

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

ARKANSAS RIVER COMPACT ADMINISTRATION ✓

December 13, 1966  
Court House  
Lamar, Colorado

The Annual Meeting of the Arkansas River Compact Administration will be held in the Court House, Lamar, Colorado, at 9:30 A.M., December 13, 1966.

The Agenda for the meeting will be as follows:

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of Annual Report.
3. Such other items of business as may be brought before the Administration.

ARKANSAS RIVER COMPACT ADMINISTRATION

# PRELIMINARY

## MINUTES OF

### ARKANSAS RIVER COMPACT ADMINISTRATION

#### ANNUAL MEETING

Court House

Lamar, Colorado  
December 13, 1966

#### Attendance:

##### For Colorado:

Ernest Hofmeister, Lamar  
George F. Reyher, McClave

##### For Kansas:

Robert V. Smrha, Topeka  
Carl E. Bentrup, Deerfield  
Logan N. Green, Garden City

##### For the United States:

Francis M. Bell, Denver

##### Members Absent:

Felix L. Sparks, Denver

##### Others Attending:

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| J. W. Odell         | U.S.G.S.           | Denver, Colorado    |
| Carter Hutchinson   | C.W.C.B.           | Denver, Colorado    |
| Howard C. Corrigan  | D.W.R.             | Garden City, Kansas |
| Wilbur Heckler      | U.S.G.S.           | Albuquerque, N.M.   |
| Ross W. Moor        | U.S.G.S.           | Lamar, Colorado     |
| Robert A. Buchhagen | Corps of Engineers | John Martin Res.    |
| Sisto Guidotti      | Amity Mutual Canal | Bristol, Colorado   |
| Harry C. Nevius     | Amity Mutual Canal | Lamar, Colorado     |
| Hacket Smartt       |                    | Lamar, Colorado     |
| Leo Pollart         | Amity Mutual Canal | Holly, Colorado     |
| Floyd Thompson      | Amity Mutual Canal | Holly, Colorado     |
| William Howland     | Amity Mutual Canal | Holly, Colorado     |
| Claire Behan        | Radio KLMR         | Lamar, Colorado     |
| Fred L. Boydston    | C.W.C.B.           | Denver, Colorado    |

## MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Chairman Bell called the meeting to order at 9:40 A.M. He noted that Mr. Sparks was absent, but that a quorum was present since all the Kansas members and the other two Colorado members were present. He said that it had been decided to go ahead with this meeting since it was difficult to schedule another meeting date at this time of the year, even though it was known that Mr. Sparks had conflicting commitments and could not be present. Mr. Bell then said that the first order of business would be to correct the Minutes of the previous meeting. Several minor corrections were suggested, after which Chairman Bell said that if there were no further corrections, they would be approved as corrected.

## REPORTS

Mr. Bell then gave the Chairman's Report as follows: First, he said that he is retiring from his position with the Geological Survey as of the end of December, 1966, and also is resigning his appointment as Federal Representative to the Arkansas River Compact Administration. However, he has agreed to serve until a new Representative and Chairman can be appointed. Next, he said that he had received resolutions from the Finney County Water Users Association, the Great Eastern Irrigation Association, and the Alamo Ditch Company on the feelings of these Kansas ditches on the Trinidad Project. He said that the three ditch associations had submitted identical resolutions in which they suggested five changes for the operating principles for the Trinidad Project. Mr. Smrha suggested that a copy of these resolutions should be put in the minutes showing that this is the opinion of certain of the Kansas ditches. The resolution is included as Appendix A to these minutes. After some discussion on the Trinidad Project Report, being considered by Kansas, Mr. Smrha said that the Kansas Water Resources Board had handed its comments on the operating principles to the Governor of Kansas on December 12th. Mr. Smrha's motion that the Chairman's report be accepted was seconded by Mr. Bentrup and passed by vote of the states.

Mr. Lane Hackett gave the Secretary's Report as follows:

### SECRETARY'S REPORT

December 13, 1966

Requests to both Colorado and Kansas for funds which were appropriated to meet the expenses of the Administration's 1966 and 1967 Budget were mailed to each State, July 6, 1966. Colorado's voucher in the amount of \$3,189.00 was received and deposited in the First National Bank August 4, 1966. The Kansas voucher for \$2,126.00 was received and deposited August 15, 1966.

