

MINUTES
OF
ARKANSAS RIVER COMPACT ADMINISTRATION
Annual Meeting
Lamar, Colorado
December 9, 1952

Attendance:

Brig. Gen. Hans Kramer, San Francisco, California; Representative of the United States and Chairman of the Administration.

For Colorado:

Harry B. Mendenhall, Rocky Ford; Chairman of Colorado Representatives.
Harry C. Nevius, Lamar; Administration Secretary and Treasurer.
R. M. Gildersleeve, Denver.

For Kansas:

William E. Leavitt, Garden City; Administration Vice-Chairman
R. V. Smrha, Topeka.

Absent:

Roland H. Tate, Garden City, Kansas.

Others Attending:

Ray E. Peterson, Denver, Recorder.
John S. Sharer, Caddoa, John Martin Reservoir Manager.
L. E. DesRosiers, Caddoa, Permanent Pool Association.
Francis M. Bell, Denver, USGS.
Guy M. Vincent, Garden City, Kansas; Division of Water Resources.
Ross W. Moor, Lamar, USGS.
Ralph W. Adkins, Pueblo, Colorado Fuel & Iron Corp.
Gale Hanson, Lamar, Permanent Pool Association.
F. C. Snyder, Pueblo, Division Engineer.
Tom Lynch, La Junta, Game and Fish Department.
R. J. McGrath, Lamar, Water Commissioner, District 67.

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The annual meeting of the Arkansas River Compact Administration was called to order at 10 o'clock a.m., Tuesday, December 9, 1952, by Chairman Hans Kramer, in the Commissioners' room of the Prowers County Courthouse, at Lamar, Colorado.

The Chairman recognized R. M. Gildersleeve, Acting Director of the Colorado Water Conservation Board, and announced that Mr. Gildersleeve was eligible to sit as a Colorado member on the Administration until a permanent successor for the late Clifford H. Stone is named.

The credentials for Mr. Gildersleeve were submitted for the record as follows:

(Colorado Water Conservation Board)
EXCERPT FROM MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING, NOVEMBER 1, 1952

It was moved by Dan B. Hunter and seconded by M. C. Hinderlider that R. M. Gildersleeve, Chief Engineer of the Board, be appointed Acting Director until such time as a provisional or permanent Director is chosen.

On vote being taken, the motion carried unanimously and was declared adopted.

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The above excerpt, covering the action of the Colorado Water Conservation Board in appointing Mr. R. M. Gildersleeve as Acting Director, is taken from my stenographic notes of the proceedings of the November 1, 1952 meeting of the Board, from which the Minutes of the meeting are being prepared.

/s/Mrs. Patricia Murphy
Mrs. Patricia Murphy, Stenographer III
Colorado Water Conservation Board

December 8, 1952

November 26, 1952

Mr. R. M. Gildersleeve
Acting Director
Colorado Water Conservation Board
212 State Office Building
Denver, Colorado

Dear Mr. Gildersleeve:

As a result of action taken by the Water Conservation Board in appointing you as acting Director of that Board, you are, of course, eligible to represent Colorado in future Arkansas River Compact meetings and negotiations. Therefore, I am taking this means of designating you as Acting Director of the Board to serve on the Arkansas River Compact administration, until a permanent replacement for the late Judge Stone is named.

I would appreciate your so advising the Compact administration for their official records.

Sincerely,

/s/ Dan Thornton
Governor of Colorado

The Chairman noted the absence of Roland H. Tate, Kansas Commissioner, not present because of illness, but observed that Kansas still had a quorum of its commissioners present, in the persons of Reps. Leavitt and Smrha.

The preliminary draft of the minutes of the special meeting of October 28, 1952 was reviewed and edited.

It was moved by Rep. Smrha, seconded by Rep. Nevius, that the minutes of the October 28, 1952 special meeting of the Arkansas River Compact Administration be approved as edited.

On rollcall, the motion carried, and the October 28, 1952 minutes declared approved as edited.

Chairman Kramer submitted his report as Chairman:

1. He reported he had attended the 1952 convention of the National Reclamation Association, at Long Beach, California, in November.
2. He said he had participated in a meeting in Denver, on December 4-5, 1952, of the sub-committee on hydrology (AWR) which discussed water supply aspects of the Fountain River project. He stated that no action was necessary at the present time by the Administration.
3. He submitted for the record a file of correspondence, concerning the assertion by G. E. Kimble of Swink, Colorado, that the Colorado Game and Fish Department had endorsed the fish pool in John Martin Reservoir in 1946, instead of concurring in its abolition.

The Chairman said he would write to Mr. Kimble, to explain to him that the Department's official position of not favoring the fish pool was stated by Director C. N. Feast, in a meeting of the Colorado-Kansas Arkansas River Compact Commission, April 11, 1947. This record is on file in the office of the Secretary of the Administration.

The file of correspondence relating to the matter is as follows:

SOUTHEASTERN COLORADO RECREATIONAL ASSOCIATION
Swink, Colorado
November 24th, 1952

Brig. General Hans Kramer
U.S.A. Retired
417 Montgomery Street
San Francisco, California

Dear Sir:

Referring to your statement made to the committee of the John Martin Permanent Pool Ass'n. at Lamar, October 28 to the effect that when the

Compact was being considered that the views of the Colorado Game and Fish Commission and others, had been solicited and it was concluded with the concurrence of these agencies that no permanent pool should be provided.

