

MINUTES  
of  
ORGANIZATION MEETING  
of the  
ARKANSAS RIVER COMPACT ADMINISTRATION

Friday, July 22, 1949

John Martin Dam

Caddoa, Colorado

Attendance:

Brig.-Gen. Hans Kramer, San Francisco, Calif.; Federal Representative and Chairman of the Administration.

For Colorado--

Harry B. Mendenhall, Rocky Ford, Colo.; Chairman, Colorado Representatives.

Harry C. Nevius, Lamar, Colorado.

Clifford H. Stone, Denver; Director, Colorado Water Conservation Board.

For Kansas--

Geo. S. Knapp, Topeka, Kansas; Chairman, Kansas Representatives.

W. E. Leavitt, Garden City, Kansas.

Absent--

Roland H. Tate, Garden City, Kansas; Representative for Kansas.

Others Attending--

Francis M. Bell, Denver, District Engineer, U.S.G.S.

Carl G. Paulsen, Washington, D. C.; Chief Hydraulics Engineer U.S.G.S.

Stanley O. Fish, Albuquerque, N. M.; Army Engineers Office.

Ray E. Peterson, Denver, Adm. Asst., Colorado Water Conservation Board.

John S. Sharer, Caddoa, Colorado; Reservoir Manager, John Martin Dam.

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MORNING SESSION

Meeting was called to order at 11:15 a. m. by Chairman Kramer.

Ray E. Peterson, Denver, was appointed as Acting Secretary.

Chairman Kramer presented contents of telegram received from the White House, designating Kramer as Federal Representative on the Administration and its Chairman.

Chairman Kramer suggested that credentials for the Representatives of Colorado and Kansas be submitted for the Administration files. Rep. Stone, Colorado, presented duplicate official copies of Governor Knous' letters of appointment of Harry Mendenhall, Harry C. Nevius and Clifford H. Stone. Rep. Knapp, Kansas, exhibited the official certificates of appointment for Kansas representatives, George Knapp, W. E. Leavitt and Roland H. Tate, and stated that official duplicates would be filed later for the record.

Rep. Leavitt reported illness prevented the attendance of Rep. Tate, but that Rep. Tate expected to be present for future sessions of the Administration.

Having determined a quorum present, the Chairman declared the meeting ready to transact business.

In response to an inquiry by the Chairman, Rep. Knapp said Kansas was still at work on the assignment of mimeographing the minutes of Commission Meeting No. 17 held in Denver, Colorado. He said this work would be expedited as much as possible.

Rep. Stone inquired as to arrangements made by Kansas, in behalf of the Compact Commission, for the issuing of sets of the Official Record of the Commission, and particularly arrangements for indexing the official record. Rep. Stone suggested that the Index be included with the Record Sets when bound, but Chairman Kramer indicated that the Index may be prepared separately so as not to delay assembling of the Record Sets for the 17 meetings of the Commission.

Chairman Kramer and Rep. Stone discussed advisability of requesting printed reports on the United States Senate hearings on the Arkansas River Compact, for inclusion in Compact records, along with other historical and official documents.

It was moved that the Administration deem Senate hearing reports essential for the complete Compact records, and that Rep. Stone be authorized to make proper contacts in Washington to secure printed copies of the Senate hearings. The motion was seconded, and on vote, was declared unanimously carried.

Following general discussion, decision was reached to bind 10 sets of the Official Records for the files of the State of Colorado, the State of Kansas and of the Federal Representative.

The Chairman submitted for the consideration of the Administration, Committee assignments, and duties of each Committee named, reading as follows:

SUGGESTED ORGANIZATION

FOR

ARKANSAS RIVER COMPACT ADMINISTRATION

Standing Committee	Membership	Duties	Compact Articles	Remarks
Administrative and Legal	Stone, Tate; (Kramer, ex-officio)	Budget and Accounting; By-Laws, Rules and Regulations; Secretariat - (Office personnel, equipment, records, etc.); Annual Reports; Legal Matters	VIII-E(1),(2),(3) VIII-B(1) VIII-F  VIII-J All	Engineering material to be prepared by Engineer- ing Committee
Engineering	Knapp, Nevius (Kramer, ex-officio)	Gaging Stations; Engineering Data	) VIII-G(1),(2),(3) )	Conference with U.S. Geological Survey, Corps of Engineers, Colo. State Engr., Kans. State Engr. (and possibly Bureau of Reclamation)
Operations	Mendenhall, Leavitt (Kramer, ex-officio)	Releases and Storage, John Martin Dam;  Violations	V   VIII-H	Rules of procedure sub- ject to approval by Dist. Engineer (Art VIII-B(1))
Executive	Kramer, Knapp, Stone	General Supervision; Special Situations	) All	Of doubtful necessity

After discussion, it was moved that the Committee set-up suggested by Chairman Kramer be adopted, with general duties as outlined on the chart submitted by the Chairman, but eliminating the Executive Committee.

The motion was duly seconded, and on vote being taken was unanimously carried and declared adopted.

Rep. Knapp proposed that the Administration select one of its own members to serve as Secretary. Chairman Kramer suggested title of "Acting Secretary", as later setup may involve a permanent secretary from outside of Administration personnel. Rep. Stone suggested that an Administration member be titled as Secretary, and that conditions later may require an Assistant Secretary from outside the Administration to assist in details and field routine.

