

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

December 16, 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 7:30 P.M. o'clock on December 16, 1948.

Directors Present: John M. Holmes, W. T. Mathis and Frank Pryor.

Guests Present: Paul Wilson, Chief of the Engineering Division of the Albuquerque District office of the Army Corps of Engineers.

S. F. Elliot, Engineer of The Pueblo Conservancy District.

Reading of minutes of meeting of December 9, 1948 was deferred until the next meeting as this meeting on the 16th was held for the sole purpose of conferring with Mr. Wilson.

On December 14, 1948, Secretary Greene had phoned Mr. Wilson in Albuquerque and asked him to give consideration to what could be done to increase the capacity of the channel east of Santa Fe Avenue from the estimate figure of 27,000 c.f.s. on a Temporary Emergency basis. Mr. Wilson came to Pueblo in answer to this call of Mr. Greene's and presented to the board two Emergency Plans, either of which would increase the capacity of the channel east of Santa Fe Avenue from 27,000 c.f.s. to 50,000 c.f.s. The plans are quite similar. Plan No. 1 called for increasing the height of the present levee from the Santa Fe Avenue bridge to Missouri Pacific tracks about 4 feet in height, and Plan No. 2 called for using part of this levee and adding to it an extension.

It was the consensus of opinion that Plan No. 2 was the better because most of the Plan No. 2 Levee would later become a part of the recommended 2800 feet permanent levee and this would not be true of the Plan No. 1 Levee.

Mr. Wilson explained that if Pueblo today were to have a flood due to exactly the same conditions that occurred in 1921, the Rock Creek Barrier Dam would limit the water through the channel in the City to 58,000 feet.

Secretary Greene presented for the consideration of the ^{District} communication from the Dallas office of the Corps of Engineers dated December 8, 1948. Copy of this communication is attached hereto. Secretary Greene was authorized to reply to this communication and to send a copy of Resolution which follows: This Resolution was introduced by Mr. Mathis who moved its adoption.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Directors of The Pueblo Conservancy District:

That the recommendation for about 2800 feet of Levee Extension at Pueblo, Colorado, contained in the "Interim Survey Report concerning Flood Protection at Pueblo, Colorado", prepared by the Albuquerque District, Corps of Engineers, dated September 1, 1948, be, and the same is hereby approved and the local cooperation provided for in sub-paragraphs a, b, c, and d of the communication of December 8, 1948, are hereby approved and accepted.

Mr. Pryor seconded the motion to adopt the Resolution and the motion was unanimously carried.

As everyone present at this meeting expressed approval of Temporary Emergency Plan No. 2, Mr. Wilson said he would send a report to the Dallas office which in turn would be sent to the Washington office advising of the approval of this plan.

Congressman Chenoweth having advised that he would be in Washington by December 29th, Greene was instructed to write to him requesting that he contact General Faringa, who would by that time have Mr. Wilson's letter, and ascertain if federal funds could be obtained for building this Emergency Levee (Plan No. 2).

After thanking Mr. Wilson for his excellent cooperation, there being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Ellent D. Luce
Secretary

John M. Hobbes
W. J. Matting
Frank Pryor