I am attaching herewith a copy of a letter from the Game and Fish Department which indicated opinions and desires at that time exactly contrary to your statements.

This matter is not being brought to your attention for the purpose of starting any controversy but simply to indicate the facts, in the hope that it may have the effect of securing your much needed sympathetic aid.

For your information I am attaching copies of other letters indicating the angles we are considering and would appreciate any comment thereon.

Very truly yours,

JOHN MARTIN RESERVOIR PERMANENT POOL ASS'N.

By G. E. Kimble, Sec'y.

STATE OF COLORADO
GAME & FISH COMMISSION
Denver, Colo.
December 9, 1946

Mr. Charles Kendall
Lamar, Colorado

Dear Mr. Kendall:

It has recently come to our attention that a group of water users are planning to recommend to the U. S. Engineers that no permanent or fish pool be maintained in John Martin Reservoir. We are sending recommendations to the effect that such a pool be a part of the reservoir management plan, and believe that further urging by sportsmen groups might help to this end.

The officer in charge of recreational development is:

Henry F. Hannis, Colonel, C.E.
U. S. Engineer Office
P. O. Box 1538
Albuquerque, N. Mex.

Both Mr. Klein and I wish to express our appreciation for your friendly cooperation during our recent visit to the Lamar area.

Very truly yours,

C. N. Feast, Director

By Ray H. Hess

Sr. Fish Technician

November 11, 1952

Honorable Gordon Allott, Lt. Governor
Lamar, Colorado

Dear Gordon:

The attached copy of a letter addressed to all Legislators in eastern Arkansas Valley, together with the original letter to Dan is on its way and should reach you soon.

Also attached is a copy of a notice of our next meeting at Rocky Ford, November 24 which I hope you may be able to attend. And a copy of a letter to Tom Kimball indicating a plan for a permanent pool if Mr. Sabin and Mr. Sisk do not have a better one to offer at the Rocky Ford meeting. Since writing Mr. Kimball, I have talked with him and he is very agreeable to the plan.

There is no intent to curtail the farmers in Prowers County in the use of this water even though the dam was built and is being maintained with all taxpayers money, not the farmers alone.

I believe you agree that this is about the only recreational area available to the people in low income groups and it just does not seem right that they should be deprived of it. To me it seems our duty to endeavor to work out a fair plan whereby it is not taken away.

If you have any ideas whereby your clients interests can be protected without definitely destroying this recreational potential, please let our committee have them.

Very truly yours,

JOHN MARTIN RESERVOIR PERMANENT POOL ASS'N.

/s/ G. E. Kimble, Sec'y.

November 8, 1952

Honorable Dan Thornton, Governor
State Capitol Building
Denver, Colorado

Dear Governor:

Prior to the draining of John Martin Reservoir, southeastern Colorado boasted a recreational area that attracted, according to the U. S. Army

Engineers traffic counters, 1000 visitors per day during the months of May, June, July and August 1952 and its potentialities were as yet practically undeveloped.

From the Sportsmen's angle, this water impoundment offered attractive warm water fishing and the recent introduction of the warm water species, White Bass, has proven this lake to be a natural spawning area far greater than all the artificial rearing ponds in the entire state and White Bass in such numbers were being reproduced at no cost, sufficient to stock all the warm water lakes in eastern Colorado. Migratory Bird shooting, properly managed, promised to surpass any other area in the state.

On account of an alleged lack of interest on the part of the Game and Fish Department and the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, this recreational potential so thoroughly enjoyed by 1000 visitors per day has now received a serious set back and unless action by the people who have the welfare of the underprivileged at heart, is taken, it will be lost.

I addressed you regarding this proposed action some weeks ago and was not favored with a reply.

I am not without knowledge of the strain you have been under the past two months and we congratulate you on your fine campaign. No doubt your tireless efforts contributed largely to the success of many of the rest of us.

But now, if you feel this fine recreational potential of sufficient importance to our section of the state to give it some official sanction it will greatly assist us in developing a tourist attraction of no small importance to eastern Colorado

Very truly yours,

/s/ G. E. Kimble

Approved: By All Legislators in Southeast Colo.

November 7, 1952

Mr. Tom Kimball, Director
Game and Fish Department
Denver, Colorado

Dear Tom:

Reporting on the progress of the John Martin Reservoir Permanent Pool Association, I can say that at our last meeting at Las Animas it was decided that the two attorney members of the committee look into certain legal angles of the matter and report at the next meeting to be held at Rocky Ford, Monday, November 24 at 7:00 p.m. at the Spaghetti Trail Inn. Considering

the many demands upon your time, I do not believe it is necessary that you be present, although you are very welcome. We would appreciate Game and Fish representation in the persons of Tom Lynch and Commissioner Eckles.

While I doubt if the following idea will be developed at this meeting I am of the opinion that the ultimate approach will be that the Department, with Dingle Johnson and Pittman Robinson funds secure an initial impoundment of some 5000 acre feet of water. I discussed this feature with a member of the Compact Commission over a year ago and received no encouragement for the reason that evaporation losses would soon absorb this supply. Now this same person believes it to be the best plan and feels that if the Sportsmen and recreational minded people, through their Game and Fish Department make this contribution, that evaporation losses should be borne by the individual ditch companies. In case the Permanent Pool committee decides to pursue this angle, what is your personal reaction?

