

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OF THE PUEBLO CONSERVANCY DISTRICT.

November 12, 1956

A Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Pueblo Conservancy District was held at the office of the District, 113 East Fifth Street, at 9:00 o'clock A.M., November 12, 1956.

Directors Present: John M. Holmes, W. T. Mathis, Frank Pryor
Engineer Present S. F. Elliot

The Minutes of the meeting of October 1, 1956, were read and approved.

The following Vouchers were and approved:

12750	Southern Colorado Power Co.	1.33
12751	S. F. Elliot and V. R. Blackburn	125.00
12752	Pueblo Cons. Dist, Special Acct.	800.00
12753	Pueblo Gas & Fuel Co.	1.41
12754	Blackburn Engineering Co.	1,405.89
12755	Mountain States Tel & Tel Co.	17.63
12756	John M. Holmes	10.00
12757	W. T. Mathis	10.00
12758	Frank Pryor	10.00
12759	S. F. Elliot	10.00
12760	Bertha Stephens	19.60
12761	Charles M. Rose	100.00
12762	Elbert D. Greene	89.23
12763	Director of Internal Revenue	8.40
12764	Pueblo Cons. Dist, Special Acct.	1,200.00
12765	S. F. Elliot and V. R. Blackburn	125.00
12766	Southern Colorado Power Co.	2.11
12767	O'Brien Printing & Sta. Co.	123.25
12768	Pueblo Gas & Fuel Co.	2.03
12769	John M. Holmes	10.00
12770	W. T. Mathis	10.00
12771	Frank Pryor	10.00
12772	S. F. Elliot	10.00

Holmes read report of conference held October 9, 1956, between Directors, S. F. Elliot and Shumate and Salmonson of Colorado Highway Department. Same was approved by the Board members and Mr. Elliot and is attached hereto and made a part of the minutes.

Confirmation of this Meeting was received from Charles E. Shumate of Colorado Highway Department, dated October 10, 1956, and made a part of these minutes. Plans for new viaduct on West Fourth Street bridge were submitted with a letter from Highway Department dated October 26, 1956. Plans were okeyed by S. F. Elliot and accepted by the Board (Motion made by Pryor and seconded by Mathis). However same were subject to our restrictions and conditions outlined in our letter of June 9, 1956.

with letter received
 Plans from Highway Department dated November 7, 1956, enclosing proposed plans of the Freeway bridge across the Arkansas River, west of Santa Fe Avenue. These plans were checked into by Holmes and Elliot and a trip was made to the river channel by Holmes and Elliot to confirm certain conditions as set forth on these plans.

It was moved by Mathis and seconded by Pryor that the general plans be accepted, subject to conditions as set forth in our letter of June 9, 1956, and that the Highway Department be advised that there is a discrepancy in their bedrock depth as shown by the plans and the Conservancy District's actual rail driving at the sewer protection line east of Santa Fe Avenue - also that the pencil notation on the plans be called to the attention of the Highway Department's particular attention.

Holmes was instructed to contact Rose to draw certain resolutions permitting the City of Pueblo to put a sewer line in the old river channel and also draw a resolution for the bringing a certain of the Conservancy District's property into the City.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Elliot D. Green
 Secretary

Read and Approved:

J. M. Holmes
W. S. [unclear]
Frank Pryor

REPORT OF CONFERENCE HELD TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1956.

113 ~~315~~ On Tuesday Oct. 9th, 1956, Holmes called for a meeting of the Directors of The Pueblo Conservancy District to meet with Shumate and Salmonson of the State Highway Department at the office of the District ~~315~~ E. 5th St. at 9:30 A. M. Those present were: Mathis, Fryor, Elliot, and Holmes of the Conservancy District; Shumate and Salmonson of the Colorado State Highway Department.

This conference was called for the purpose of a round table discussion of the bridges that the Highway Department is planning to put across the Arkansas River west of the Santa Fe Avenue Highway bridge and east of the Fourth Street Highway bridge.

