

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF TARRANT COUNTY WATER CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NUMBER ONE, held on November 30th, 1927, at 10 o'clock A.M.

President, A.L. Baker presided: Directors L.C. Abbott, H.M. Hightower, and W.H. Slay were also present. W.E. Bideker, Secretary of the Board was absent from the City. The President appointed Director W.H. Slay to act as Secretary of this meeting. Also present were Ireland Hampton, Attorney for the District, and Ed B. Cheatham, Tax Assessor and Collector for the District.

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

(1) The minutes of the meeting held on November 23rd, 1927, were read. Thereupon, said minutes were by concurrence of all the Board ordered adopted, approved and entered of record.

(2) The President thereupon asked for report by Director Hightower as to a conference with Mr. C.C. Gunn, Attorney for the Boaz interests, with reference to making an effort to have them withdraw their petition for exclusion of lands. Mr. Hightower reported that he was

awaiting the presence of Mr. Freese in order to do this. It was further suggested that upon showing that the tax to be levied against this land would be very small in amount, that it ^{probably} would be possible to procure the withdrawal of the petition.

(3) Director Hightower was thereupon requested to report the result of his investigation of the character of land of the Rominger ranch, and also as to what exact portions of the same would be required by the District. He reported that he had been upon the ground. That he was of the opinion that the District would require either title to, or water easement upon all of their lands, save and except the tract of from 1200 to 1300 acres off the East end, which would be protected by the chain of hills shown on the contour maps as elevation 870'; that in this chain would be a saddle known as Buffalo Gap across which it would be necessary to construct a levy; that when this was done the remainder of said lands (1200 to 1300 acres) would not be subject to water coverage at any time; that much of this excess was the best land embraced within that ownership. He stated, however, that due to the large area involved it was his desire to take Engineer Freese upon the ground for a

much closer analysis of the whole matter: that he planned to do this on the coming Sunday. He further reported that his work in actually procuring options, with the co-operation of the Wise County Committee had been delayed because of the fact that the exact forms of the contracts had not been agreed upon. Upon discussion, Mr. Hampton stated that he believed the form now finally approved could be finished by Friday of this week. He stated that the present delay was caused by getting four bids upon the work of printing the forms.

(4) Mr. Hampton called attention to the fact that the second Tuesday in January, was the date upon which Directors must be voted upon: that notice for that election would have to be published not later than December 16th; that this notice must give the names of those who had offered themselves as candidates: that the filing of names of candidates must be in time to permit the preparation of an election order so that the same could be actually published on or before December 16th. Attention was also called to the fact that the City have tentatively adopted January 10th, as the date for a bond election. That the second Tuesday in January was fixed by statute in the case of the District: that the problem of finding separate voting places and a sufficient number of election officers for the two elections on the same date would be

very difficult. Without formal motion, but with the concurrence of all members of the Board, Ed B. Cheatham was directed to confer with City Secretary Van Zandt and Manager Carr in the effort to induce the City to select some day other than January 10th. It was so ordered.

5th. Mr. Hampton called attention to the fact that the suit for exclusion of lands by Ross et al, now pending in Judge Mercer's Court should be disposed of; that as a matter of fact the lands involved had not been included in the boundaries of the District as given in the election for Authority to Issue Bonds due to the formerly recorded agreement to exclude the lands, which agreement appears of record in the minutes of the District. That for this reason the suit should not be dismissed; that it should be set down for hearing, testimony offered, to show that it was not feasible at this time to provide irrigation for said lands in order that the Court might enter a decree actually excluding the lands, which would remove any necessity for publishing a notice of the hearing, holding the hearing, and actually ordering the exclusion of the land.

(6) Thereupon, the President asked certain persons present at the meeting if they had anything to present. These persons stated that they had nothing to present

but were merely interested to hear the proceedings.

There being no further business presented, the President ordered the meeting adjourned until Wednesday, December 7th, 1927, at 10 o'clock, A.M.

W. H. Slay
Acting Secretary.

APPROVED:

W. S. Parker
President.