Can we expect the amount necessary (approximately \$15,000) be earmarked from 1953 Federal apportionment so it would be available for this purchase if/when the water became available?

Would it increase the chances for the plan if the interested people in the Arkansas Valley provided the Game and Fish Department's contribution - approximately \$4,000?

This amount of money could be raised but unless you feel it necessary for the success of the plan I would like to avoid as I can foresee its taking up a lot of my time that I may well devote to other aspects of the Game and Fish program.

Please let me have your reaction at your early convenience.

Very truly yours,

THE JOHN MARTIN RESERVOIR PERMANENT POOL
ASS'N.

By: G. E. Kimble
Sec'y.

4. At the October 28, 1952 meeting of the Administration, receipt of a review report on the Purgatoire River was anticipated, but the report was not issued by the District Engineer, Albuquerque until November 28, 1952. The Chairman said he would attend a meeting of the AWR sub-committee in Denver on January 8-9, 1952, to discuss the report. He requested that the Special Committee set up by the Administration to review the report also attend the January meeting in December. This committee is composed of Kramer, Nevius, Smrha and Gildersleeve.

The letter of transmittal from the Corps of Engineers, accompanying the November 28, 1952 review report copies, was entered in the minutes as follows:

CORPS OF ENGINEERS, U.S. ARMY
Albuquerque, N. Mex.

Refer to File No. SWKGC

28 November 1952

SUBJECT: Review Report on Survey for Flood Control, Purgatoire (Picket Wire) River, Colorado

TO: Brigadier General Hans Kramer, USA-Ret.
Arkansas River Compact Administration
417 Montgomery Street
San Francisco 4, California

Dear General Kramer:

Reference is made to your letter of 24 September 1952 in which you requested three copies of the preliminary draft of subject review report on flood control for review by the Arkansas River Compact Administration. There are being forwarded, under separate cover, three copies of the draft of the report as requested. Copies of the draft are also being furnished Mr. R. M. Gildersleeve, Acting Director, Colorado Water Conservation Board and Mr. R. V. Smrha, Chief Engineer, Division of Water Resources, Kansas State Board of Agriculture, Topeka, Kansas. In accordance with the policy of the Chief of Engineers to secure the maximum coordination of reports with all agencies concerned, it will be appreciated if you will review the referenced report and let me have your comments by 16 January 1953.

After comments on the draft of the report are received from the interested Federal agencies and representatives of the affected states, I will prepare my final report. It is possible that comments received could result in material changes in the present draft of the report including the recommendations. It is, therefore, requested that you return the draft of the report along with your comments. A copy of my final report will be furnished you after it is submitted to the Division Engineer, Southwestern Division, to the Chief of Engineers. The Chief of Engineers will no doubt refer his proposed report to the Governors of Colorado and Kansas for their comments prior to submission of the report to Congress.

If there is any further information you desire about the subject report or if you desire to discuss it with representatives of this office please do not hesitate to call upon me.

Sincerely yours,
s/ Herbert N. Turner
Lt. Col., CE
Acting District Engineer

1 Incl (und sep cov)
Draft of Purgatoire Rpt
(in trip) (4 Vols)

Comments on the Purgatoire River Report are due January 16, 1953. The Chairman said the Special Committee would prepare a draft copy of comments recommended to be made by the Administration, after the Denver meeting, and would submit such draft copy by mail to all members of the Administration for their individual approval. If the mail poll reveals unanimous concurrence of all members of the Administration, the comments will then be forwarded to the District Engineer by the Chairman as the official view of the Administration.

Secretary Nevius reported on the following matters:

1. Copies of the Social Security contract, complete with signatures of government officials in Baltimore, have been received by the Administration.

A copy of the letter of transmittal accompanying the Social Security contract was submitted for the record as follows:

FEDERAL SECURITY AGENCY
SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION
Baltimore, Md.

In reply Refer To
File No. 14:CP:C

Bureau of Old-Age and
Survivors Insurance

October 30, 1952

Mr. Hans Kramer
Chairman
Arkansas River Compact Administration
Lamar, Colorado

Dear Mr. Kramer:

There are enclosed two signed copies of the agreement with the Arkansas River Compact Administration to extend the insurance system established by Title II of the Social Security Act to employees of your Administration effective January 1, 1951. The agreement was executed on behalf of your Administration by you as chairman and Mr. Harry C. Nevius, Secretary. Mr. W. L. Mitchell, Acting Commissioner for Social Security, executed the agreement on behalf of and under authority delegated by Mr. Oscar R. Ewing, Federal Security Administrator.

In entering into this coverage agreement, the Administration assumes certain responsibilities set forth in the law. I am enclosing a statement "Federal-State Agreements to Provide Old-Age and Survivors Insurance for Employees of State and Local Governments" which you may find helpful insofar as the information contained therein is applicable to interstate instrumentalities. There is also enclosed a reprint from the Federal Register of December 28, 1951, which contains the pertinent regulations. You will receive under separate cover a notification of the identification number assigned to your Administration for the purpose of making wage reports and contribution returns. Appropriate forms and instructions relative to the filing of such reports will be included also.

I congratulate you and the other officials concerned who have brought about this arrangement under which the employees of the Arkansas River Compact Administration will join the millions of people of the United States who now enjoy the protection of the old-age and survivors insurance system.

