

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
TARRANT COUNTY WATER CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NUMBER ONE  
HELD IN THE DISTRICT OFFICE AT FORT WORTH, TEXAS, ON  
THE 13TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1959 AT 9:00 A. M.

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

<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Joe B. Hogsett	Lacy Boggess
Houston Hill	
W. L. Pier	
A. T. Seymour, Jr.	

Also present were Messrs. John Scott General Counsel for the District, Peyton Birdsong Assistant Manager of the District, John Ohendolski of the Fort Worth Press, John Mort, Jim Vachule and Joe McAulay of the Fort Worth Star Telegram.

Director Hogsett acted in his capacity as President and in the absence of Director Boggess, Director Pier acted in his capacity as Secretary, whereupon proceedings were had and done as follows:

1.


President Hogsett stated that this meeting was called for the purpose of hearing of the work of the Committee on the proposed raw water contract between the District and the City of Fort Worth headed by Director Seymour and Mr. John Scott was requested to read a letter addressed to the City Council of Fort Worth which had been

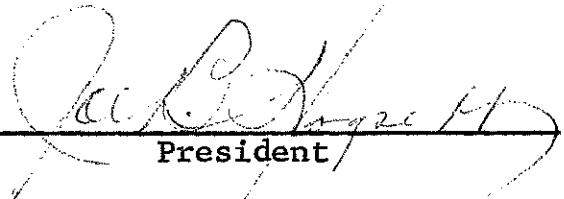
prepared by the Committee, a copy of which is attached and made a part of these minutes.

After hearing the reading of the letter, Director Seymour, told the other Directors that he had read the letter to Director Boggess who had expressed his approval of the matters therein contained and that Director Boggess had requested that his approval be made known to the assembled Directors. On motion by Director Seymour, seconded by Director Hill and unanimous approval of the Directors, it was ordered that a copy of the letter be sent to each member of the City Council of Fort Worth.

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

  
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Acting Secretary

  
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President

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DISTRICT ENGINEERS  
BEN F. HICKEY  
GENERAL MANAGER

The City Council of Fort Worth  
City Hall  
Fort Worth, Texas

Gentlemen:

On October 31, 1956, the then City Council of Fort Worth, by unanimous resolution, asked the Tarrant County Water Control and Improvement District No. One to:

- (1) "Assume full responsibility for providing and maintaining an adequate supply of raw water for the Fort Worth area", and
- (2) "That....said (Water) District (is) hereby officially requested to adopt as its basic plan for furnishing such an adequate raw water supply the tentative findings and recommendations presented herewith and made a part hereof and with as little delay as possible carry out the plans contained therein step by step subject only to such modification as may be found necessary from time to time".

The indented portions are from the City Council's resolution. The "Basic Plan" referred to was building a reservoir on Cedar Creek and a pipeline therefrom to Fort Worth.

The Directors of the Water District accepted the responsibility requested of it, but before they were willing to endorse the program already approved by the City, they studied many other plans for the solution of the problem and engaged two water engineering firms with international experience and reputation to

submit reports and recommendations on all sources of raw water available or under consideration. The results of such additional studies led the Directors of the Water Board to unanimously decide that the plan unanimously recommended by the City Council was the one which should be adopted.

Following this decision, a proposed contract between the Water District and the City of Fort Worth was prepared after months of intensive negotiation with the interested departments of the City, and the Committee appointed by the present City Council. This contract the Water District has been led to believe had the approval of the City.

While we have not been officially advised, we learned from the press, that at the Council's last meeting you decided not to approve or disapprove the proposed water program - or proposed contract, but instead, decided to call an election December 2nd and let the voters approve or reject the contract.

The Directors of the Water District were elected to represent the citizens in the Water District. The members of the City Council were elected to represent the citizens of Fort Worth. The citizens have a right to know the opinion of their representatives on the proposed contract and program.

The Board of Directors of the Water District agree unanimously that the water program submitted to you is the best solution to provide the Fort Worth area with an adequate, reliable and economical supply of good quality water and that the contract that has been proposed is fair to both the City of Fort Worth and the Water District.

The citizens of Fort Worth have a right to know from their representatives (The City Council) whether the program and the contract have the Council's approval. If it does not, the voters of Fort Worth may not want to go ahead with the program. And, this is true, too, of the Water District!

If the City Council is not in favor of the program that has been submitted, we would like specific suggestions for an alternate program. If the City Council favors the program, but feels the contract that has been submitted is not fair, we would

like to have your specific objections to it.

Unless and until the City Council is willing to endorse the proposed contract by formally and officially recommending it, we see no point in the City calling an election for the citizens to ratify a contract the City Council is not willing to approve. We likewise see no point in the Water Board calling an election to approve the issuance of bonds for a program which does not have the enthusiastic approval of the City Council.

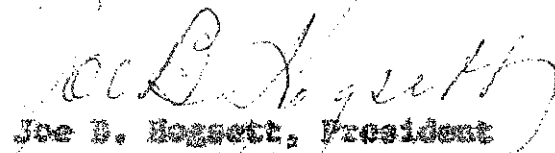
After all, the Water District was requested to carry out a program adopted by the City Council. If the plan is not now what you feel is best for the Fort Worth area, then the least you can do is to tell us what you recommend. We are perplexed.

Time is growing short. The permit you have for impounding water on Cedar Creek was issued with the specific provision the project would have to be started by April 24, 1960. Unless this is done the citizens of Fort Worth stand a very good chance of losing their rights to that water to some other area which appreciates its value.

Fort Worth's future is at stake. What do you want to do about it?

Yours very truly,

TARRANT COUNTY WATER CONTROL AND  
IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. ONE

By   
Joe B. Hogsett, President  
Board of Directors