

MINUTES OF
ARKANSAS RIVER COMPACT ADMINISTRATION
ANNUAL MEETING

December 13, 1955

LAMAR, COLORADO

Attendance -

For Colorado:

Ivan C. Crawford, Denver, Director; Colorado Water Conservation Board
Harry B. Mendenhall, Rocky Ford; Chairman of Colorado Representatives
Harry C. Nevius, Lamar; Administration Secretary and Treasurer

For Kansas:

Wm. E. Leavitt, Garden City.
R. V. Smrha, Topeka
Roland H. Tate, Garden City, Vice-Chairman and Chairman of Kansas Representatives

Absent:

Brig. Gen. Hans Kramer, San Francisco, Calif; Chairman of the Administration and U. S. Representatives

Others Attending:

J. Edgar Chenoweth,	Member of Congress	Trinidad, Colo.
Col. Robert E. Cron, Jr.	Albuq. Dist., Corps of Engineers,	Albuq. N.M.
F.C. Snyder	Div. Eng., State Eng. Dept.	Pueblo, Colo.
Luther Symons	Colo. Well Contractors Ass'n.	Denver, Colo.
Francis M. Bell	U.S.B.R.	Denver, Colo.
Guy M. Vincent,	Kans. Div. Water Resources	Garden City, Ks.
Ross W. Moor,	U.S.G.S.	Lamar, Colo.
James E. Bone,	Corps of Engineers	Caddoa, Colo.
A. N. Dallimore	Bessemer Irrig. Ditch Co.	Pueblo, Colo.
R. N. Adkins	C.F. & I. Corp.	Pueblo, Colo.
George W. Colburn	Recorder, C.W.C.B.	Denver, Colo.

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The Annual Meeting of the Arkansas River Compact Administration was called to order at 9:30 A.M. by Judge Tate, Vice-Chairman, presiding in the absence of General Kramer, Chairman. Mr. Nevius, Administration Secretary, said General Kramer would not be present because of illness.

Judge Tate noted the presence of Colonel Robert E. Cron, Jr., District Engineer, Corps of Engineers and Hon. J. Edgar Chenoweth, Member of Congress from Colorado.

The minutes of the Administration meeting of October 28, 1955 were approved, subject to corrections, on motion, second and passed by vote.

As Chairman, Judge Tate reported that the Administration was in receipt of a telegram from General Kramer advising of his hospitalization. Judge Tate expressed the sentiment of the Administration that the next communication from General Kramer would indicate a quick and complete return to good health.

Judge Tate asked Colonel Cron for any remarks. Colonel Cron replied that he was at the meeting to become acquainted and as an observer.

Congressman Chenoweth said he had come to the meeting to express his appreciation for all the courtesies extended him by the Administration. He expressed his regret that Congressman Clifford R. Hope of Kansas had announced his retirement after over thirty years in Congress. Judge Chenoweth continued that he and Congressman Hope had worked closely on water matters in particular and felt that Kansas had had a great public servant in Congressman Hope. Congressman Chenoweth expressed his anticipation of a quick recovery of General Kramer. He extended the best of the Season's Good Wishes to all members of the Administration and expressed optimism for a better water supply for 1956.

Judge Tate expressed the appreciation of the Administration for Congressman Chenoweth's remarks.

Mr. Nevius reported, as Secretary, on the following items:

1. The budget for 1956-1957, as adopted by the Administration, had been transmitted to the Governors of the respective States.
2. A call had been made on the States for their share of the 1955-1956 Budget.

3. Mr. Robert A. Rollins, C.P.A., had transmitted his report of audit of the financial condition of the Administration.

On motion, second and vote, the report was accepted.

The letter of transmittal is placed in the minutes of the Administration for record and the audit is to be included in the Seventh Annual Report.

ROBERT W. ROLLINS
Certified Public Accountant
La Junta, Colorado

December 10, 1955

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

Dear Mr. Nevius:

In connection with the audit assignment for the "Report year" ending October 31, 1955 and related subjects, the following transmittal letter reduces to writing the verbal arrangements made by us this morning.

- (1) Original and three copies of the Audit Report for the "Report year" ending October 31, 1955 are delivered to you.
- (2) I am also returning herewith:
 - (a) The combined Journal pages J-1 through J-7, together with the binder.
 - (b) The Administration's Copies of the State's returns of contributions payable under the Social Security Act for the current year under review, together with a subsequent bank statement and cancelled checks as of November 19, 1955.
 - (c) The Compact's editing copies of the Minutes of the Meeting held on October 28, 1955.
- (3) You are reminded at this time, of your calendar year and responsibilities relating to the filing of the Federal Form W-2 and the Colorado Form 109-2 early in January of 1956.

There is enclosed herewith a statement for services rendered to date, in the amount of \$65.00.

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

Very truly yours,

RWR/hj

/s/ Robert W. Rollins
Robert W. Rollins

As Treasurer, Mr. Nevius presented a report covering the fiscal year ending October 31, 1955. The report was received and entered into the record as follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance on hand October 31, 1954, Auditor's Report \$ 1,514.62

Receipts

Call authorized October 26, 1954	\$2,400.00		
Colorado 60% 12-31-54		\$1,440.00	
Kansas 40% 2-16-55		<u>960.00</u>	
			\$ 2,400.00
			<u>\$ 3,914.62</u>