Sincerely yours,
s/ O. C. Pogge
Director

Enclosures (4)

2. Letters acknowledging the Administration's resolution in tribute to the late Clifford H. Stone were received from Dan Thornton, Governor of Colorado, and Mrs. Clifford H. Stone, widow of the deceased. These communications were entered into the minutes as follows:

STATE OF COLORADO
Executive Chambers
Denver

Dan Thornton
Governor

October 31, 1952

Harry C. Nevius, Secretary,
Arkansas River Compact Administration
Lamar, Colorado

Dear Mr. Nevius:

Thank you very much for your letter dated October 29, in testimony to Judge Stone's career in Colorado. I am sure that Mrs. Stone will keep in esteem the resolution passed by the Arkansas River Compact Administration because of its fine message.

I doubt if too many citizens of this country realize the great loss we have had in Judge Stone's death but as the years go by, future generations will receive the benefit of his advice and knowledge.

Sincerely,
s/ Dan Thornton

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Dear Mr. Nevius:

You were so kind to send us a telegram on behalf of the Arkansas River Compact Administration. Also, we have the resolutions passed by the men of this Administration honoring Judge. Please convey our deep appreciation to the separate members for this tribute. It will always mean much to us.

Thank you --
Sincerely
s/ Marjorie Stone

Boulder, Colo.
Nov. 2, 1952

3. Inasmuch as Rep. Tate of the Legal Committee was not present to report, the Secretary informed the Administration that it had not been necessary to prepare an Administration statement on the Water District 14 adjudication matter (Plains Water Conservation Corporation), as the situation had not advanced as far as had been anticipated. The Secretary said that proponents had not developed any claims for Arkansas River water. Another hearing is scheduled for December 16, 1952, at Las Animas. The outcome of that hearing, it was explained, should determine what further attention, if any, the Administration should give to the so-called Colt claims. The Secretary stated that an Administration statement might be necessary only if claims were developed for Arkansas River water.

4. Copies of the budget adopted at the October 28, 1952 meeting for the Administration for the fiscal year 1953-54 were sent to the Governors of the States of Colorado and Kansas, and have been acknowledged.

5. The Administration's motion of October 28, 1952, rescinding the notice of May 13, 1952, was sent to the State Engineer on October 29, 1952, and acknowledged by him on October 30, 1952. Correspondence on this matter was submitted for the record as follows:

ARKANSAS RIVER COMPACT ADMINISTRATION
Lamar, Colorado

October 29, 1952

Mr. M. C. Hinderlider,
State Engineer
State Capitol Building
Denver, Colorado

Dear Mr. Hinderlider:

At the meeting of the Arkansas River Compact Administration held in Lamar October 28, 1952 the following motion was approved unanimously by the Administration and I am instructed to notify you.

"It was moved by Rep. Smrha, seconded by Rep. Nevius, that the operations committee be instructed to notify the State Engineer of Colorado and the Corps of Engineers at Albuquerque that in view of the commencement of winter storage on Nov. 1, 1952, under the provisions of Article V-A of the Compact, the notice issued May 13, 1952 to the State Engineer of Colorado, under the provisions of Article V-F of the Compact, is rescinded effective Nov. 1, 1952."

Respectfully submitted,
s/ Harry C. Nevius
Secretary

cc: F. C. Snyder, Division Engineer
R. J. McGrath, Water Commissioner

OFFICE OF STATE ENGINEER

Denver, Colorado

October 30, 1952

Mr. Harry C. Nevius,
Secretary
Arkansas River Compact Administration
Court House
Lamar, Colorado

Dear Mr. Nevius:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 29th, rescinding as of November 1, 1952, the notice to this office under date of May 13, 1952, advising as to the anticipated date on which John Martin Reservoir would, at that time, be empty.

Very truly yours,

/s/ M. C. Hinderlider
State Engineer

MCH/a
c/F. C. Snyder
R. J. McGrath

6. A meeting of the John Martin Reservoir Permanent Pool Association was held at Rocky Ford, on December 8, 1952, but no one was in attendance representing the Administration.

7. The auditor's report on Administration finances has been received. It will be submitted to the Administration in the report of the treasurer.

Chairman Kramer inquired of the Secretary what contacts were customarily made to publicize the various meetings of the Administration, in addition to the meeting notices sent directly to the Administration members. Following discussion of the matter, it was decided that the Secretary of the Administration would be responsible for issuing press releases announcing all meetings of the Administration, such press releases to go especially to the local paper at Lamar, Colorado, and to the principal newspapers of the Arkansas valley in both Colorado and Kansas.

In his report as Treasurer, Rep. Nevius submitted the financial statement for the period November 1, 1951-October 31, 1952, as follows:

ARKANSAS RIVER COMPACT ADMINISTRATION

Report of Treasurer for period November 1, 1951, through October 31, 1952.

Balance on hand, October 31, 1951, Auditor's Report	\$ 2,624.91
Assessments of March 25, 1952 due after July 1, 1952.	
State of Kansas Aug. 22. \$1,200.00	
State of Colorado Sept. 25. 1,800.00	
	<u>\$3,000.00</u>
	<u>3,000.00</u>
	\$ 5,624.91

Disbursements by the Administration Nov. 1, 1951 to Oct. 31, 1952.

