

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF  
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
FRANKLIN COUNTY WATER DISTRICT  
HELD: November 16, 1970

THE STATE OF TEXAS

FRANKLIN COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

COUNTY OF FRANKLIN

On this the 16<sup>th</sup> day of November, A. D. 1970, the Board of Directors of the Franklin County Water District convened in regular session in the office of Woodrow Edwards in Mt. Vernon, Texas, with the following members present:

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

and with the following absent: NONE.

Woodrow Edwards, Attorney for the District was also present.

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 President welcomed Horris Morris, and stated that the Board was meeting in Woodrow Edwards office in order to enable Horris Morris to meet with the Board because he is still unable to climb the courthouse stairs.

Mr. Edwards read and discussed letters dated November 5<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> from Earl Sharp in regard to the J. Solon King land wherein the Kings were requesting permission to lease an additional 20 acres lying immediately south of the J. A. Newman Survey A-358 and immediately East of the West Boundary Line of the T. R. Starnes Survey A-455 and extending in a westerly direction enough to make up twenty (20) acres. Whereupon, K. P. LESTER moved adoption of the following Resolution:

“RESOLVED that the Franklin County Water District lease an additional 20 acres of land to Earl Sharp, Trustee for J. Solon King et als, and that the President and Secretary have authority to execute a lease agreement for said 20 acres in behalf of Franklin County Water District.”

The second was made by Horris Morris, and after discussion, and the question being put by the President, all members present voted “AYE”. None voted “NO”. A copy of the Lease Agreement is attached hereto and made a part of the Minutes.

Mr. Ramsay reported that the Postmaster had notified him that the mail carrier and school bus were having difficulty in crossing the road that had been relocated at the emergency spillway. A telephone call to Walter Hicks, Engineer, was made and asked him to get in contact with the contractor and have him to do the necessary repair work. They also requested that Mr. Hicks give notice to the contractor that the road from the Farm-to-Market road #115 to the dam needs repair.

Mr. Lester reported that a 'bird-walk' was needed for safety purposes on the derrick which is located in the lake basin for a water level metering device.

Thereupon, motion was made by Landon Ramsay, and duly seconded by Horris Morris, that K. P. Lester be authorized to make necessary expenditures for the materials and construction of a 'bird-walk' at the derrick. After the question was put by the President, and discussion had thereon, all members present voted "AYE". None voted "NO".

Discussion was had in the matter of the request made by the County for financial assistance from Franklin County Water District for additional law enforcement.

Motion was made by HORRIS MORRIS, and duly seconded by K. P. LESTER, that Franklin County Water District will not financially assist the county in the matter of law enforcement at this time. The President put the question, and after further discussion and deliberation, all members present voted "AYE". None voted "NO".

The President reported the receipt of \$75,000.00 from Industrial Generating Company as part payment for initial fill water for their proposed lake. He also reported that on November 4, 1970, the said \$75,000.00 had been deposited in the First National Bank, Mt. Vernon, Texas, in a new account entitled "MAINTENANCE AND OPERATING". This money is to be used for the maintenance and operation of Lake Franklin County after completion. The Board unanimously agreed to invest \$70,000.00 of this money in Certificate of Deposits to draw interest until needed, and to leave \$5,000.00 in said Maintenance and Operating Fund. J. H. Connelly, President of the First National Bank, was informed of this decision and he invested the \$70,000.00 in an 85 day Certificate of Deposit as of this date.

Mr. Edwards reported that he had set the first steps in motion for Appeal in the Jesse G. Majors case and asked the Board if they wanted to go forward with the appeal. He also stated that the other cases on the District Court docket will be tried before the Majors case will be heard.

Motion was made by K. P. LESTER, and duly seconded by HORRIS MORRIS, to go forward with the appeal of the Jesse G. Majors case. After discussion, the President put the question and all members present voted "AYE". None voted "NO".

A lengthy discussion was had in regard to the oral depositions which are to be taken in Mt. Vernon on Thursday and Friday, Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, respectively.

Motion was made by LANDON RAMSAY, and duly seconded by A. J. LAWS, to pay the monthly and current bills. The President put the question, and after discussion, all members present voted "AYE". None voted "NO". The bills are as follows:

Check No.

783 Trinity Engineering Testing Corporation – soil testing	\$1,433.55
784 W. R. Boyd, Inc. - clearing lake basin, Contract #855	7,886.97
785 General Telephone Co. of the SW – monthly bill	39.21
786 Bishop, Sulsar & Tsujimura, Court Reporters – Newsome's dep.	48.70
787 M. L. Edwards & Company – office supplies	1.86
789 H. L. Quinn Welding Service – derrick for lake meter	850.00
790 Johns–Manville Products Corp. – pipe for derrick	<u>263.74</u>
Total amount expended	\$10,524.03

It was announced that payment to Mercantile National Bank, Dallas, Texas, was due by December 1, 1970, the amount being \$25,000.00 for principal, \$875.00 for Interest, and the Bank's charge \$11.25. A check #782 was executed by the President and Secretary, payable to Mercantile National Bank at Dallas, dated November, 1970, for the sum of \$25,886.25.

Discussion was had in the matter of leasing land to former landowners, whereupon K. P. LESTER moved adoption of the following Resolution:

“RESOLVED that Franklin County Water District offer to all landowners who had cooperated with the District the right to lease back 10% of the land in the public use and flood areas which had previously been purchased from them, in accordance with the J. Solon King et al settlement.”

The second was made by A. J. LAWS, and the question being put by the President, and after full discussion and deliberation, all members present voted “AYE”. None voted “NO”. The President announced that the Resolution had been adopted, passed, and approved.

Discussion was had in the matter of leasing land to Milton R. Kelley, whereupon HARRIS MORRIS MOVED THE ADOPTION of the following Resolution:

“RESOLVED that the Franklin County Water District lease 29 acres, more or less, of land to Milton R. Kelley, and that the President and Secretary have authority to execute a lease agreement for said acreage in behalf of Franklin County Water District.”

The second was made by K. P. LESTER, and after discussion, and the question being put by the President, and further deliberation had thereon, all members present voted “AYE”. None voted “NO”. The President announced that the Resolution was adopted, passed and approved. A copy of the Lease Agreement is attached hereto and made a part of these Minutes.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

MINUTES APPROVED THIS, the 16<sup>th</sup> day of NOVEMBER, A. D., 1970.

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W. C. Newsome, President

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Landon Ramsay, Vice President

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Harris Morris, Secretary

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A. J. Laws, Director

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K. P. Lester, Director