

Fort Worth, Texas
March 16th, 1927

Minutes of a Special meeting of Tarrant County Water Control and Improvement District No. 1, held on March 16th, 1927. Presiding, A. L. Baker, President; Present, Directors W. H. Slay, H. M. Hightower, L. C. Abbott and W. E. Bideker, Secretary. Attorneys Sidney L. Samuels and Ireland Hampton and Major J. B. Hawley were also present.

Minutes of preceeding meeting were read and approved.

The following bills and accounts were presented:

L.C.Abbott-To-Dinner @ Ft.Worth Club -----	\$102.00
W.E.Bideker-To-Sal.1/31/27 to 3/12/27 -----	\$600.00
T.S.Wright-To-Del.Velie Car to Ft.Worth -----	\$ 26.89
Chas.Thomas-To-Jan.Sal.March-1927 -----	\$ 15.00
Sam'L Hand-To-Riv.Gaug.March-1927 -----	\$ 10.00
Jack Key-To- " " March-1927 -----	\$ 9.00
Glen Kelly-To-Rain Ob. March-1927 -----	\$ 3.00
Wayne Allen-To-" " March-1927 -----	\$ 3.00
Leon Paschal-To-" " March-1927 -----	\$ 3.00
Grace Bovelle-To-" " March-1927 -----	\$ 3.00
A.L.Baker-To-Dir.Sal.2 Meetings 2/5/27;2/19/27-	\$ 20.00
L.C.Abbott-To-Dir.Sal.1 " 2/19/27-	\$ 10.00
H.M.Hightower-To-Dir.Sal.2" 2/5/27;2/19/27-	\$ 20.00
W.H.Slay-To-Dir.Sal. 2" 2/5/27;2/19/27-	\$ 20.00
Mazie Bideker-To-Steno.Exp March-1927 -----	\$ 15.00
	<u>\$859.89</u>

On motion of Director W.H. Slay and seconded by Director L.C. Abbott, the above bills were approved and ordered paid.

Major J. B. Hawley was instructed to modify plans eliminating the irrigation features of our project.

Ireland Hampton and Director W. E. Bideker were asked to relate the results on their work in Austin. The report in brief was: 1st, That the Senate voted to contribute to the proposed flood control works the sum of \$5,000,000 to be effected by remission of advalorem taxes over a period of thirty years. 2nd: That the bill failed in the house. That the failure was due principally to the acute present financial distress of the State, and a determination by the administration to hold the

advalorem rate for general fund down to 23¢: Next the filing of a similar bill by Waco was perhaps the most hurtful factor that entered into the matter. This caused a loss of strength and a delay which resulted in the ultimate rendering of an opinion by the Attorney General that the State did not have authority to contribute for the reason that no "Great Public Calamity" existed in the Trinity Valley. Notwithstanding this, the introduction of the Waco bill is believed to have been the real cause of the change in sentiment in the House.

3rd: That we had the support of our Legislators, those of Dallas County and those of the Rio Grande Valley. That the reclamation and conservation interests of the whole State supported us. Beyond question a majority in the House approved the bill in theory and in fact, but many did not feel that the State at this particular time was in financial position to undertake her duty, while many others were unwilling to discriminate against the Waco bill, and did not think the State could undertake both even though she might undertake one.

4th: The Amendments to Chapter 25 Acts of the 39th Legislature were known as "House Bill 84". This bill was introduced by R. R. Smith. It was unfortunately permitted to die on the calendar. So ended the report.

No further business, the meeting adjourned subject to call of the President.

Attest:

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Secretary

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President