Holmes opened the conference by reviewing the meeting that he and Elliot had on Tuesday, June 5th, 1956, with Col. Cron, Mr. Redman, and Mr. Mitchell of the Army Engineering Corp, in their office at Albuquerque, N. M.

Holmes took exception to Shumate bringing Mr. Woodson of the Army Engineers into the controversy, which conference he had with Woodson was partially explained by Shumate.

Shumate again stated that if the Conservancy District's restrictions were followed that the two bridges would cost approximately \$80,000 each more than the way the Highway Department desired to construct them, namely with two piers in the river channel, and that it might occasion a shift in the right-of-way putting the South Santa Fe Avenue crossing slightly east of where they had planned on putting it. However as the right-of-way at that point had not been purchased that condition was not of serious consequence.

Holmes again stated to Shumate that the Government Engineers felt that his estimate of the additional cost was somewhat excessive and Holmes further outlined to Shumate the approximate cost of the flood-way to Pueblo from a construction angle and the estimated damage that the flood had done to property and merchandise; that the estimated additional cost of the bridges would be less than 1/2 of 1% of the actual monetary value suffered during the flood without taking into consideration the loss of life upon which no value could be placed. Under those conditions the ratio was small and the risk taken was too great to give much of any consideration to the Highway Department's request.

A round table discussion of the situation, in which all present participated, followed, after which discussion Holmes advised the representatives of the Highway Department that their original position as explained in their letter would have to stand. This decision was accepted by the Highway representatives without any serious amount of exception and with the remarks:

Well, we tried the best we could to save the Highway Department money, but if the feeling of the District is that which has been explained we will design the bridges accordingly.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 A. M.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. Holmes

Spears
10/9/56
Frank Fryor

C O L O R A D O

US 0016 () - West 4th St.
I 002-3 (20) - Arkansas River at
Santa Fe, PuebloADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS
4201 E. ARKANSAS AVE.MARK U. WATROUS
CHIEF ENGINEER

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS

DENVER 22, COLORADO

Oct. 10, 1956

Mr. John Holmes, President
Pueblo Conservancy District
113 E. 5th Street
Pueblo, Colorado

Dear Mr. Holmes:

This is to confirm the results of the conference held yesterday in the office of the Pueblo Conservancy District, the following people in attendance:

Mr. John Holmes, President
Pueblo Conservancy District

Mr. Walter Mathis, Member
Pueblo Conservancy District

Mr. Frank Pryor, Member
Pueblo Conservancy District

Mr. S. F. Elliot, Engineer
Pueblo Conservancy District

Mr. J. A. Solmonson
District Engineer
Colorado Dept. of Highways

Mr. Chas. E. Shumate
Administrative Engineer
Colorado Dept. of Highways

Following the discussions at this meeting it is the understanding of this Department that the Conservancy District will not approve the construction of more than one pier within the confines of the channel of the Pueblo Conservancy District at either the site of the proposed new West 4th Street Viaduct in Pueblo, or at the site of the proposed Pueblo Freeway crossing of the Arkansas River at a point just west of the present Santa Fe Avenue crossing of the Arkansas River.

Mr. John Holmes
Pueblo Conservancy District
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It is our further understanding that the Conservancy District will not approve the construction of any abutment in the existing dike of the Conservancy channel.

I believe the above outlines the results of our conference but if there are any errors I would appreciate your advising me at your earliest convenience.

Very truly yours,

MARK U. WATROUS
Chief Engineer

By 

CHAS. E. SHUMATE
Administrative Engineer

CES:mv

c.c. Mr. Walter Mathis
Silver State Auto Co., Pueblo

Mr. Frank Pryor
Pryor Furniture Co., Pueblo

Mr. S. F. Elliot
113 E. 5th St., Pueblo

Mr. Robert Woodson
Corps of Engineers
District Engineers Office
Albuquerque, N.M.

M. U. Watrous
Fred K. Merten
J. A. Solmonson
A. Zulian