Voucher	Date		
58	12/10/51	Mt. States T & T Co. Nov. Service, Tolls	8.55
59	12/10/51	Secretary Salary, Nov.	100.00
60	12/10/51	Butler Stationery Co.	6.74
61	12/11/51	R. W. Rollins, Audit Administration Records	65.00
62	2/ 9/52	Prowers County Clerk, Photo-stat, copies	6.00
63	2/ 9/52	Mt. States T & T Co. Dec. & Jan. Serv. & Tolls	14.60
64	2/ 9/52	Colo. Blue Print Co. Blueprints	12.50
65	2/ 9/52	Peerless Print Co. Annual Reports	485.00
66	2/ 9/52	Secretary Salary, Dec. & Jan. (less F.I.C.A.)	182.00
67	3/15/52	Mt. States T & T Co. Feb. Service & Tolls	9.80
68	3/15/52	Secretary Salary, February	100.00
69	3/22/52	Lamar Daily News, Supplies	24.35
70	5/10/52	Mt. States T & T Co. March & April Serv. & Tolls	20.50
71	5/10/52	Secretary Salary March & April	200.00
72	6/30/52	Mt. States T & T Co. May & June Serv. & Tolls	116.85
73	6/30/52	Secretary Salary May & June (less F.I.C.A.)	191.00
74	6/30/52	Secretary, Cash Adv. 14.43, Mileage 49.00	63.43
75	6/30/52	Mt. States T & T Co. June & July Add Tolls	10.15
76	9/27/52	Western Union Tel. Co. July & Aug. Telegrams	3.02
77	9/27/52	Mt. States T & T Co. July & Aug. Serv. & Tolls	63.90
78	9/27/52	Secretary Salary, July & Aug.	200.00
79	10/25/52	J. L. Wade, Agt. Nat'l. Surety Corp. Sec. Bond	50.00
80	10/25/52	Mt. States T & T Co. Sept. Tolls & Serv.	25.65
81	10/25/52	Secretary Salary Sept.	100.00
82	10/31/52	Secretary Salary Oct. (less F.I.C.A. 6.00)	94.00
83	10/31/52	Western Union Tel. Co. Oct. Telegrams	4.32
84	10/31/52	Mt. States T & T Co. Oct. Serv. & Tolls	20.60
			<u>\$ 2,177.96</u>
		Balance on hand October 31, 1952	\$ 3,446.95

The report of the auditor, and the letter of transmittal accompanying it, were placed in the record:

ROBERT W. ROLLINS
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT
LA JUNTA, COLORADO
December 8, 1952

Mr. Harry C. Nevius
Secretary - Treasurer
Arkansas River Compact Administration
Lamar, Colorado

Dear Mr. Nevius:

With reference to the Audit Report for the "Report year" ending October 31, 1952 and related subjects, the following transmittal letter is offered. In order to facilitate the discussion of the various points, they are so numbered accordingly.

(1) Enclosed herewith are the original and three copies of the Audit Report for the "Report year" ended October 31, 1952. Should the Representatives desire to delete the comparison of the disbursements with the budget of a future year as expressed on page three of the Report, please return the four copies and I will oblige.

(2) Referring to the O.A. and S.I. deductions I have prepared and submitted herewith typed copies for the Federal Security Agency and penciled copies for your files. Please note, Mr. Nevius, that the money involved on these seven returns amounts to only \$60.00. The remaining \$6.00 (22 months at \$100.00 a month equals \$2,200.00 times 3% equals \$66.00 less the above mentioned \$60.00 equals \$6.00) will be reported in the fourth quarter of 1952 since your September and October salary checks were written in October of 1952. Of course, the Report shows your share or \$3.00 for these two months but the information contained in the O.A. and S.I. returns is strictly on a cash basis. I would suggest that you forward immediately a check made payable to the Treasurer of the United States to the Federal Reserve Branch Bank of Denver in the amount of \$60.00, enclosing the Certificate of Deposit (Form 201) that I have prepared for you, (4 copies). You will then receive the third copy back from the Bank. You should also sign and date the OAR-S1's and S2's of the seven returns and forward all to the Social Security Administration in Baltimore, Maryland. When the receipt of the \$60.00 has been returned by the Bank attach same to the OAR-S1 forms and forward them to the Social Security Administration. (Note, I have not sent you any duplicate copies of the OAR-S1's as I used your entire supply for originals and penciled copies. As soon as we can procure some extra OAR-S1's, copies should be prepared. Since most of your forms have been used I have consulted the local Social Security Administration Representative and he will try to procure some for you as soon as possible. Your fourth quarter return for the calendar year 1952 consisting of salaries paid to you in the months, October, November, and December should be filed by January 31, 1953. Referring again to the seven returns covering the period from January 1, 1951 to October 31, 1952, there might be some interest charged from October 27, 1952 at 6% to the date of receipt of the \$60.00 check by the Government, refer to paragraph two, page three of the Agreement between the Federal Security Administrator and the Arkansas River Compact Administration. I suggest you not offer the interest at this time.

(3) In connection with reporting the salary of the Secretary for the calendar year 1952, it is suggested the Administration file Form W-2-Federal and Form 109-2-Colorado early in January of 1953.

(4) I am returning herewith your cancelled checks, related bank statement, Agreement relating to O.A. and S.I., etc., and your combination journal.

