

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING OF THE DIRECTORS OF TARRANT COUNTY WATER CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NUMBER ONE, held at its office on November 23rd, 1927 at 10 A.M.

President A.L.Baker presided; also present Directors W.H.Slay, H.M. Hightower, and L.C. Abbott. Director and Secretary W.E.Bideker was absent from the City. Director H.M. Hightower was designated by the President to perform the duties of Secretary for this meeting. Also present Engineer S.W.Freeze, Ireland Hampton, Attorney, and Ed B.Cheatham, who has been employed by the District to act as Tax Collector and Assessor, and perform other duties. The following proceedings were had and done, viz:

1. The minutes of the meeting on November 16th were read and approved.

2. The President thereupon called for reports from outstanding committees. Director Slay was asked to report for the Committee on the Employment of Counsel, and division of Legal Work. Director Slay stated that since the meeting of November 16th he and Director Abbott had found it advisable to amend the report formerly made: that the Committee had

concluded as follows:

(a) That the District should make its own contracts for the employment of Mr. Wm McLean to take charge of the trial of Condemnation Suits; that his negotiation with Mr. McLean had made it apparent that the District would be able to command this service as and when required, upon a very reasonable basis:

(b) To make separate provision for the examination of land titles, and the supervision of the correction of same:

(c) To close contract with Sidney L. Samuels and Ireland Hampton for performance of all other legal duties at the sum of \$10,000.00 per year. In this report Director Abbott concurred.

Thereupon Mr. Hampton stated that he believed it would be desirable both for the Board, and for Mr. Samuels, as well as for himself, to have a further definite understanding as to the division of duties between Mr. Samuels and Mr. Hampton: also to have Mr. Samuel's confirmation of the arrangement. He further stated that Mr. Samuels was out of the City, and would not return until the latter part of the week. Thereupon

the President, with the concurrence of the Board, appointed Director Abbott as a Committee of one to join Mr. Hampton in conference with Mr. Samuels in order to have definite understanding and closing of this matter. It was so ordered.

3. Director Abbott and S.W. Freeze, the Committee appointed to confer with City Manager Carr, with reference to a contract whereby the District might use the City's old conduit, and, or, also use the excess capacity of the new conduit until such time as the City's needs permitted, in order that the District might quickly and economically develop irrigation between Lake Worth and the city. The Committee reported that Manager Carr was of the opinion that such a contract could be made on a very reasonable and profitable basis; his suggestion was that this consideration should be for the District to assume about \$140,000.00 of outstanding bonds heretofore issued by the Levy District. Mr. Carr explained that this was material to the City, due to the fact that the City had entered into an agreement with Montgomery Ward & Company to adjust the City tax on their property to a degree which would equal the burden on that property created by the Levy Tax. After full discussion of this matter it was the sense of the Board that there should be no attempt

at this time to work out a definite contract for the use of the conduit; further that the Committee should be discharged with the thanks of the Board.

4. Thereupon Committeemen W.H.Slay, and H.M. Hightower were asked to report the progress in the matter of acquiring lands for reservoir purposes: the Committee reported that they had not yet fully determined the form of contracts which they desired to use in this matter; that they were of the opinion that it would be necessary for the Board to keep their own land men constantly on the ground during the procuring of options; that to permit the Wise County citizens, committeeed to assist in taking options, without constant control over the prices per acre would in the end be costly by causing a false estimate of actual values: In this judgement the Board concurred. Director Hightower was designated as representative of the Board to give all time required, and especially to concentrate upon the Wise and Jack County lands: It was so ordered. There was a general discussion of all phases of the land matter, and especially with reference to the Rominger ranch property. It was, however, the sense of the Board that unless this property could be acquired at a price to be in line with the present market value of similar lands, that there should be no pressure to

acquire this land, or so much thereof as might be needed. Director Hightower was, however, especially directed to get upon the ground: to determine what part of said ranch would not be required and to appraise the character and values of the several parts of that ranch. It was so ordered. The Committee were requested to definitely adopt the form of the contracts to be used, at the quickest possible time in order that the Bridgeport Citizens Committee could be put to work.

5..Thereupon accounts payable were allowed as follows:

(A) All Weather Tire Company, 4 tires and tubes for the District car to be used by Mr.Hightower in land work	\$101.20
(B) To reimburse Ireland Hampton, for stamps (1.00) and ash trays (40¢)	1.40
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On motion of Director Abbott, seconded by Director Hightower the above accounts were ordered paid.

There being no further business presented the meeting was adjourned until Wednesday, November 30th, at 10 a.m.

Acting Secretary.

APPROVED:

A. L. Bazar
 President.