

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE PUEBLO CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

July 7, 1948

A Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of The Pueblo Conservancy District was held at the office of the District, 113 West Fifth Street, at 10:00 A. M. o'clock on July 7, 1948.

Directors Present: John M. Holmes and W. T. Mathis.

The minutes of the last meeting (June 9, 1948) were read and approved.

The following vouchers were read and approved:

11287	J. E. Creel, Co. Treas.	8.00
11288	J. E. Creel, Co. Treas.	.50
11289	First National Bank of Pueblo	30,325.00
11290	J. E. Creel, Co. Treas.	20.50
11291	O'Brien Printing & Sta. Co.	1.53
11292	J. E. Creel, Co. Treas.	11.55
11293	Mt. St. Tel & Tel Co.	1.76
11294	Wilmington Savings Fund Society	1,250.00
11295	Eleanore M. Weckbaugh	100.00
11296	First National Bank of Englewood	500.00
11297	J. E. Creel, Co. Treas.	59.42
11298	J. E. Creel, Co. Treas.	7.00
11299	J. E. Creel, Co. Treas.	2.00
11300	Clerk of the District Court	17.50
11301	Clerk of the District Court	12.50
11302	Greene & Company	22.15
11303	Charles M. Rose - June	100.00
11304	Elbert D. Greene - June	199.50
11305	Collector of Internal Revenue	25.50
11306	Elbert D. Greene	50.00
11307	O. E. Rockerson, Clerk Supreme Court	30.00
11308	J. E. Creel, Co. Treas.	9.35
11309	Underwood and Underwood	175.00
11310	O. E. Rickerson, Clerk Supreme Court	12.70
11311	John M. Holmes	10.00
11312	W. T. Mathis	10.00

Upon motion of Mr. Mathis, seconded by Mr. Holmes, the sale of Certificates listed below was approved because they were sold in a manner believed to be in the best interest of the District and the property holder:

Receipt Pages 370 - 374 inclusive

Cert. Nos.	70878; 75242; 78007; 90560;	
	87852; 85539; 88181; 90945;	
	92936; 94753; 96394; 97664;	
	98814; 100047; 101099; 102394	678.45 Vera Jeanette Flynn Kerwin and Frank Thomas Flynn.
	101194	17.98 Frank Herrera

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Cert. Nos. 56322; 58164; 59865; 61662;	
64846; 70996; 75386; 78139;	
90639; 87932; 85646; 88313;	
91071; 93057; 94871; 96508;	
97785; 98927; 100132; 101198;	
102476	83.32 Harry C. Lynch
70749; 87974; 83207; 85383;	
88023; 90790; 92775; 94604;	
96250; 97531; 98669; 99921;	
100997; 102303 (Compromise)	25.83 B. B. McMillan, Agent for Eva Bromback
64697; 70757; 75080; 77851;	
90459; 83219; 85394; 88034;	
90800; 92786; 94613; 96260;	
97540; 98677; 99933; 101003;	
102309	2,728.75 Frank Masciantonio

Mr. Holmes moved and Mr. Mathis seconded the motion which was carried that the action of the Secretary in withdrawing the application for Tax Title on property described as follows:

Lots 12-13, Block 59, Hobson's Sub.

owned by Frank Masciantonio be ratified; the withdrawal having been made upon receipt from Frank Masciantonio of the total amount of the face value of all of the Certificates held by the District on the property plus \$25.00, which was a few dollars more than the cost for filing application for Tax Title.

Mr. Holmes brought up the subject of the maintenance of the levees, etc., for discussion. He called attention to a report made by Engineer S. F. Elliot earlier in the year regarding various repairs to the levee which should be made and to various indications of ~~such~~ weaknesses and defects which should be investigated further. Mr. Holmes states he believed it advisable that maintenance should be given considerable attention and all of the structures of the District pertaining to flood protection be put in good condition. Mr. Mathis then asked Mr. Holmes that if in view of the fact that he is now not engaged in business he would have the time to undertake the supervision of maintenance work. Mr. Holmes stated that he would have the time. Mr. Mathis thereupon introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption.

BE IT RESOLVED that Mr. John M. Holmes be and is hereby appointed Executive Director in charge of maintenance and that he be compensated for his services in connection with this work at the rate of \$10.00 per day for each day actually used for the benefit of the District (In conformance with Conservancy Act as amended by General Assembly in 1945). This appointment effective from date hereof to December 31, 1948.