There is enclosed herewith a statement of services rendered to date in the amount of \$75.00. You will note there is an increase this year of \$10.00 over the former years' charges. The increase is due to the additional work relating to O.A. and S.I. returns.

Again I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation of the repeat assignment and if I can be of further service to you, please call on me.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Robert W. Rollins
Robert W. Rollins

Enc.
RWR:fc

ROBERT W. ROLLINS
Certified Public Accountant
La Junta, Colorado

December 6, 1952

To the Representatives
Arkansas River Compact Administration
Lamar, Colorado

Gentlemen:

As requested by you, an examination has been made of the financial transactions of the Arkansas River Compact Administration for its third "Report year" - November 1, 1951 to October 31, 1952. The results of this audit are submitted in the attached Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements - Schedule I, page # 4. The following remarks are offered as additional information and also tend to describe the extent of the auditing work performed.

General Comments

Schedule I, page # 4, reflects all cash activity of the Administration for the year under review. Revenue assessments received from the States of Colorado and Kansas, expenditures by classification together with respective beginning and ending cash in bank balances are detailed on the above mentioned Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements.

As provided for in the budget of the Minutes of the Administration's Meeting of October 30, 1951, funds due from Kansas (40% share) of \$1,200.00 and Colorado (60% share) of \$1,800.00 were received for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1953 and deposited in the First National Bank in Lamar on the respective dates of August 22, 1952 and September 25, 1952.

All disbursements were made by checks drawn on the Administration's account at the depository previously mentioned. The individual checks were examined for amount, signature and endorsement. Amounts so expended were substantiated by verification of each payment to payee's statement, authorization by the Administration as evidenced in Minutes of Representatives' Meetings or other supporting evidence. Minutes of the October 28, 1952 Meeting were not reviewed as they were unavailable for examination at this time.

Salary of the secretary amounting to \$1,200.00 has been reduced by \$33.00, because of the deduction of Old-Age and Survivors Insurance deductions for the period January 1, 1951 to October 31, 1952. The agreement between the Federal Security Administration and the Arkansas River Compact Administration dated October 27, 1952 has been reviewed and appears to be in order. The Administration provides its secretary (and other subsequent employees) with social security benefits, in a manner as available to the various States. The related quarterly reports due the Federal Security Authority starting January 1, 1951 have been prepared by the Writer and instructions for filing have been discussed with Mr. Harry C. Nevius. It should be remembered the Administration contributes a similar amount, or 1-1/2% of employee's salary, thus matching the employee's deduction. As of October 31, 1952, the combined amount due by the Administration for O.A. and S.I. of its employee is \$66.00. Since the records of the Administration are handled on a cash basis, this data is reflected accordingly.

Premiums of \$50.00 paid in October 1952 for the secretary - treasurer's bond covers the period of twelve months ending September 12, 1953. Renewal of bond #1203007, carried with the National Surety Corporation, per vendor's statement, extends the \$10,000.00 protection feature accordingly.

Travel expense of secretary amounting to \$49.00 represents 700 miles of business travel at \$0.07 a mile incurred during April, May and June of 1952.

As shown on Schedule I, cash in bank at October 31, 1952 of \$3,446.95 was reconciled to the amount confirmed by the First National Bank in Lamar.

The financial position of the Administration at October 31 for the year under review and the previous one is expressed in the following schedule:

Arkansas River Compact Administration
Lamar, Colorado
Comparative Balance Sheets

<u>Assets</u>	<u>October 31, 1952</u>	<u>October 31, 1951</u>	<u>Increase</u>
Cash in bank	\$ 3,446.95	\$ 2,624.91	\$ 822.04
Equipment (Portable typewriter)	92.50	92.50	-0-
<u>Total Assets</u>	<u>3,539.45</u>	<u>2,717.41</u>	<u>822.04</u>
<u>Liabilities</u>			
Employees deductions (held in trust)	\$ 33.00	-0-	33.00
<u>Capital</u>			
Unexpended fund balance	\$ 3,413.95	\$ 2,624.91	\$ 789.04
Expended fund balance for equip't.	92.50	92.50	-0-
<u>Total Capital</u>	<u>\$ 3,506.45</u>	<u>\$ 2,717.41</u>	<u>\$ 789.04</u>
<u>Total Liabilities and Capital</u>	<u>3,539.45</u>	<u>2,717.41</u>	<u>822.04</u>

Special Comments

It should be remembered the original budget for 1951 - 1952 was considered void, and no revised estimate was ever prepared. In view of these facts, the expenditures for the period July 1, 1951 to June 30, 1952 are compared below with the revised budget as adopted for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1953.

Arkansas River Compact Administration
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Comparison of Disbursements to Budget*
Fiscal Year July 1, 1951 to June 30, 1952

<u>Classification</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>	<u>Budget</u> <u>July 1, 1952 to June 30, 1953</u>
Salary of secretary	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
Gage reports	-0-	500.00
Professional services	65.00	100.00
Capital Outlay	92.50	300.00
Bond, treasurer	50.00	50.00
Printing	485.00	600.00
Official publications	-0-	100.00
Travel expense - Secretary, etc.	65.80	150.00
Typing and mailing	12.00	200.00
Investigation and inspection	-0-	150.00
Telephone and telegraph	235.75	300.00
Office supplies	60.02	150.00
Totals	<u>\$2,266.07</u>	<u>\$3,800.00 *</u>

* You are again reminded that the expenditures for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1952 are compared with the budgeted figures for the future year. The excess of revenue over disbursements at June 30, 1952 of some \$800.00 together with the combined assessments made and collected from Colorado and Kansas in the Summer of 1952 amounting to \$3,000.00 provided the funds for the \$3,800.00 budget.

