

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING OF THE PUEBLO CONSERVANCY DISTRICT MARCH 25, 1971

The Directors met at 4:00 P.M. on March 25, 1971, at the office of the District at 1104 N. Main Street, Pueblo, Colorado.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: L. M. Rhoades, J. M. Martin & R. W. Taylor

ATTORNEY PRESENT: Walter Predovich

ENGINEER PRESENT: Simon F. Elliot.

The meeting was called to order by the President and the minutes of the February 23rd meeting were read and approved. ~~as read.~~

The Treasurer reported a balance of \$11,755.98 in the checking account at the First National Bank.

The following vouchers were approved:

15343	L. M. Rhoades	\$35.00
15344	J. M. Martin	35.00
15345	R. W. Taylor	35.00
15346	S. F. ELLIOT	35.00
15347	SIMON F. ELLIOT	150.00
15348	WALTER PREDOVICH	100.00
15349	L. M. RHOADES	94.80
15350	J. M. MARTIN	71.10
15351	R. M. HUTCHISON	63.92
15352	SIMON F. ELLIOT	185.00 <i>after</i>

Mr. Rhoades informed the Directors that the Colorado State Highway Department and the City of Pueblo were, at this time in the planning stage of making a four lane highway under the Santa Fe and D&RG Tracks at Santa Fe Avenue, and in so doing, enlarging the present underpass at that location. Additional right of way for the highway will be required, and considerable land under this program will be needed on the west side of the project, which will affect the eastern boundary of land that the Directors had agreed to convey to the City for Park purposes adjacent to the Elizabeth Street Extension.

It was therefor agreed among the Directors that conveyance of the proposed park site to the City be held in abeyance, pending more definite information regarding the right-of-way needed for the Santa Fe Avenue underpass project.

The annual inspection report, as prepared by Engineer Elliot, was read and ordered attached to and made a part of these minutes. Mr. Rhoades was instructed to designate a contractor to do that part of the work as recommended in the report as being the responsibility of the District.

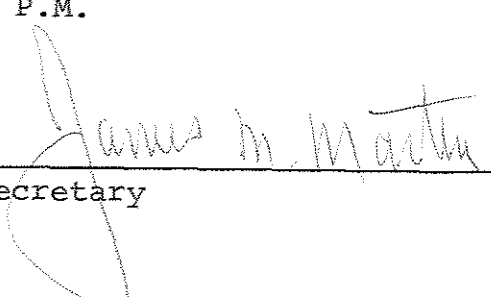
In regard to other items in the report, Engineer Elliot was directed to notify the City Manager, the Denver & Rio Grande Western Railroad and the Director of the City-County Health Dept. of those items in the report that was their respective responsibilities.

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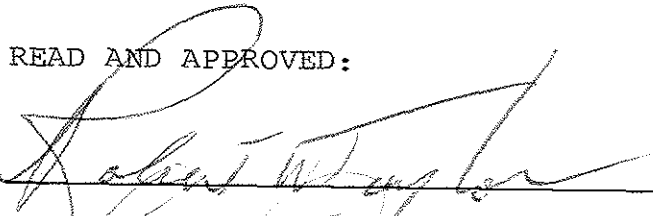
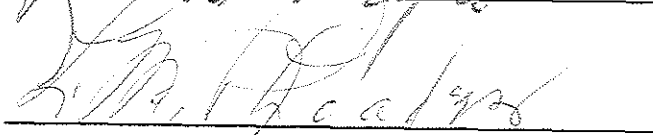
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A letter from City Manager Weisbrod was read concerning a proposal relating to trails within the Conservancy property. Engineer Elliot was directed to answer this letter in which the District would consider approval of the trails, providing that no motorized vehicle would be allowed on the trails, and that the District would be held liability free.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 P.M.


Secretary

READ AND APPROVED:

SIMON F. ELLIOT

CONSULTING ENGINEER

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20 March 1971

To the Directors
Pueblo Conservancy District
Pueblo, Colorado

Gentlemen:

On this date, and in accordance with your instructions, I have made an inspection of the District's Flood Protection Works through the City.

My inspection disclosed that at no time since I have been making the annual inspections for the Directors, have I found so much trash and rubbish littering the channel area, and the adjacent bluffs on the south side of the channel. No doubt most of this situation has arisen as a result of the banning of the burning of trash. As you know, during the past year we have maintained locked gates where access roads to the channel is possible by vehicular traffic, and although this deters most of the potential dumping of trash, it would appear that the residents along the top of the bluff have, in a large measure, contributed to the problem by simply disposing of their refuse by pitching it over the side of the bluff.

Another problem has arisen and this involves motor bikes being driven up and down the bluff side, and in a few locations, up and down the back slopes of the levee. This in itself is not such a serious problem if it were not that a small channel is dug out by the skidding tires of the motor bike, and this channel becomes eroded deeper and deeper after each rain or snow.

In regards to the trash and debris, rather than go into the specific locations, the entire length of the channel should be cleared of such articles as tires, tubs, boxes, boards, drums, car seats, paper, etc.

A public dump has been developed on the bluff immediately opposite from the Power Company diversion works. Access is gained to this site from West 4th Street, along the north property line of Arby's Drive-in. It is possible that the City of Pueblo's Street Department started this situation by disposing of sweepings from the City's streets, but others are now taking advantage of the location for the general disposal of trash.

1. The hinges have been removed from the locked gate of the West 4th Street road approach. When replaced, they should be welded to the gate posts and the gate. The same should be done to the gate at the Eldorado approach road.

2. As noted previously, the steel truss work of the Union Avenue and Main St. viaducts is seriously in need of sanding and repainting, although this work has been done in the not too distant past.

3. The channel seems to be scouring more than in the past, and the sanitary sewer crossing at Union Avenue is now in danger of being torn out in the event of flood waters.

4. Debris from last summer's high water in Dry Creek should be removed from the north side of the West 11th St. bridge.

5. Sometime in the next few years, but not immediately, the levee will require re-shaping for a distance of about 200 feet east of the West 4th Street viaduct.

6. The same as in 5, above, regarding the levee, just east of Main Street viaduct, for a distance of about 300 feet.

7. The chain link guard fence along the pedestrian walk, south end of the D&RGW Railroad bridge is completely dislodged, and should be repaired. Also, many of the planks of the walk-way floor are in a dangerous state and should be replaced by the RR.

It is not known how many pedestrians use this facility, and it may be in the best interests of all concerned to consider dismantling it, and closing it permanently.

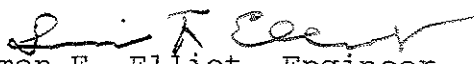
8. Debris is lodged against the swing gates in the back-water levee, at the Power Company outlet through the dike. In addition to removing the debris at this location, the slide gates should be exercised with the power equipment now being kept at Elliot & Associates, Inc.

9. As soon as practical, the District should continue the spraying of growth in the channel area. It would appear that the program is successful, and probably effects considerable savings as opposed to the former program of cutting and burning, the latter now being banned.

Special attention should be given to the spraying and removal of growth on the backwater levee, east of Santa Fe Avenue. It would appear that last year this work was not efficiently done.

10. No work has yet been done regarding the experimental planting for beautification by the City Park Department.

Respectfully submitted,


Simon F. Elliot, Engineer
for the District

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