Mr. Holmes seconded the motion to adopt this Resolution and the motion was passed subject to the approval of Mr. Frank Pryor, who was absent from this meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.  
Read and approved:

Frank Pryor  
W. J. Mathis

Edward Thompson  
Secretary

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ELBERT D GREENE=

SECRETARY TREASURER PUEBLO CONSERVANCY DISTRICT 113

WEST FIFTH ST PUEBLO COLO=

HAVE JUST RECEIVED LETTER FROM COLONEL HENRY HUTCHINGS DIVISION ENGINEER U.S. ARMY ENGINEERS AT DALLAS TEXAS ADVISING THAT INTERIM REPORT ON FLOODWAY LEVEE EXTENSION PROJECT ON ARKANSAS RIVER IN PUEBLO HAS BEEN SUBMITTED TO CHIEF OF ARMY ENGINEERS IN WASHINGTON. THIS IS A FAVORABLE REPORT AND RECOMMENDS THE EXPENDITURE OF FEDERAL FUNDS IN AMOUNT OF \$209,000 FOR CONSTRUCTION OF SOME 2800 FEET OF LEVEE EXTENDING FROM THE LEFT ABUTMENT OF THE SANTA FE AVENUE BRIDGE TO HIGH GROUND ADJACENT TO MISSOURI PACIFIC RIGHT OF WAY. THIS REPORT IS THE RESULT OF FINDINGS MADE BY THE DISTRICT ENGINEER IN ALBUQUERQUE THAT AN EMERGENCY EXISTS IN PUEBLO AND THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SHOULD PARTICIPATE IN THE CONSTRUCTION COSTS. IT IS ESTIMATED THAT THE COST TO LOCAL INTERESTS WILL BE ABOUT \$4,300. I AM HAPPY TO LEARN OF THIS FAVORABLE REPORT AND IT HAS BEEN A PLEASURE TO WORK WITH YOU ON YOU ON THIS PROJECT. LETTER FOLLOWS.

KINDEST REGARDS=

J EDGAR CHENOWETH MC=

National 3120  
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THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

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ELBERT GREENE=

113 WEST FIFTH ST PUEBLO COLO=

HAVE JUST TALKED TO GENERAL FARINGA WHO ADVISES THE INTERIM REPORT FROM DALLAS DIVISION OFFICE HAS NOT YET REACHED HIS DESK. HE WILL GIVE THE SAME HIS IMMEDIATE ATTENTION AND HOPES TO BE ABLE TO CALL ME WEDNESDAY MORNING IF REPORT HAS ARRIVED. HE STATED THAT THE REPORT MUST BE REFERRED TO THE GOVERNOR AND ALSO THE BUREAU OF RECLAMATION FOR CLEARANCE. THIS SHOULD BE MERELY A FORMALITY AS I PRESUME THERE IS NO OPPOSITION TO THIS PROJECT. GENERAL FARINGA IS NOT VERY ENCOURAGING OVER OUTLOOK FOR OBTAINING IMMEDIATE APPROPRIATION. HE STATES THE BUREAU OF THE BUDGET WILL SEND THE SAME TO CONGRESS WHERE IT SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE ANNUAL RIVERS AND HARBORS FLOOD CONTROL BILL NEXT YEAR. HE DOUBTS IF IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO OBTAIN APPROPRIATION NEXT YEAR. I EXPLAINED TO GENERAL FARINGA THE IMPORTANCE OF DOING THIS WORK AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE MOMENT. HOWEVER HE SEEMS TO THINK THE PROJECT WILL HAVE TO FOLLOW THE USUAL ROUTINE. I MAY BE ABLE TO GET SOME ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IN NEXT COUPLE OF DAYS AND WILL WIRE YOU AGAIN. AM WRITING FURTHER DETAILS. REGARDS=

J EDGAR CHENOWETH MC=

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ELBERT D GREENE=

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113 WEST FIFTH ST PUEBLO COLO=

THE INTERIM REPORT ON PUEBLO PROJECT HAS BEEN RECEIVED BY THE CHIEF OF ENGINEERS AND IS NOW PENDING BEFORE THE BOARD OF ENGINEERS FOR RIVERS AND HARBORS. I TALKED TO COLONEL GEE WHO HANDLES FLOOD CONTROL MATTERS IN THAT OFFICE AND HE CONFIRMED THE INFORMATION GIVEN ME BY GENERAL FARINGO. HE BELIEVES THAT THE PROJECT CAN BE INCLUDED IN THE AUTHORIZATION BILL NEXT YEAR BUT DOUBTS IF ANY APPROPRIATION CAN BE OBTAINED UNTIL THE FOLLOWING YEAR. I AM LEAVING WASHINGTON THIS EVENING AND EXPECT TO BE IN PUEBLO FRIDAY. I WILL GET IN TOUCH WITH YOU AND WILL BE HAPPY TO MEET WITH THE BOARD IF CONVENIENT. KINDEST REGARDS=

J EDGAR CHENOWETH MC=

Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.