The Secretary - Treasurer of the Administration advises provision has been made in the Minutes of the October 28, 1952 Meeting for the use of the excess of funds at June 30, 1953, approximating \$1,400.00 which will reduce the assessments from the States for the fiscal year July 1, 1953 to June 30, 1954 to \$2,400.00.

The Writer has been advised it will be the Administration's policy to maintain a budget aggregating \$3,800.00, but that any excess of amounts budgeted over actual disbursements will always be used to reduce the subsequent year's revenue assessments of the States accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,

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Schedule I

Arkansas River Compact Administration
Lamar, Colorado

Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements
November 1, 1951 to October 31, 1952
(Refer to comments in text of audit)

Cash in bank at November 1, 1951 (Per audit) \$2,624.91

Receipts

Revenue from assessments		
Colorado portion 60%	\$1,800.00	
Kansas portion 40%	1,200.00	
<u>Total Receipts</u>		3,000.00
<u>Total Available Funds</u>		<u>\$5,624.91</u>

Disbursements

Salary of Secretary	\$1,200.00	
Less: O.A. and S.I. deduction	<u>33.00*</u>	1,167.00
Printing - Annual reports		485.00
Telephone and telegraph		297.94
Audit fee - Fiscal Year - October 31, 1951		65.00
Office supplies and stationery		58.02
Premium on secretary - treasurer bond		50.00
Travel expense of secretary (Mileage basis)		49.00
Typing and mailing		<u>6.00</u>
<u>Total Disbursements</u>		<u>\$2,177.96</u>

Cash in bank at October 31, 1952 \$3,446.95*

Cash on deposit at First National Bank in Lamar
(Per direct confirmation) on October 31, 1952 \$3,741.52

Less: Outstanding checks of:

#79 J. L. Wade, Nat'l. Surety	\$ 50.00	
#80 Mt. States Tel. & Tel. Co.	25.65	
#81 Harry C. Nevius	100.00	
#82 Harry C. Nevius	94.00	
#83 Western Union Telegraph Co.	4.32	
#84 Mt. States Tel. & Tel. Co.	<u>20.60</u>	
		<u>294.57</u> <u>\$3,446.95</u>

Note - All outstanding checks at October 31, 1952 cleared in November of 1952.

* \$33.00 of the cash in bank at October 31, 1952 represents an amount held in trust, pending payment to Federal Reserve Bank of Old-Age and Survivors Insurance obligations. This amount arose from 1-1/2% deduction from the secretary's monthly salary - Effective January 1, 1951 to October 31, 1952.

It was moved by Rep. Smrha, seconded by Rep. Mendenhall, that the report of the auditor as submitted to the Administration under the date of December 6, 1952, be accepted.

On roll call, the motion was carried, and was declared adopted.

Rep. Mendenhall called attention to the fact that, with a budget under \$5,000.00, the Administration would never have a bank balance in excess of that amount. Therefore, he said, the treasurer's bond could be reduced from a maximum coverage of \$10,000.00 to \$5,000.00, resulting in premium reduction from \$50.00 to about \$25.00.

It was moved by Rep. Mendenhall, seconded by Rep. Smrha, that the treasurer's bond be reduced from \$10,000.00 to \$5,000.00

On roll call, the motion carried and was declared adopted.

Rep. Mendenhall commented that the saving in premium would help offset the Administration's payments into Social Security -- an item which escaped itemized mention in the 1953-1954 budget draft.

The Chairman called for reports of standing committees.

The Administrative and Legal Committee was not represented at the meeting by any of its personnel, but it was noted that a report on the Water District 14 adjudication matter, a subject which had been assigned to the Legal Committee for review, had been given to the Administration by the Secretary.

The Chairman announced that the proposed text of the annual report, usually prepared by the Legal Committee, had been assembled by another group, and would be reviewed by the Administration at the afternoon session.

Rep. Smrha, chairman of the Engineering Committee, said his committee had no report. He said that tables and statistics prepared by F. M. Bell of U.S.G.S. for use in the annual report would be reviewed when the annual report was brought up.

Rep. Mendenhall of the Operations Committee submitted a brief oral report on operations at the meeting, but advised that a customary written report would be submitted, when ready, for inclusion in the minutes.

The written report of the Operations Committee, as provided by Rep. Mendenhall, is as follows:

At the time of the last meeting of the Administration on October 28, 1952, John Martin Reservoir was empty and the Army Engineers were passing the river flow through the gates consisting of approximately 55 c. f. s.

The gates were closed under the Compact at midnight October 31, 1952, but were opened on November 1, 1952 to pass the river flow not to exceed 100 c. f. s.

On October 10, 1952, the Fort Lyon Canal sluiced, which temporarily increased the inflow into the reservoir, which was not reflected on the gage at the dam, but filled the depressions caused by erosion when the reservoir was dry.

Storage was first reflected on November 13, 1952 and there has been a daily increase in water stored until November 26, 1952 at which time the gates were completely closed with 1,602 acre feet in storage.

