Minutes of the Meeting of The Board of Directors of The Franklin County Water District

Held: June 2, 1969

THE STATE OF TEXAS FRANKLIN COUNTY WATER DISTRICT COUNTY OF FRANKLIN

ON THIS the 2nd day of June, 1969, the Board of Directors of the Franklin County Water District convened in regular session at their regular meeting place in their office located in the courthouse, Mount Vernon, Texas, and the following members were present:

W. C. NEWSOME LANDON RAMSAY HORRIS MORRIS A. J. LAWS PRESIDENT VICE PRESIDENT SECRETARY DIRECTOR

and the following absent: K. P. LESTER.

The following named persons were also present:

Woodrow Edwards, Attorney for the Water District Walter F. Hicks, Jr., District Engineer M. D. Carlock, Attorney, Winnsboro, Texas Albert Fry, Hugo, Oklahoma Jarvis Fry, Hugo, Oklahoma Frank Fry, Hugo, Oklahoma Jimmy Bass, Editor, Mt. Vernon Optic-Herald

The President of the Board called the meeting to order, declared a quorum present, and that the meeting was duly convened and ready to transact business,

The reading of the Minutes was dispensed with due to the many transactions on the docket.

WALTER F. HICKS, JR. discussed hiring an aerial photographer to make photos of the J. Solon King land showing all trees, brush and debris which are to be cleared from the lake basin. He showed a map to the Board members and others present showing the maximum water line.

MR. HICKS also discussed the Farm to Market Roads and stated that prospects of Franklin County receiving the authorization looks good.

WOODROW EDWARDS informed the Board that Mr. Bird Old, Jr., Attorney at Mt. Pleasant, Texas, has been employed to assist Mr. Sharp in the Eminent Domain Proceedings suit in the J. SOLON KING et al matter. He stated that the suit would be heard Friday, June 6, 1969, 10 o'clock

a.m. at the courthouse,, Mount Vernon, Texas. He asked the Board members to be ready to place the award money in the registry of the Clerk as soon as the Special Commissioners announce the amount of the damages. He also informed the Board that as soon as the money has been placed with the Registry of the Clerk that the Franklin County Water District will have the right to go upon the King land.

MOTION was made by A. J. LAWS and duly seconded by LANDON RAMSAY, that the President., W. C. Newsome, and the Secretary, Horris Morris, be authorized to put up the award money as soon as the Special Commissioners announce the amount in the condemnation of the TOM A. KING and the J. SOLON KING et al lands. The question being put by the President, all members present voted "AYE". None voted "NO".

MR. HICKS submitted a "NOTICE TO BIDDERS" to the Board for their approval, which notice is to be published in a trade magazine and in the Mount Vernon Optic-Herald in the June 26, 1969 issue and the July 3, 1969 issue, according to Art, 8280-341 V.A.C.S. stating that sealed bids will be received in the District Courtroom, Franklin County Courthouse, Mount Vernon, Texas, until 2:00 P.M., C.D.S.T. July 15, 1969,, and then publicly opened and read aloud, for furnishing all materials,, equipment, and labor and clear all timber from within the 3,.400 acre lake basin of Big Cypress Creek Lake, Contract No. 855, in Franklin County, Texas.

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MOTION WAS made by LANDON RAMSAY, and duly seconded by HORRIS MORRIS that Wisenbaker, Fix and Associates be authorized to advertise and publish the "NOTICE TO BIDDERS" for the clearance of the lake basin, being Contract No. 855. The question being called for, all present voted "AYE". None voted "No".

Mr. Hicks also stated that he will notify, the Texas Parks and Wildlife of the progress of the lake and that

he thinks it will take about 600,000 fish to stock it adequately.

He also informed the Board that there is a SFECIAL FUND where money is available by the State Highway Department to build 1500 feet of regular FM roads for launches into the Reservoir.

MR. L. J. FLANAGAN reported his progress on land appraisals and purchases. In re: the Munn land, he stated that Mr. Mum has recently died and left a will. Mr. M. D.Carlock verified the fact that Mrs. Munn has now qualified as Executrix of the Estate,

Mr. Flanagan stated that he is going to Waco this week to again negotiate the purchase of the Methodist Home tract of land.

The President reported that Charlie Brown, CountyAgent, would put a frame on the map showing the proposed Farm to Market Roads in Franklin County for only the cost of the material. MOTION was made by LANDON RAMSAY, and duly seconded by HORRIS MORRIS to purchase the material and have the map framed for hanging on the office The question being put by the President, all present voted "AYE". None opposed.

MR. M. D. CARLOCK, Attorney from Winnsboro, Texas, who represents the R. M.Fry Lumber Company, Inc. of Hugo., Oklahoma,, discussed his client's interest in the timber on the J. SOLON KING et al land and the TOM A. KING land. They have a timber lease on the lands and have been made a party to the Eminent Domain Proceedings in the J. SOLON KING et al and TOM A. KING suits. Maps were shown to Mr. Carlock and his clients showing the lake basin and maximum water level. After lengthy discussion, the Board informed Mr. Carlock that the appraisal of the timber interest would be made by the three Special Commissioners heretofore appointed., to-wit: Orren

L.Black., A. J. Clinton and Jack Merrill and the awards for damages would be made next Friday, June 6th,, at the hearing of the condemnation suit.

THE PRESIDENT stated that the Board should meet soon with the Mt.Vernon Independent School District Board to make settlement with them in the matter of the collection of the Franklin County Water District taxes. No date was set for the meeting.

MOTION was made by A. J. LAWS, and duly seconded by LANDON RAMSAY to pay the monthly bills and to purchase an electric UNDERWOOD typewriter for the office. The question being put by the President, all present voted "AYE". None voted "NO",

The bills are as follows:

L. E. Bryant, County Clerk - Recording deed, W. H. Rogers Est. \$ 5.50
L. J. Flanagan, for land appraisals and purchases, condemnation 6,436.70
Mt. Vernon Optic-Herald - Office supplies 78.82

Total \$6,521.02

There being no further business., the meeting adjourned.

Minutes Approved June 2, 1969.

W. C. Newsome, President

Landon Ramsay, Vice President

Horris Morris, Secretary

A. J. Laws, Member

K. P. Lester, Member