

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

May 8, 1935

A meeting of the Board of Directors of The Pueblo Conservancy District was held in the office of the District at 2 P.M. May 8, 1935. The meeting was called to order by John M. Holmes, President. Directors present: Holmes and Pryor. Director absent: Mathis.

Minutes of the meeting of April 5, 1935 were read, and upon motion, approved.

The following bills were read and allowed, vouchers being ordered drawn on the Treasurer for same:

10037 J. E. Creel, County Treasurer	\$336.12
10038 Winifred Cross	100.00
10039 Southern Colorado Inv. Co.	41.00

Motion was made by Mr. Pryor that the Board of Directors ratify action taken by President Holmes in accepting \$350.45 in full settlement of Certificates No. 77955 from Thos. J. Downen on April 17th; and in accepting \$479.05 in full settlement on Certs. No. 64708; 70770; 75100; 77864; 64707; 70769; 75099 and 77863 from James T. McCorkle on May 2. Motion seconded by Mr. Holmes, the vote was unanimous in favor of same.

Mr. Foley of the Colorado Transient Division of Federal Emergency Relief Administration was present at the meeting for discussion with respect to use of land at Rocky Canyon Barrier. Mr. O. H. Lull had been to Pueblo and gone over the site and ground at the Barrier, had later sent Engineer Boogs who inspected the site and reported favorably to it, securing such information and map data as he needed. The attached letter was read from Mr. Lull.

It was moved by Frank Pryor and seconded by Mr. Mathis to approve the agreement on barrier ground as per letter attached hereto, it being understood that if the agreement is acceptable to Mr. Lull that the agreement will be put in legal form and forwarded to him.

Report was made that a flat top desk had been sold to the Sumners Paper Company for \$10.00.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was, upon motion, adjourned.

Secretary

THE PUEBLO CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

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PUEBLO, COLORADO

May 8, 1935

Colorado Transient Division of the Federal Emergency Relief Ad.,
State Office Transient Division,
C. A. Johnson Building,
Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen: Attention; Mr. O. H. Lull.

Confirming conversation which you had with the Board of Directors of the Pueblo Conservancy District April twelfth and also in line with your letter of April seventeenth, the Board of Directors of the Pueblo Conservancy District are more than willing to grant the Transient Division of the Federal Emergency Relief Administration the use of such land in Section 36 as they may see fit to use; this land to be used for the establishing of a transient camp with a normal capacity of 250 men; camp to be established by the Transient Division at no expense to the district; the camp to be located on such ground as will in no way interfere with the operation of the flood control of the Conservancy District. It is understood that the Transient Division is to develop the artesian water supply that is said to exist. They are also to have use for irrigation purposes of whatever water the Conservancy District may be able to make available for them for the irrigation of such truck gardens as they may see fit to plant.

In consideration of the grant of this permit for the establishing of the camp, it is understood that the Colorado Transient Division of the Federal Emergency Relief Adm. is to quarry rock from a site made available by the Conservancy District and this quarried rock is to be placed upon the front, back and top of the dirt portion of the Rock Canyon Barrier of the flood control system. The Conservancy District is to furnish engineering detail and working plan for the work to be done. The Federal Emergency Relief Administration are to furnish labor for the construction of a spillway from the Sand Gate of the Bessemer Ditch company to the underpass under the Rio Grande Railroad at Mile Post 125 plus 3433 feet. They will also furnish such common labor as is necessary to make the underpass of a size desired by the railroad; labor cost to be of no expense to the Conservancy District.

It is further agreed that at the termination of the Transient Division of the Federal Emergency Relief Adminis. that the building so constructed on this Conservancy District land

April 30th, 1935.

Mr. C. H. Lull,
State Transient Director,
Federal Emergency Relief Adm.,
State Director's Office,
C. A. Johnson Building,
Denver, Colorado.

My dear Mr. Lull:

Please pardon me for not having sooner answered yours of April 17th. However there has been a good many things that should be ironed out regarding the establishing of a camp at the Rock Canyon Barrier.

I have had a talk with the Judge under whose jurisdiction the Conservancy District operates. The proposition is entirely agreeable to him.

Another thing that had to be ironed out was the certainty of a supply of water. Now believe that I have that taken care of.

In the next few days I will call a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Conservancy District, at which time we will make out and send to you our proposal and agreement for the use of the land up there near the Barrier for your Transient Camp.

Have also had meetings with the Bessemer Ditch Company. I believe that everything is in a satisfactory condition at that point.

Please do not feel that we are neglecting this work, but it is often times quite hard to push these things along very rapidly and I feel now that we are somewhere near a point where we can go ahead with the work.

Yours very truly,

J. M. Holmes

JMH:FK.

FEDERAL EMERGENCY RELIEF ADMINISTRATION

STATE OFFICE TRANSIENT DIVISION

~~1700 ARAPAHOE STREET~~

DENVER

C. A. JOHNSON BUILDING

April 17, 1935

Mr. John M. Holmes
Chairman, Conservancy Board
Pueblo, Colorado

Dear Mr. Holmes:

This letter is to confirm our conversation of April 12 in which we reached a verbal agreement to use a section of land four miles west of Pueblo in the following manner:

According to plans tentatively accepted it is our purpose to build on the above mentioned site a transient camp, the normal capacity of which will be 250 men. The buildings constructed will be of such materials and architectural design that in addition to serving immediate transient needs they will be of value to the community later for recreational purposes. It is our plan to develop artesian water said to exist upon the site, and through arrangements with the Bessemer Ditch Company to secure water for irrigating purposes. The primary work project after the completion of the camp will be work on the flood control dam. This work will be done to meet the approval of you and your engineer, and it will be our intention to follow your suggestions as closely as possible.

Without a change in the present policies of the Transient Division, practically no material costs for the work devoted to flood control can be spent from our funds. It is understood, however, that the Conservancy Board will be in a position to assist us in realizing the maximum from the man power which we will possess at that point. In so far as the construction of the dam is concerned, the results of our work will be in exact proportion to material contributions made by your board.

It is our understanding that we will be allowed to farm a portion of the section for the direct benefit of our food budget in that camp. It is also our understanding that none of our activities are to interfere with the primary object of your board, which is flood control.

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Mr. Holmes

The title holding name of our organization is "Colorado Transient Division of the Federal Emergency Relief Administration." We are authorized to act as lessee for this property for the duration of the transient program. It will be our purpose, in addition to complying with your wishes in regard to flood control, to solicit your cooperation and approval of all activities aiming toward a development of the section for community good. It is suggested that in the agreement it be understood that the camp buildings which are to remain after the cessation of the transient program may be devoted to community purposes if those purposes do not in any way interfere with flood control.

Very truly yours,

O H Lull

O. H. Lull
State Transient Director

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