

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
FRANKLIN COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
HELD: May 15, 1972

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF FRANKLIN

FRANKLIN COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

ON THIS the 15th day of May, 1972, at 1:30 P. M., the Board of Directors of the Franklin County Water District convened in regular session at their office located at 114 North Houston Street on the east side of the square in Mount Vernon, Texas, with the following members present:

LANDON RAMSAY	PRESIDENT
A. J. LAWS	VICE PRESIDENT
BILLY M. JORDAN	DIRECTOR
ENNIS D. CHRISTENBERRY	DIRECTOR

and with the following absent: K. P. LESTER.

Berneice E. Meek, Secretary of the District was present, also the following: Marion W. Russell, Manager; Woodrow Edwards, Attorney; Horris Morris, Lake Superintendent; Verne Erion, R. C. Banks, Douglas Greeney, Joe J. Jordan, A. J. Clinton, Marvin Brantley, Martin Collis, Bobby Biggerstaff, Jack Burford, James T. Bass, Ray Reynolds, Jesse Mayes, Bill Daniel and Mr. and Mrs. Egner.

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.

NOTICE of this meeting and agenda was given, stating the time, place and purpose, all as required by Vernon's Ann Civ. St., Article 6252-17.

The Minutes of May 1, 1972 were read and approved.

Mr. Erion and Mr. Banks met on behalf of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 3992, Mount Vernon, Texas, for the purpose of discussing the tentative Lease Agreement which had been presented to them for their approval and to clarify several items thereon. They were informed that the District will furnish the plans and specifications for the Park Area which the VFW will maintain and that the park is to be constructed by the VFW in accordance with the rules and regulations of the District. Mr. Erion stated that, when the Lease Agreement is executed, they would require the signatures of the President and three other Directors. The Post Commander, Quarter Master and three Trustees of the VFW would also sign the instrument. After discussion, the following action was taken: MOTION was made by ENNIS D. CHRISTENBERRY, and duly seconded by BILLY M. JORDAN, that the District accept the original contract as amended this date. The President put the question and, after full discussion had thereon, all members present voted "AYE". NONE voted "NO".

Mayor Joe J. Jordan and Councilman Arlon J. Clinton, representing the City of Mount Vernon, discussed the Water Purchase Contract between the City of Mount Vernon and Franklin County Water District. They stated that the City was now pumping water from Lake Cypress Springs and requested

the District to submit a statement to the City on June 1, 1972, for water used for the last one-half of the month of May, 1972.

MOTION was made by A. J. LAWS, and duly seconded by BILLY M. JORDAN, that the Water Purchase Contract by and between Franklin County Water District and the City of Mount Vernon, dated May 1, 1972, which had previously been agreed to, be confirmed and ratified this date. The President put the question and, after full discussion had thereon, all members present voted "AYE". NONE voted "NO". A copy of the Water Purchase Contract and a copy of the Permit from Texas Water Rights Commission are attached to these Minutes and made a part thereof.

Martin Collis of Sulphur Springs, Texas, and Marvin Brantley of Mount Vernon, Texas, discussed leasing some acreage from the Franklin County Water District for development purposes, being the land that is adjoining the Nannie E. Cates residue. No action was taken.

MOTION was made by BILLY M. JORDAN, and duly seconded by A. J. LAWS, to set up a Petty Cash Fund in the amount of \$15.00, which amount is to be out of the Maintenance and Operating Fund. The President put the question and, after full discussion had thereon, all members present voted "AYE". None voted "NO".

Sheriff Bobby Biggerstaff met with the Board concerning the Law Enforcement Training School that will be held in Commerce in July. He stated that the number of hours required to receive a basic certificate is now 140 but, after this school, the number of hours will be increased to 300. Horris Morris plans to attend the July school.

MOTION was made by A. J. LAWS, and duly seconded by ENNIS D. CHRISTENBERRY, to purchase a firearm for the use of HARRIS MORRIS, Lake Superintendent and Deputy Sheriff. The President put the question and, after full discussion had thereon, all members present voted "AYE". NONE voted "NO".

MOTION was made by A. J. LAWS, and duly seconded by ENNIS D. CHRISTENBERRY, to approve and make payment of the bills and of any salaries that might come due before the next Board Meeting. The President put the question and, after full discussion and deliberation had thereon, all members present voted "AYE". NONE voted "NO". The bills are as follows:

