

Minutes Of Meeting Of the Directors
Of Tarrant County Water Control and
Improvement District No. One, Held In
Its Office In The Cotton Exchange Build-
ing In Fort Worth On Wednesday October
26, 1927, 12:15 P.M.

At this meeting A. L. Baker, President of the Board, presided.

DIRECTORS L. C. ABBOTT
 H. M. HIGHTOWER
 W. H. SLAY
 W. E. BIDEKER

were present; also present S. M. Freese, representing Hawley and Freese, Engineers, and Sidney L. Samuels and Ireland Hampton as attorneys.

At this meeting the following proceedings were had and taken, viz:

FIRST -- The President desired to know if the newspapers had been given notice of the time and place of this meeting, including an invitation to the public to attend the meeting. Secretary Bideker stated that due to his hasty leaving of the city, that this had been by him overlooked. After full discussion of pending matters, it was the sense of the Board that the Committees heretofore appointed to investigate the reasonableness of fees for engineering service and the committee to investigate the plan for procuring legal service and the reasonableness of the charges therefor, should be continued for another week and instructed to continue their investigation in order that they might report their findings to the Board at a meeting to be held on Wednesday, November the second at 10:00 A. M. It is further directed that the newspapers be promptly given notice of the time and place of this meeting in order that any one of the public

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interested might appear and present their views. It was so ordered.

SECOND -- There was an informal discussion of the former action of the Board in authorizing the rental of offices in the Cotton Exchange Building, of which place rentals were on a basis of 17¢ per square foot. The Board were of the opinion that space suitable for the Board and its hearings could not be had in the Cotton Exchange Building; they were further of the opinion that the rentals were higher than space might be obtained elsewhere. The Board were advised by Mr. Freese that suitable space could be had in the Capps Building for a rental slightly less than 15¢ per square foot. It was the sense of the Board that Mr. Freese should be directed to investigate both space and rentals in the Capps Building; further that in case suitable space could be had at the approximate price stated, that he do be directed to engage office space for the District. It was so ordered.

THIRD -- Secretary Bideker thereupon presented for approval accounts as follows, viz:

- (a) Rent Cotton Exchange Building
September 1st to October 1st, 1927 - - - - \$25.00
- (b) Rent Cotton Exchange Building
October 1st to November 1st, 1927 - - - - 25.00
- (c) Western Union Telegraph Company - - - - - 2.40

It was moved by Director Slay, seconded by Director Bideker that said accounts do be allowed and vouchers do be issued therefor. The motion was carried and it was so ordered.

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FOURTH -- Director Slay moved that the Board do formally adopt meetings to be held on Wednesday of each week at 10:00 A. M., and that publicity be given to the fact; that the public or any one interested in the matters of the District do be invited to attend such meetings.

FIFTH -- Director Slay moved that the Board do appoint a committee of two members of the Board to negotiate with land owners at the Bridgeport reservoir site concerning the pooling of their lands under options to be held in escrow and at prices believed to be the reasonable value of their lands; further that the committee so appointed do be directed to work out with the attorneys for the District the exact forms of the contracts under which the escrow option contracts might be taken and held. Director Bideker seconded the motion. The motion was carried. The chair appointed as the committee W. H. Slay and H. M. Hightower.

SIXTH -- Mr. J. F. Lillard, of Bridgeport, requested a hearing from the Board concerning steps to procure options on Wise County lands. He stated that the sentiment in their community was good and that he would wish, as speedily as possible, to have the Board deliver to his committee the actual contracts which the District desire to be executed; further that he believed that the committee would be able to obtain option at reasonable values for the lands up to eighty or ninety percent of the total of amount that would be required; further that he would also wish the engineers to promptly designate the exact tracts which would be required in whole and those which would be required in part. The committee in charge of that matter, the Engineers and the Attorneys were

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instructed to give Mr. Lillard the desired information with the least possible delay.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

W. E. D. Jones

Secretary

APPROVED:

A. R. Baker
President.