December 4, 1948

Mr. Elbert D. Greene,  
Secy-Treasurer Pueblo Conservancy District,  
Pueblo, Colorado

Dear Mr. Greene:

I am writing this after we talked over the phone this afternoon.

I will contact Colonel Faringa in the office of the Chief of Engineers here Monday morning and will ascertain just what the procedure will be on this interim report. I will then wire you just what can be done. You may be sure I will do everything possible to expedite action on this report.

I inclose several copies of the letter I received this morning from Colonel Hutchings, Division Engineer in Dallas. You mentioned you were familiar with the contents of the interim report, but I thought you might like to have these copies for your files.

I greatly enjoyed talking to you and Mr. Holmes today. It has been a great pleasure to work with you on this project. You can count on my continued interest and cooperation. Be sure to remember me to Mr. Holmes, Mr. Mathis and Mr. Pryor, and also Mr. Rose.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

  
J. Edgar Chenoweth

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, D. C.**

December 7, 1948

Mr. Elbert D. Greene,  
Secretary-Treasurer,  
Pueblo Conservancy District,  
Pueblo, Colorado

Dear Elbert:

I received a call this afternoon from Col. Gee who handles flood control matters in the office of the Chief of Army Engineers. He stated that the interim report on the Pueblo flood control project had been received and referred to the Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors. This report will be called to the attention of the Board at one of its regular meetings which are held each month.

Col. Gee suggested that the Pueblo Conservancy District submit a statement to the Board expressing its interest in this project and also the hope that the Board will approve the same without delay. He suggested that perhaps other groups interested in flood control, such as irrigation districts, might also wish to file a statement with the Board. The purpose of these statements would be to impress upon the Board the importance of the project and the necessity for its prompt construction.

The Board of Engineers will refer the report to the Chief of Army Engineers, who in turn will send the same to the Secretary of the Army. He will then submit the report to Congress with recommendations. The report must also go to the Bureau of the Budget before it is sent to Congress to ascertain if it is in line with the President's program. Nothing is said about any appropriation of money until after the project has been authorized by Congress.

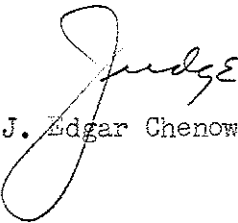
It is the opinion of Col. Gee that the report will reach Congress in plenty of time to be included in the Rivers and Harbors Flood Control Bill next year. However, he confirmed what General Faringa told me yesterday concerning the appropriation. Col. Gee stated that he sees no way by which an appropriation can be obtained from Congress until 1950. In other words, the authorization will come too late next year to permit the project to be submitted to the Bureau of the Budget and the Appropriations Committee.

Col. Gee also mentioned the fact that the report must go to the Governor of Colorado and the Bureau of Reclamation. They have 90 days in which to file objections. However, he stated that ordinarily it does not require this length of time to obtain a reply.

I expect to leave for Colorado tomorrow and hope to be in Pueblo later in the week, possibly Friday. I will get in touch with you when I am sure of my schedule and will be glad to meet with you and the Board. I will be happy to have any further questions you may have and assure you of my continued desire to be of any possible service.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "J. Edgar Chenoweth". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

J. Edgar Chenoweth, M.C.



Department of the Army  
CORPS OF ENGINEERS  
Office of the Division Engineer  
SOUTHWESTERN DIVISION  
1114 Commerce Street  
Dallas, Texas

1 December 1948

Honorable J. Edgar Chenoweth  
Representative in Congress  
Trinidad, Colorado

Dear Mr. Chenoweth:

This is to inform you that an interim report on the investigations for local flood protection along the Arkansas River above Great Bend, Kansas, with particular reference to extending the flood protection of Pueblo, Colorado, made in partial compliance with Resolution by the Committee on Flood Control, House of Representatives, United States, adopted 2 July 1943, has been submitted for the consideration of higher authority.

In this connection, there is inclosed for your advance information a copy of the notice of favorable report thereon, which this office will mail to all known interested parties on 8 December 1948. A list of names of those interested parties is also inclosed for your information.