Check No.		
527	Marion W. Russell – Salary 5-1-72 to 5-15-72	361.91
528	Gibson Products Company – 2 Epox Repair Kits	1.64
529	Tedder Aviation Corporation – Spraying 6000 lbs. fertilizer	300.00
530	L. E. Bryant, County Clerk – Recording and Posting Fees	8.50
531	M & W Recreation Facility – monthly Country Club Dues	15.00
532	P. C. Campbell – Spraying weed killer, fertilizer dam, etc.	110.50
533	W. A. Crowder, Plumbing Sewer Inspection & Percolations tests	60.00
534	Mt. Vernon Feed and Farm Supply – fertilize	110.25
535	L. E. Bryant, County Clerk – Recording Bonds	9.00
536	Elliott Office Equipment, Inc. – Dispersant and Toner	18.00
537	M. L. Edwards & Company – miscellaneous office supplies	2.37
539	Berniece E. Meek - To establish a Petty Cash Fund	15.00
541	Doug Henegar, Jr. – weapon for Deputy Sheriff - Lake Supt.	125.00
542	General Telephone Company of the SW – monthly telephone bill	124.87
543	Southwestern Electric Power Company – monthly service	47.68

544	Texaco Inc. – gasoline	3.15
546	Delbert Logan – improvements to dam	1,245.75
547	Max W. Morris – contract labor - 36 ½ hrs. @ \$1.75	63.88
548	Billy J. Rutledge – contract labor – 36 ½ hrs. @ 1.75	63.88
549	Marion W. Russell – salary 5-15-72 to 5-31-72	361.91
550	Berniece E. Meek – salary for May	364.40
551	The First National Bank, Mt. Vernon – withholding tax	160.00
552	United States Post office Department – stamps	<u>8.00</u>
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FROM MAINTENANCE & OPERATING FUND		\$3,580.69
30	Delbert Logan and Frank Thrasher – Mowing Lake Park	497.00
31	Delbert Logan – Park & Beach Improvements	<u>586.00</u>
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FROM RECREATION & LEASE FUND		\$1,083.00
408	Horirs A. Morris – May Salary	489.98
409	The First National Bank, Mt. Vernon – withholding tax	64.60
410	Franklin County Water District Maintenance & Operating Fund for payment of Social Security	<u>30.42</u>
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FROM EEA FUND		\$585.00

Messrs. James T. Bass, Ray Reynolds and Jack Burford presented petitions from a group of citizens requesting that the Board pass a Resolution requesting the Parks and Wildlife Commission to open Lake Cypress Springs to fishing for all species of fish other than Walleye on December 15, 1972. They stated that local residents became disturbed during a hearing held in Mount Vernon on May 1, 1972, regarding proposed hunting and fishing regulations for the county for the next year when it was understood that Mr. J. R. Ballard, fishing biologist, stated that the biologists were recommending that the lake remain closed for from 18 to 24 months from that date. The citizens group first sought a September 1, 1972 opening date but agreed to the December 15, 1972 date after the Board expressed the feeling that adequate facilities for boat launching and other things would not be ready for a large influx of visitors for the Labor Day weekend.

Whereupon, a Resolution was passed, adopted and approved by the Board of Directors of the Franklin County Water District joining with the petitioners in requesting Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission at its May or June meeting to open fishing season on Lake Cypress Springs on all species of fish except Walleye on December 15, 1972. The Resolution is attached to these Minutes and made a part thereof.

Mr. & Mrs. Egner of Dallas, Texas, appeared before the Board and requested the 10% leaseback which had previously been offered to her father, Fred Carr. They were informed by the Board that Mr. Carr's right to lease back his 10% had expired several months ago because he had failed to execute his option to do so. No action was taken.

Marion Russell reported that Mr. Hayden and Mr. Weiss, with the Texas Water Development Board, were here installing another water level recorder on top the derrick at the lake to replace the one which had been vandalized and tossed into the lake. The recorder being installed now is on loan indefinitely from the TWDB.

Mr. Russell also discussed the weather station which is to be located at lake for the measurement of rainfall, wind velocity, humidity, temperature and evaporation. The Franklin County Water District will be responsible for providing the location, cyclone fence, gravel around the station,

and a man to take the necessary readings. The Texas Water Development Board will provide the station.

Whereupon, MOTION was made by A. J. LAWS, and duly seconded by BILLY M. JORDAN, to cooperate with the TWDB in providing a weather station at the lake. The President put the question and, after full discussion had thereon, all members present voted "AYE". NONE voted "NO".

Mr. Russell reported that he had made contact with a business firm in Texarkana who would provide temporary toilets at the lake, and service same, for the sum of \$60.00 each per month. No action was taken.

The Board instructed the staff to have a culvert installed near the lake, east of old Highway #115, at the part site.

MOTION was made by A. J. LAWS, and duly seconded by BILLY M. JORDAN, to extend the bid opening date for the construction of the boat ramp and parking area from May 12, 1972 at 9:00 o'clock A. M. to May 26, 1972 at 9:00 A.M. due to the fact there have been no bids submitted. The President put the question and, after full discussion had thereon, all members present voted "AYE". NONE voted "NO".

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

MINUTES APPROVED this 19th day of June, 1972.

Landon Ramsay, President

A.J. Laws, Vice President

Billy M. Jordan, Director

Ennis D. Christenberry, Director