Answering calls, correspondence, keeping in touch with the Corps of Engineers, and issuing change release orders to meet the State's demands has continued to be performed by the Secretary. Some travel has been necessary to substantiate inflows between John Martin Reservoir and the State Line and to obtain gage heights at U.S.G.S. gaging stations.

Fifty change orders were issued during the irrigation season with the gates being ordered closed at 0830 November 1st. An order for 25 c.f.s. river flow was issued for Colorado at that time. On December 6th, the release was cut to 10 c.f.s. and on December 12th the gates were ordered closed.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Lane L. Hackett  
Secretary, A.R.C.A.

Mr. Smrha moved that the Secretary's Report be accepted, Mr. Hofmeister seconded the motion, and it was passed by vote of the states.

Mr. Hofmeister then gave the Treasurer's Report as follows:

ARKANSAS RIVER COMPACT ADMINISTRATION

Treasurer's Report

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>VOUCHER NO.</u> | <u>PAYEE AND PURPOSE</u>                            | <u>AMOUNT</u> |
|-------------|--------------------|---|---------------|
| 12-21-65    | 443                | Mountain States Telephone - Nov. 1965 Service       | \$ 18.45      |
| 1-6-66      | 444                | U.S. Treasurer - Fourth Quarter Soc. Security, 1965 | 21.75         |
| 1-6-66      | 445                | Hackett Smartt - Fourth Quarter Salary 1965         | 289.13        |
| 1-6-66      | 446                | A. Marvin Strait-Audit & Financial Statement, 1965  | 75.00         |
| 1-6-66      | 447                | Mountain States Telephone - Dec. 1965 Service       | 19.44         |
| 2-7-66      | 448                | U.S.G.S. Second Quarter Cooperative Agreement       | 500.00        |
| 2-7-66      | 449                | Mountain States Telephone - Jan. 1966 Service       | 12.48         |
| 3-7-66      | 450                | Mountain States Telephone - Feb. 1966 Service       | 3.20          |
| 3-7-66      | 451                | Lamar Typewriter Company - Office Supplies          | 31.00         |
| 4-4-66      | 452                | Mountain States Telephone - March 1966 Service      | 25.29         |
| 4-4-66      | 453                | U.S. Treasurer-First Quarter Soc. Sec. 1966         | 25.20         |
| 4-4-66      | 454                | Lane L. Hackett - First Quarter Salary, 1966        | 287.40        |
| 4-18-66     | 455                | U.S.G.S. Third Quarter Cooperative Agreement        | 4,500.00      |
| 4-18-66     | 456                | Lane L. Hackett - Postage                           | 6.20          |
| 5-7-66      | 457                | Mountain States Telephone-April, 1966 Service       | 22.16         |
| 5-7-66      | 458                | Peerless Printing Company - Printing Annual Report  | 748.00        |
| 6-2-66      | 459                | Mountain States Telephone-May, 1966 Service         | 19.92         |
| 7-1-66      | 460                | U.S.G.S. Fourth Quarter Cooperative Agreement       | 500.00        |
| 7-1-66      | 461                | Void  | -----         |
| 7-1-66      | 462                | Robinson Printing - Office Supplies                 | 33.50         |
| 7-1-66      | 463                | Mountain States Telephone - June, 1966 Service      | 17.32         |
| 7-1-66      | 464                | U.S. Treasurer-Fourth Quarter Soc. Sec. 1966        | 25.20         |
| 7-1-66      | 465                | Lane L. Hackett - Fourth Quarter Salary, 1966       | 287.40        |
| 8-2-66      | 466                | Schoenith Office Equipment Co.-Office Supplies      | 61.90         |
| 8-2-66      | 467                | Mountain States Telephone - July, 1966 Service      | 21.87         |
| 9-1-66      | 468                | Mountain States Telephone, - Aug., 1966 Service     | 21.35         |
| 9-27-66     | 469                | Lane L. Hackett-First Quarter Salary & Travel Exp.  | 409.56        |
| 9-27-66     | 470                | U.S. Treasurer - First Quarter Soc. Sec., 1966      | 25.20         |
| 10-3-66     | 471                | Milne-Hill Agents, Inc. - Treasurer Bond            | 15.00         |
| 10-3-66     | 472                | Mountain States Telephone - Sept. 1966 Service      | 16.27         |
| 10-8-66     | 473                | U.S.G.S.-First Quarter Cooperative Agreement        | 500.00        |
|             |                    | TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS                                 | 8,539.19      |
| 8-66        |                    | First National Bank - Service Charge                | .35           |
|             |                    | TOTAL   | \$ 8,539.54   |