A copy of this letter and a copy of the notice with the list of names of interested parties are being mailed to your Washington office, this date.

Sincerely yours,

HENRY HUTCHINGS, JR.  
Colonel, CE  
Division Engineer

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1. Public Notice, dtd  
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2. List of Names

cc: Honorable J. Edgar Chenoweth  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.

CORPS OF ENGINEERS  
OFFICE OF THE DIVISION ENGINEER  
SOUTHWESTERN DIVISION  
1114 COMMERCE STREET  
DALLAS 2, TEXAS

8 December 1948

Notice of Favorable Report on Investigations for Local Flood Protection Along the Main Stem of the Arkansas River above Great Bend, Kansas, with Particular Reference to Extending the Flood Protection of Pueblo, Colorado

For the information of all who may have an interest in the investigations for extending the existing works for the further protection of Pueblo, Colorado, against floods of the Arkansas River, concerning which a public hearing was held on March 20, 1944, at Pueblo, Colorado, and other meetings were held subsequent thereto, notice is hereby given that an interim report thereon, has been made by the District and Division Engineers in partial compliance with a resolution adopted July 2, 1943, by the Committee on Flood Control of the House of Representatives which reads as follows:

"RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON FLOOD CONTROL, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, That the Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors, created under Section 3 of the River and Harbor Act approved June 13, 1902, be, and is hereby requested to review the reports on the Arkansas River and tributaries contained in House Document 308, Seventy-Fourth Congress, First Session, with a view to determining whether any modification should be made therein at this time with respect to local flood protection along the main stem of the Arkansas River."

The resolution was partially complied with by the report contained in House Document Numbered 447, Seventy-eighth Congress, Second Session, which report pertains to local flood protection along the Arkansas River from the vicinity of Great Bend, Kansas, to Pine Bluff, Arkansas, which is the upstream limit of Mississippi River backwater effect. The outstanding portion of the resolution pertains to the part of the Arkansas River upstream from the vicinity of Great Bend, Kansas, and it is this portion with which the present interim report is in partial compliance.

The interim report recommends that the floodway levee extension project on the left bank of the Arkansas River at Pueblo, Colorado, downstream from Santa Fe Avenue, be adopted and that Federal funds in the approximate amount of \$209,000 be appropriated for its construction; provided that local interests, through their responsible representative agency, comply with the following items of local cooperation:

a. Furnish, without cost to the United States, all lands, easements and rights-of-way necessary for the construction of the project;

b. Assume all damages due to the construction works;

c. Agree to protect the flood-carrying capacity of the floodway, between river mile 403 and 408, from future encroachments or obstructions, and maintain the works after completion; and

d. Agree to preserve and maintain unimpaired the capacity of the old channel of the Arkansas River between the Southern Colorado Power Company dam and the proposed levee crossing for the purpose of handling interior drainage.

For the purpose of informing local interests of the general magnitude of the above monetary requirements of local cooperation, the estimated non-Federal first cost of meeting those requirements is about \$4,300.

The project, as envisaged by the reporting officers, comprises the construction of about 2,800 feet of levee extending from the left abutment of the Santa Fe Avenue bridge to high ground adjacent to the Missouri Pacific Railroad right-of-way. The plan provides also for outlet works for drainage of local run-off through the levee.

You are further notified that all interested parties have the privilege of presenting their views on the subject matter of the report to the Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors, a permanent body sitting at Washington, D. C., to which all examination and survey reports of this character are referred. Parties desiring to present any statements or facts concerning the improvements in question may be heard by the Board either orally or in writing. Written communications should be addressed to the Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors, Washington 25, D. C., and should be mailed in time to be in the possession of the Board within four weeks from the date of this communication. If, however, you have important data to communicate to the Board which cannot be collected and prepared for proper presentation within four weeks, the Board should be informed of this fact without delay and request made for an extension of the limiting date for submitting information. If oral hearings are desired, dates for the same may be arranged for by correspondence with the Board.

Any further information needed may be obtained by application to this office, or to the District Engineer, Corps of Engineers, Albuquerque District, Albuquerque, New Mexico. Copies of the reports will not be furnished or loaned for use outside of the office, but interested parties, including the press, will be permitted to make such notes of the contents as they desire.

You are requested to communicate the foregoing to any persons known by you to be interested in the improvement and who, not being known to this office, do not receive a copy of this communication.

/s/ HENRY HUTCHINGS, JR.  
Colonel, CE  
Division Engineer