

Fort Worth, Texas  
December 6, 1926

Minutes of a meeting of Tarrant County Water Control and Improvement District No. 1, held on December 6th, 1926: Presiding, A. L. Baker, President: Present, Directors W. H. Slay, H. M. Hightower, L. C. Abbott and W. E. Bideker, Secretary.

It was moved by W. H. Slay that the District employ Geo. C. Purl of Dallas, Texas to undertake to procure the City of Dallas and the several levee districts in Dallas, Kaufman, Ellis, Henderson, Navarro, Anderson and Freestone Counties to either separately convert themselves into Water Control & Improvement Districts, or, to form a regional Water Control & Improvement District for the purpose of cooperating in, and contributing to, the construction of the flood retarding works proposed to be provided by Tarrant County Water Control & Improvement District No. 1. Further, to seek the aid of such city and districts in an effort to have the State of Texas recognize her constitutional duty to protect the life and property of her citizenship against the recurring destructive floods occurring in the Trinity River Valley, and after such recognition to discharge her duty by means of contribution to the cost of the works proposed to be constructed by the district, and to contribute under the authority and in the manner and form approved by the Supreme Court of Texas as in the case, City of Aransas Pass vs-Looney, Attorney General- 86 Tex. Sup. P. 212.

Further moved that Mr. Purl be paid One Hundred Dollars per week and his actual expenses, and that he do make report of his work each week.

The motion was seconded by Mr. H. M. Hightower: The motion was carried.

Mr. W. H. Slay moved that Mr. W. E. Bideker, Ireland Hampton and Geo. C. Purl be directed to proceed to Houston and Waco for conference with the Houston Chamber of Commerce and the Brazos River Reclamation Association to induce the Houston Chamber of Commerce to undertake the organization of a regional Water Control & Improvement District to include the Trinity River Valley from Trinity County to Galveston Bay, also to induce both organizations to assist in the effort to have the State of Texas recognize her duty, and to cooperate in, and contribute to, the control of the floods of the Trinity Valley by means of retarding the floods near the source.

The motion was seconded by Mr. H. M. Hightower and was carried.

On motion meeting adjourned subject to call of the President.

A. L. Bales  
President

Attest:

W. E. Bideker  
Secretary