Disbursements by the Administration-November 1, 1954 - October 31, 1955

Voucher

No.	Date	Payee and Purpose	Amount
140	12-31-54	Robert W. Rollins, Audit and Service	\$ 65.00
141		Mtn States T & T, Nov. & Dec. Service & Tolls	24.10
142		Secretary Salary Nov. & Dec. (less \$4.00 F.I.C.A.)	196.00
143		Treasurer of U.S., Deposits by States	8.00
144	3-10-55	Secretary Salary Jan. & Feb. (less \$4.00 F.I.C.A.)	196.00
145		Mtn States T & T, Jan. & Feb. Service & Tolls	25.35
146		Peerless Printing Co., Annual Reports	476.00
147	4-29-55	Treasurer of U.S. Deposits by States	8.00
148		Lamar Daily News, Supplies	33.50
149		Mtn States T & T, March Service & Tolls	19.40
150		Secretary Salary, March & April (less \$4.00 F.I.C.A.)	196.00
151	6-10-55	U.S. Geological Survey, stream gauging, Cooperative agreement	500.00
152		Mtn States T & T, April & May Service & Tolls	36.80
153	6-30-55	Secretary salary, May & June (less \$4.00 F.I.C.A.)	196.00
154		Secretary Mileage, 71.75; supplies, 6.05; Postage, \$8.00	85.80
155		U.S. Treasurer, Deposit by States	12.00
156		Mtn. States T & T, June Service & Tolls	18.85
157	9-30-55	Schoenith Office Equip. Co., Service & Supplies	9.89
158		J. L. Wade, Agt., Nat. Surety Co., Treasurers Bond	25.00
159		Mtn States T & T, July, Aug., & Sept. Service & Tolls	59.45
160		Secretary Salary, July Aug. & Sept. (less \$6.00 F.I.C.A.)	294.00
161		Treasurer of U.S. Deposit by States	12.00
162	10-31-55	Treasurer of U.S. Deposit by States	8.00
163		Secretary Salary, Oct. (less \$2.00 F.I.C.A.)	98.00
164		Secretary, Mileage	42.70
165		Mtn States T & T Co., Service & Tolls, Oct.	17.15
		Total Disbursements	<u>\$ 2,662.99</u>
		Balance on hand October 31, 1955	<u>\$ 1,251.63</u>

In reports of standing committees, the report of the Administrative and Legal Committee was deferred for later consideration.

The Engineering Committee said it had no report to present at this meeting. A report on the May floods would be forthcoming as soon as time for writing permitted.

The Operations Committee made a verbal report that there was 48,810 A F now impounded, as compared to none this date last year. No releases were being made. Mr. Mendenhall had previously remarked parenthetically that a decree had been entered giving authorization for a change in point of diversion by the Catlin Canal.

Mr. Snyder, on question, said he had no specific information on snow conditions at the headwaters as of the present time. He stated his general impression was that conditions were near normal. This situation is much better than last year and prospects much better than last season.

Colonel Cron, in reply to question by Mr. Smrha, said he could not make a comment at this time concerning a sedimentation survey.

Regarding the Trinidad Project, he could report that it had been presented and that at this present time a temporary flood control project was under way to give bank protection to Trinidad. This was to expend about \$165,000 and was slated for completion about April 1, 1956.

A report on the Floods of May, 1955 was not published and copies would be furnished the Administration.

A smaller flood control project was waiting assurances from the City of Las Animas regarding maintenance and other features. It would probably be started in February 1956 and would expend about \$32,000. He said he had been advised that La Junta was forming a conservancy district. A representative from the Corps of Engineers was meeting with the La Junta interests to advise them of the role of the Corps in such matters. Colonel Cron wanted to emphasize that all parties will have the full cooperation of his office.

Colonel Cron replied later to Mr. Smrha's question. After communicating with his office, he found that the cost of such a survey had not been budgeted, but that from previous data it was felt a fairly close estimate could be made. He assured the Administration that this would be done and copies would be furnished the members of the Administration.

Mr. Mendenhall moved that present officers of the Administration be re-elected for the ensuing year; that the Secretary be directed to cast a unanimous ballot to this effect.

Mr. Crawford seconded the motion and called for the question.

On vote by states the question was unanimously passed.

The Secretary announced that he had cast the ballot as directed. The present officers of the Administration were declared elected for the ensuing compact year.

Mr. Mendenhall moved and Mr. Crawford seconded a motion that the Secretary receive compensation of \$100.00 per month plus necessary travel expenses for the ensuing year.

A unanimous affirmative vote was cast.

Mr. Nevins moved that the naming of the standing committees be deferred and that the present committees continue to act until the Chairman named the new committeemen.

Mr. Smrha seconded the above and the motion passed unanimously on vote.

Mr. Adkins said that information had been received by the C.F. & I. from Leadville that there was 24 inches of snow in November and that there was 30% more precipitation now than as on a similar date, 1954.

The Administrative and Legal Committee presented, and the Administration edited the Seventh Annual Report of the Administration. After considerable discussion and preparation, Mr. Crawford moved, Mr. Smrha seconded the motion that the report, as edited, be adopted. On vote the motion unanimously passed.

After discussion and comments by the members of the Administration, it was moved by Mr. Nevius that, because of the close coordination needed in editing and other details, and with the approval of Mr. Crawford, the Administration delegate the authority to publish the report to Mr. Crawford's office, and that the printing be done by the Peerless Printing Company as in the past. Mr. Smrha seconded the motion which was duly passed on vote.

The Administration directed the Secretary to telegraph General Kramer the felicitations and good wishes of the collective membership.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:05 A.M.

Under the bylaws, the next regular meeting will be in Lamar, Colorado on Tuesday, March 27, 1956.

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The above minutes were approved by action of the Administration on July 17, 1956.

Hans Kramer (Brig.Gen.U.S.A.-Ret.)
Administration Chairman

Harry C. Nevius
Administration Secretary