If the present cold weather continues ice conditions on the river will benefit the reservoir.

As of this date there is stored 4,350 acre feet.

Chairman Kramer presented two matters which he considered as items of old business for the Administration. These two subjects were (1) proposed modification of the Rules and Regulations and (2) further consideration of the 'fish pool' proposal of the John Martin Permanent Pool Association.

The Chairman recalled that modification of the Rules and Regulations had been assigned to the Operations Committee which, in turn, had referred the matter to the Legal Committee. Since no recommendations, pro or con, have developed, the Chairman said it was his suggestion that the subject be re-assigned to a special committee.

His immediate suggestion was for the appointment of a special committee of two, with authority to enlist others as conferees. His nominations were Mr. Roland Tate, of the Legal Committee, and Mr. Gail Ireland of Denver, an attorney who had served on the commission which drafted the Arkansas River Compact.

Discussion hinged on two factors: (1) whether any actual modification of the Rules and Regulations might develop, inasmuch as no suggestions had emanated from any source up to the present time, and (2) whether the special committee should be limited to two, with no inclusion of any members of the Operations Committee to which the original study assignment had been made.

Following general discussion, it was moved by Rep. Smrha, seconded by Rep. Gildersleeve, that further study of possible amendments to the Rules and Regulations of the Administration governing operation of John Martin Reservoir be referred to a special committee to be composed of Rep. Mendenhall as chairman, Rep. Leavitt, Rep. Tate, and Mr. Gail Ireland, to report its recommendations back to the Administration.

Chairman Kramer said he would communicate with Mr. Ireland, advising him of the assignment made to the special committee.

Since the proposal for a permanent pool in John Martin Reservoir had been made at the October 28, 1952 meeting by spokesmen for the Permanent Pool Association, the Chairman said he considered that the subject was 'unfinished business' for the Administration until some final disposition of the matter is made. He reminded the Administration that no action by the Administration would be necessary until certain preliminary steps had been achieved by the project proponents. He further reminded the Administration that, in his personal remarks at the October 28, 1952 meeting, he had outlined a procedure he considered essential for justification of a permanent pool.

It was moved by Rep. Smrha, seconded by Rep. Nevius, that the Arkansas River Compact Administration concurs in the outline presented at the October 28, 1952 meeting, by its Chairman, regarding further consideration of a permanent pool in John Martin Reservoir, and that the Administration defers any action on the project until proponents make further representations to the Administration pursuant to the outline presented by the Chairman.

On roll call, the motion carried and was declared adopted.

Under the heading of new business, the Chairman called for election of officers for the ensuing year. Such offices to be filled at the annual meeting are vice chairman, secretary and treasurer.

Rep. Mendenhall nominated Rep. Leavitt as candidate for vice chairman, to succeed himself.

It was moved by Rep. Smrha, seconded by Rep. Nevius, that nominations be closed, and the Chairman cast a unanimous ballot for the re-election of Rep. Leavitt as vice chairman.

On roll call, the motion carried unanimously and was declared adopted.

Rep. Smrha nominated Rep. Nevius for re-election as Secretary. Rep. Leavitt seconded the nomination, and further moved that nominations be closed and a unanimous ballot be cast for Rep. Nevius as secretary.

On roll call, the motion carried unanimously, and was declared adopted. The vice chairman cast the unanimous ballot for Mr. Nevius as secretary.

Rep. Smrha nominated Rep. Nevius for re-election as treasurer. Nominations were declared closed, and the Chairman cast a unanimous ballot for Mr. Nevius for the office of treasurer.

It was moved by Rep. Smrha, seconded by Rep. Mendenhall, that the Secretary's salary be continued at \$100.00 a month for the ensuing year, plus allowance for necessary incidental expenses.

On roll call, the motion was unanimously carried, and declared adopted.

Chairman Kramer advised the Administration that the next regular meeting of the Arkansas River Compact Administration would be on Tuesday, March 24, 1953, at Lamar, Colorado. He said the meeting would begin at 10 o'clock in the forenoon on that date.

The Administration recessed for the noon hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION

December 9, 1952

The session was called to order at 2 o'clock.

The draft copy of the Administration's fourth annual report was taken up for discussion and editing. The Administration reviewed each portion of the proposed report, including the statistical tables, and approved some revisions in language and figures.

It was moved by Rep. Mendenhall, seconded by Rep. Smrha, that the text for the Administration's fourth annual report, as edited, be approved and adopted by the Administration.

On roll call, the motion was unanimously carried, and declared adopted.

It was agreed that the Fourth Annual Report should be prepared with a total of 500 printed copies, instead of 400 copies of the previous year.

With the consent of Mr. Gildersleeve, the Administration delegated full supervision of the printing, editing, and proof-reading of the annual report to the office of the Colorado Water Conservation Board in Denver, with authority to select a printing firm and to negotiate a price for the printing job.

Chairman Kramer announced he would distribute copies of the report to interested Federal agencies and individuals, and that he would need 15 copies for that purpose. The further distribution of the annual report will be on the same schedule as in preceding years, through the office of the Secretary, the Colorado Water Conservation Board, and through W. E. Leavitt, for Kansas.

The meeting adjourned at 4 o'clock.

Hans Kramer, Chairman

Harry C. Nevius, Secretary