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|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Balance on Hand November 1, 1965 | \$ 7,934.25     |
| Revenue From Assessments         | <u>5,315.00</u> |
|                                  | 13,249.25       |
| Less Disbursements               | <u>8,539.54</u> |
| Balance on Hand October 31, 1966 | \$ 4,709.71     |

Mr. Bentrup's motion, seconded by Mr. Green, that the Treasurer's Report be accepted was passed by vote of the states.

Mr. Hofmeister then presented the Auditor's Report of the accounts of the Compact Administration. This was briefly discussed and Mr. Smrha then moved that the Auditor's Report be accepted and included in the Annual Report of the Administration. Mr. Green seconded the motion and it was passed by vote of the states.

Mr. Green reported for the Administrative and Legal Committee, and said that it had had a short meeting prior to this meeting and had passed a resolution wishing all the members of the Compact Administration, all ditch companies, all irrigators, all visitors to the meeting and all persons interested in the Compact Administration, a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Mr. Smrha moved, and Mr. Bentrup seconded that the report of the Administrative and Legal Committee be accepted. This was passed by vote of the states.

Mr. Smrha then reported for the Engineering Committee and said that it had no assignment, and therefore no report.

Mr. Hackett then read the Operations Committee Report which is as follows:

#### OPERATIONS REPORT

June 8 through December 13, 1966

Releases to meet the States demands through June ranged from 700 to 1,000 c.f.s. with 500 c.f.s., the maximum demanded by either state. July 18th a 1,250 c.f.s. release was ordered and held for 6 days. The minimum release for July was 700 c.f.s. For the remainder of the irrigation season, demands were considerably less.

The gates were closed for only two days of the entire season when Mud and Caddoa Creeks ran an estimated 1,500 c.f.s. for a short time August 12th and 13th. Releases were generally held below state's demands as return flow in the lower basin and rains on Cheyenne and Horse Creeks helped considerably in meeting demands for Kansas.

For the year: Kansas Demands - - 122,143 Acre Feet  
Colorado Demands - - 158,360 Acre Feet

A total of 50 change orders were given for the season. Colorado called for 25 c.f.s. river flow November 1st. Gates were ordered closed December 12, 1966.

Storage Midnight November 1, 1966 - - 185,641 Acre Feet  
Midnight December 12, 1966 - - 188,394 Acre Feet

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ ERNEST HOFMEISTER  
Chairman

A general discussion followed upon the usage of water during the past year, and the operation of the Reservoir. Mr. Buchhagen said that there was more water in the reservoir at the end of the irrigation season than at the end of July. Mr. Moor said that the peak flow on the Purgatoire River had been 17,000 c.f.s. in September. Mr. Bentrup's motion that the Operating Committee Report be accepted was seconded by Mr. Smrha and passed by vote of the states.

#### OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

There being no unfinished business before the Administration, the Chairman said he would pass on to the new business.

He called for the election of officers. Mr. Green moved that all the present officers of the Administration be elected unanimously for the coming year, and that all committee appointments be the same as for the past year with the same Chairmen to serve. Mr. Reyher seconded the motion and it was passed by vote of the states.

Advance copies of the Annual Report of the Administration were distributed by Mr. Boydston. In going through the report, Mr. Smrha noted that the Budget for 1967-1968 had not been formally adopted by the Administration and that he proposed some action on this for the official record. Mr. Smrha then moved that the proposed budget for 1967-1968 as contained in the advance copy of the Annual Report be adopted and that copies be sent to the Governors of both Kansas and Colorado under the terms of the Compact. Mr. Reyher seconded the motion and it was passed by vote of the states.

