12-20-26 -----	\$	100.00
Ireland Hampton-To-Salary to 12-20-26 -----	\$	100.00
W.E.Bideker-To-Salary to 12-20-26 -----	\$	100.00
Ireland Hampton-To-Exp.to Houston-----	\$	30.76
Ireland Hampton-To-Exp.to Houston -----	\$	48.33
W.E.Bideker-To-Exp.to Houston -----	\$	148.59
Total...	\$	527.68

Moved by W. H. Slay, seconded by L. C. Abbott that the accounts as listed be approved and paid.

W.H. Slay moved that the Secretary and President transfer \$1000.00 from the Savings Account to the Checking Account. Motion seconded by L. C. Abbott: Motion carried.

Oral report was made by Ireland Hampton and Simon Freese relating negotiations in Houston with Mr. Kirby, Mr. Howe and Mr. Hall concerning the desire to have Houston take the lead in organizing a regional Water Control and Improvement District to cover the lower Trinity Valley. Kirby and Howe favored the undertaking as practical, economically sound and of apparent value to the city of Houston. Mr. Hall concurred but insisted that the matter be submitted to the Chamber of Commerce. He also agreed that the undertaking was regional in character and that the State should cooperate by contribution to the cost of retarding works to deliver relief to the entire valley below the retarding works, but that, in his opinion, the State should not, and, could not contribute to the

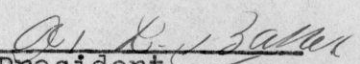
cost of the levees, or other works, the benefits of which were purely local in character.

It was moved by L. C. Abbott, seconded by W. H. Slay that Mr. Bideker, Hampton and Purl be instructed to endeavor to have Mr. A. B. Spencer of the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce, arrange a conference with the Directors of the Houston Chamber of Commerce, and J. D. Jackson of College Station, Secretary of the Brazos Valley Reclamation Association, in the effort to have them undertake the work necessary to accomplish the objects set forth in the conference with Kirby, Howe and Hall: the motion was carried.

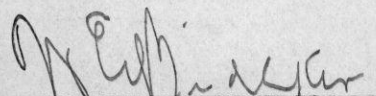
Attorney Samuels was requested to prepare for the Directors, an opinion as to the legal right of the present Directors to manage the affairs of the District during the year 1927 in case no election be held in January 1927. It was desired to save the District the expense of the election until such time it could be determined whether the District was to be abandoned or pushed to permanent operation. It was further believed that this decision could be reached in a very few months. That if the decision was to dissolve the district, the election expense would be a useless waste of money.

Attorney Samuels was also requested to furnish the Directors a copy of an agreement for the exclusion of lands affected by all pending suits for exclusion.

Meeting adjourned subject to call of the President.



President



Secretary