

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
TARRANT COUNTY WATER CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NUMBER ONE
HELD IN THE DISTRICT OFFICE IN FORT WORTH, TEXAS, ON THE
28TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1951, AT 2:30 P.M.

The call of the roll disclosed the presence or absence of
Directors, as follows:

PRESENT

Joe B. Hogsett
Houston Hill
Dan H. Priest
W. L. Pier

ABSENT

Gaylord J. Stone

Also present were Sidney L. Samuels, General Counsel, and C. L. McNair,
General Manager, of the District.

1.

First in order of business was the consideration of a copy
of a letter dated February 27th, 1951, from Federal Reserve Bank of
Dallas, Dallas, Texas, acting by and through Mr. L. G. Pondrom,
Vice President and Cashier thereof, addressed to Mr. R. W. Fender,
Vice President, in the Trust Department, of the Fort Worth National
Bank of Fort Worth, Texas, concerning the receipt of the United
States Treasury Bills purchased in Chicago, through the Harris Trust
and Savings Bank of Chicago, out of part of the proceeds of sale of
bonds of the District, in which letter Mr. Pondrom as such Vice
President and Cashier of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, en-
closed the acknowledgment of Trust Receipt No. 56152, dated February
15, 1951, evidencing the receipt of the United States Treasury Bills
so purchased for the District in Chicago. In such letter to Mr.
Fender, it was requested that the acknowledgment of the custody of

such United States Treasury Bills by the said Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas be acknowledged by the Tarrant County Water Control and Improvement District Number One, and that the two resolutions be executed by this District and duly signed by its officers, and be transmitted to said Federal Reserve Bank; one resolution requesting the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas to become the Custodian of the United States Treasury Bills, and another, that the said Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas hold such United States Treasury Bills in safekeeping for the account of this District. Accordingly, such resolutions were signed and transmitted, reference to which said resolutions was made in the minutes of the District at the meeting on the 23rd day of February, 1951.

There was also transmitted to the District the acknowledgment of the Fort Worth National Bank constituting a trust receipt from its Safekeeping Department, in which such acknowledgment mention was made of the receipt of the acknowledgment No. 56152, dated February 15, 1951, from the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, with respect to such bank becoming the custodian of said Treasury Bills. The Trust Receipt from the Fort Worth National Bank is dated February 28, 1951, and is described as SK. No. B45174, and is executed by the Fort Worth National Bank, by R.W. Fender, Vice President, which original receipt was placed in safekeeping deposit box No. 984 of the Continental National Bank of Fort Worth, Texas, (the depository of the District).

The Board of Directors authorized and instructed Mr. Joe B. Hogsett, President of the Board, to make acknowledgment to the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas of the receipt of its Trust acknow-

ledgment No. 56152, dated February 15, 1951, hereinabove referred to, and also to make mention of the receipt of the trust receipt above mentioned from the Fort Worth National Bank, in which said Fort Worth National Bank acknowledged to Tarrant County Water Control and Improvement District Number One, of Trust Receipt No. 56152 of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, to which reference was hereinbefore made.

2.

The next matter that came before the Board for its consideration was that of the pending legislation in the State Senate of Texas, which measure was introduced by Senator Keith Kelly of Tarrant County, Texas. This Bill was known as Senate Bill No. 197, and is referred to at length in the minutes of the meeting of the Board on February 23, 1951,

The effect of such Bill insofar as it related to water control and improvement districts in Texas, was and is, if enacted, to increase materially the cost to all such districts in the assessment and collection of taxes where such work is performed by County Assessors and Collectors of taxes within the State of Texas. Inasmuch as the terms and provisions of said Bill, with reference to water control and improvement districts, very considerably heighten the expense to the district in procuring such service from County Assessors and Collectors of taxes, the question arose as to whether the District would be warranted in opposing the proposed enactment of such Bill and to resist the passage of same before the Committee having it in charge in the Senate in the present session of the State Legislature.

It developed in the discussion of the matter, that while the Statutes on such subjects governing water control and improvement

districts in the matter of assessment and collection of taxes for such district (see Art. 7880-33) limited the fees for assessment of taxes for the district to \$1800.00, and limited the fees for the collection of such taxes by said County Tax Collectors to \$1500.00 per year, nevertheless, any such contract could not be made and become effective under the language of such Statute unless such contract was approved by the County Commissioners of the county wherein the district lay, and that there was no provision in such Statutes for compelling Commissioners Courts, officially, to approve such contract and the terms thereof.

Further, that while provision was made in the Statute governing water control and improvement districts whereby such districts could, themselves, set up and establish independent facilities for assessing and collecting taxes of such districts, yet the cost of establishing and supporting such service would far exceed the amount required to be paid under the provisions of Senate Bill No. 197 above mentioned.

In this connection, Mr. J. M. Williams, County Auditor of Tarrant County, appeared before the Board and stated that the percentage for such services recited in the new Bill before the Senate was the same percentage required by the county when performed for school districts, and was the very lowest percentage charged by the county; that the percentage provided for in the Bill was even less than what it actually cost the county to perform such services of assessing and collecting taxes for Tarrant County Water Control and Improvement District Number One.

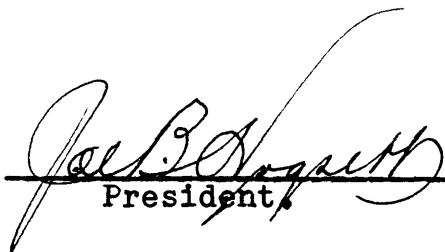
After due consideration of all of these matters, and the members of the Board having been convinced that to set up an independent tax

assessment and collection service in the district, would far exceed cost of the amount required for such services under the terms of said Bill No. 197, now pending in the Senate, they were of the opinion that it was advisable to withdraw opposition to the pending measure, and on motion of Director Hill, seconded by Director Priest, it was ordered that the District withdraw opposition to the Bill as it stood, and that Senator Keith Kelly of Tarrant County, Texas, be notified to that effect.

The motion having been submitted to the Board, it was unanimously adopted, all the Directors present voting "aye" thereon.

3.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting thereupon adjourned.



President.



Secretary.