Mr. Bell then read a letter from the Peerless Printing Company bidding for the printing of the Annual Report. After a brief discussion, Mr. Bentrup moved that the Annual Report be approved subject to corrections and that the bid of the Peerless Printing Company for 400 copies be accepted. Mr. Hofmeister seconded the motion and it passed by vote of the states.

Mr. Bell asked if there were any remarks from members of the Administration or from the audience. Mr. Boydston asked Mr. Smrha when Kansas would be ready for a meeting to discuss the Trinidad Project. Mr. Smrha said that the Governor's report or comments should be out within about a week and that after they were submitted to the Bureau of Reclamation, then it would be up to the Bureau of Reclamation to make such corrections in the operating procedures as they saw fit from the comments. Mr. Boydston said that the Bureau of Reclamation was very anxious to get this project underway and that the Hohne ditch company had signed the repayment contract, and thus most of the objections to the project had been met with the exception of the Kansas comments. He said that he hoped that this project could be considered by the Compact Administration very soon.

Mr. Smrha said that the Administration was very sorry to hear that the Chairman would be retiring, but was glad to know that he would serve until a new Chairman could be appointed.

There being no other business to come before the Compact Administration, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 11:40 A.M.

APPENDIX A

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS: The Arkansas River Compact ratified by the states of Colorado and Kansas and approved by the Congress of the United States of America pertains to the development and apportionment of waters of the river; and

WHEREAS: The Arkansas River Compact Administration by action of July 12, 1955, recognized a serious flood control problem at Trinidad, Colorado on the Purgatoire River, tributary to the Arkansas River, and approved a project for flood control and other purposes known as the Trinidad Project, Colorado, subject to an operating procedure to be approved by the affected water users in Colorado and Kansas, the State of Kansas, and the Administration; and

WHEREAS: The Bureau of Reclamation of the United States Department of Interior has submitted an Irrigation Report on the Trinidad Project, Colorado, dated July 1964 (revised September 1964) to which is appended, Operating Principles Trinidad Dam and Reservoir Project, and

WHEREAS: The Operating Principles as proposed by the Bureau of Reclamation are not acceptable to the affected water users in Kansas;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the (see note /1), a Kansas water user in the Arkansas River Valley does not approve the Operating Principles for the irrigation features of the Trinidad Project as proposed by the Bureau of Reclamation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Operating Principles not be approved until the Bureau of Reclamation and signatory parties revise and amend said Operating Principles to reflect the following conditions:

1. That all river flows into Trinidad Reservoir in excess of established Colorado water rights (1156.05 cfs) be designated flood flows and be released as promptly as downstream conditions permit. The only time this water will be permitted to become conservation storage will be when there is a probability of spill from John Martin Reservoir.

2. That in the absence of any quantitative determination of water right use in Colorado, close adherence to the Operating Principles be observed to assure that there will be no significant increase in water use which would result in depletion of water yield to other Colorado and Kansas water users.

3. That five years after beginning operations of the Trinidad Reservoir for irrigation purposes, the Operating Principles be reviewed to determine the effect, if any, which operation has had on other Colorado and Kansas water users to be followed by appropriate amendments with approval by the affected interests. Each 10 years thereafter, reviews should be provided.

4. That all operating records be open for inspection by any qualified representative of the Arkansas River Compact Administration.

5. That any future changes or amendments to the Operating Principles be subject to review and approval by the State of Kansas and affected water users as well as the Compact Administration before they become effective.

DONE in official action at \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ On this 7th day of December , 1966 by

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(See note /1 )

(Seal)

/1 Identical resolutions signed by:

Finney County Water Users Association.  
Great Eastern Irrigation Association.  
Alamo Ditch Company.



May 18, 1966

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

ARKANSAS RIVER COMPACT ADMINISTRATION

June 8, 1966  
Court House  
Lamar, Colorado

There will be a meeting of the Arkansas River Compact Administration on Wednesday, June 8, 1966 at 9:30 A.M. in the Court House at Lamar, Colorado.

AGENDA

1. Consideration of operating principles of the Trinidad Project.
2. Such other Business as may come before the Administration.

ARKANSAS RIVER COMPACT ADMINISTRATION