Motion was made that it be the sense of the Administration that a Permanent Secretary be selected from the Administration personnel. On being seconded, and on vote being taken, the motion was declared unanimously adopted.

Rep. Knapp nominated Rep. Harry Nevius for Secretary, seconded by Rep. Mendenhall. There were no additional nominations. On vote, Harry Nevius was declared elected unanimously as secretary.

Rep. Stone announced that Rep. Mendenhall would serve as Chairman of the Colorado Representatives and would be spokesman for Colorado on roll calls. Rep. Knapp was designated for similar role for Kansas.

Secretary Nevius announced he wished Ray E. Peterson to continue as secretary for the organization meeting, serving as his proxy to take the proceedings and to prepare the minutes thereon.

Administration members discussed possible setup in personnel for handling water allocations under the Compact, particularly the availability of Robert McGrath, District Water Commissioner for the State of Colorado, who is a member of the staff of the Colorado State Engineer. The matter was referred to the Operations Committee for study.

In discussion of sites for Administration headquarters, Rep. Knapp proposed selection of Lamar, Colorado.

Motion was made, and seconded, that Lamar, Colorado, be designated as the headquarters location of the Arkansas River Compact Administration. On vote being taken, the motion was declared unanimously adopted.

Rep. Knapp announced that during the period Rep. Tate of Kansas is absent due to illness, Rep. Leavitt would substitute for Rep. Tate on the Administrative and Legal Committee.

Discussion was had on funds made available to the Administration by Colorado and Kansas. Rep. Stone reported the Colorado Legislature had provided \$4,000 for the biennium. Rep. Knapp told the Administration he had not checked the exact figure of the Kansas appropriation, but he believed Kansas had set up an available \$4,000 a year, if needed, but that in any event money sufficient to match Colorado on the basis of Colorado 60 per cent and Kansas 40 per cent was assured. Rep. Knapp said he would ascertain the exact figures of the Kansas appropriation and report to the Administration.

Chairman Kramer recommended that general meetings of the Administration be public sessions, open to the press and interested persons, and that executive sessions of the Administration be held only if particular circumstances warrant.

Motion was made and seconded that it be the policy of the Administration to make its meetings open to the public, and that the place and time of meetings be announced to the public, except in cases where the Administration determines to hold an executive session. On vote, the motion was declared unanimously adopted.

The Administration recessed at 12:40 o'clock, for a luncheon served at the John Martin Dam administration building, at which Mr. and Mrs. John S. Sharer were host and hostess.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION

The meeting was called to order at 2 o'clock by Chairman Kramer.

The Chairman introduced Francis M. Bell, Denver, District Engineer USGS, and Mr. Carl G. Paulsen, Washington, D. C., Chief Hydraulics Engineer USGS, and requested them to outline facilities and functions of the United States Geological Survey which are available in a cooperative program for carrying out the provisions of the Arkansas River Compact.

Also introduced was Stanley O. Fish, representative of the Albuquerque district office of the Corps of Engineers. Rep. Knapp said discussions should be had with the Army Engineers to recognize gaging stations maintained by the Corps of Engineers as Compact stations on the river.

Mr. Paulsen pledged the cooperation of the USGS in the administering of the Arkansas River Compact, explaining that USGS had a responsibility to cooperate in matters affecting the water supply of the United States. He recommended that joint effort be made to channel federal funds for key gaging stations directly to the USGS, to expedite the program.

Chairman Kramer mentioned that the administration of the Compact, primarily, depends on four key gaging stations -- two above the Dam, one at the Dam and one at the Stateline, with the Stateline station the most important in the group.

It was agreed and decided that the Engineering Committee will draw up a program as a basis for a request for federal funds to finance interstate compact stations, for inclusion in the new federal budget estimates soon to be prepared for congressional consideration.

Chairman Kramer suggested that the Administration go on record favoring a policy that the four gaging stations essential to the administration of the Compact be operated for the remainder of the present fiscal year in the manner in which they are presently being operated.

Rep. Stone proposed that each of the interested States make effort to secure future appropriations earmarked directly to USGS for the Compact gaging stations program, and to secure such appropriations as soon as can be accomplished.

Motion was made and seconded that it be the policy of the Administration that every effort be made through the Engineering Committee to make necessary arrangements for maintenance and operation of gaging stations in the manner in which they are now being maintained and operated through June 30, 1950, and that the Administration request USGS to include in its new budget estimates necessary funds to operate and maintain such stations subsequent to June 30, 1950. On vote, the motion was declared unanimously adopted.

After general discussion Chairman Kramer announced that the next meeting of the Administration will be at Lamar, Colorado, on Monday, September 12, 1949, at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon at the Prowers county courthouse.

Secretary Nevius was authorized to contact the Prowers County Commissioners to make a request that office space for the Administration be provided in the Prowers county courthouse, to provide the Administration with an official mail address.

Mr. Fish conveyed the greetings of his chief, Col. Joseph Killian, of the Albuquerque district office of the Corps of Engineers, and expressed Colonel Killian's regret for not being able to attend the Administration organization meeting. He said that Colonel Killian invited the Administration to meet at the John Martin Dam any time it so desired.

The meeting adjourned at 3:40 o'clock.

Ray E. Peterson  
Acting Secretary

Harry C. Nevius  
Administration Secretary

(These Minutes were approved by action of the Arkansas River Compact Administration on Monday, September 12, 1949.)