

MINUTES OF  
ARKANSAS RIVER COMPACT ADMINISTRATION  
ANNUAL MEETING  
December 11, 1956

COURT HOUSE  
LAMAR, COLORADO

Attendance -

For Colorado:

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

For the United States:

Brig. Gen. Hans Kramer, San Francisco, Calif.; Chairman of the  
Administration

Absent:

Ivan C. Crawford, Denver; Director Colorado Water Conservation Board

Others Attending:

Guy M. Vincent,	Kans. Div. of Water Resources	Garden City, Kansas
R. J. McGrath,	Water Commissioner #67	Lamar, Colorado
F. C. Snyder,	Div. Eng. I. D. #2	Pueblo, Colorado
Francis M. Bell,	District Eng. U.S.G.S.	Denver, Colorado
Ross W. Moor,	U.S.G.S.	Lamar, Colorado
John T. Martin,	Corps of Engineers	Albuquerque, N. M.
Robert A. Buckhagen,	Corps of Engineers	John Martin Dam
Charles E. Keliher,	U.S.G.S.	Lamar, Colorado
George W. Colburn,	C.W.C.B.	Denver, Colorado

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Attendance as on Roster (attached)

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kramer at 9:30 A. M.

General Kramer noted that Colorado Representative Ivan C. Crawford was absent because of an unavoidable conflict in dates for meetings he was required to attend.

After editing and correcting the minutes of the Administration Meeting of October 26, 1956, on motion by Judge Tate, which Mr. Nevius seconded, the Administration voted to approve the minutes as corrected.

General Kramer reported as Chairman and Representative of the United States that he had received two communications from the District Engineer, Albuquerque District, Corps of Engineers, as follows:

CORPS OF ENGINEERS, U. S. ARMY  
Office of the District Engineer  
ALBUQUERQUE DISTRICT  
Box 1538  
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Refer to file No. SWKGW-2

23 Nov. 1956

SUBJECT: Partial Revised Area-Capacity Table for John Martin Reservoir

TO: Hans Kramer, Brig. Gen., U.S.A. (Ret.)  
Chairman and Representative of the U.S.  
Arkansas River Compact Administration  
417 Montgomery Street  
San Francisco 4, California

Dear General Kramer:

The area-capacity table for John Martin Reservoir, dated 1 March 1956, has been revised below elevation 3807.0, effective 1 December 1956. Sheets 1 through 5 showing this revision are inclosed.

Sincerely yours,

1 Incl  
Area Capacity Table  
(5 sheets)

R. C. WOODSON  
Chief, Engineering Division

CORPS OF ENGINEERS, U. S. ARMY  
Office of the District Engineer  
ALBUQUERQUE DISTRICT  
P. O. Box 1538  
Albuquerque, New Mexico

File No. SWKGW-2

SUBJECT: Low-Level Area Capacity Table, John Martin Reser-  
voir, Colorado

TO: Hans Kramer, Brig. Gen., USA (Ret.)  
Chairman and Representative of the United States  
Arkansas River Compact Administration  
417 Montgomery Street  
San Francisco 4, California

Dear General Kramer:

Reference is made to letter SWKGW-2, Subject:  
"Partial Revised Area-Capacity Table for John Martin Reservoir",  
dated 23 November 1956, which transmitted revised copies of the  
subject capacity table.

The problem of low-level capacity at John Martin Res-  
ervoir has been a matter of concern to me for some time. I was  
pleased to hear that you had appointed a technical committee at the  
October meeting of the Compact Administration to consider this  
problem and that this committee reached agreement on a solution  
at their meeting on 14 November 1956 at Lamar. I concur in the  
criteria adopted and methods employed in revising the capacity  
table. It is believed that capacities obtained from the analysis  
of reservoir drawdown data obtained during April 1956 are rea-  
sonably accurate and will obviate the necessity for a physical sur-  
vey at this time.

It is hoped that the revised area-capacity table furn-  
ished with the above-referenced letter will meet the requirements  
of the Compact Administration and that continued use may be made  
of drawdown data for this purpose, pending a reservoir resurvey  
at some future time when a large volume of water is in storage.

Sincerely yours,

S/ Robert E. Cron, Jr.  
Robert E. Cron, Jr.  
Colonel, CE  
District Engineer

Chairman Kramer asked that comment be deferred on these letters until later in the meeting.

Mr. Nevius stated that Congressman Chenoweth had written the Administration regretting he was unable to be present. His letter follows:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Trinidad, Colorado  
December 7, 1956

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

Dear Harry:

I greatly regret that an engagement in Pueblo will prevent me from being in Lamar on next Tuesday. I had hoped to extend personal greetings to the members of the Arkansas River Compact Administration at your meeting Tuesday morning.

I wish you would convey my greetings and very best personal wishes to each member of the Administration. I want to take this opportunity to again thank you for your many courtesies. I wish you a successful meeting.

I also wish to take this opportunity to wish each of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Cordially,

/s/ Judge  
J. Edgar Chenoweth, M. C.

Chairman Kramer remarked that the Administration regretted that the Congressman could not be at this meeting and wished to assure him that he had a continuing invitation to attend any future meetings that his schedule would permit.

Mr. Nevius continued by stating that he had made the calls as authorized on October 26, 1956, to the respective states for their share of the Administration's budget covering the fiscal year ending June 30, 1957.

At the same time Mr. Nevius had transmitted the Administration's budget for the fiscal year July 1, 1957 to June 30, 1958, to the proper state officials.

In the October 26, 1956 meeting, authorization had been given Secretary Nevius to enter into a cooperative agreement for the Administration with the U. S. Geological Survey. This agreement had been signed and now placed in the record:

Surface Water

COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT  
FOR INVESTIGATION OF WATER RESOURCES

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THIS AGREEMENT is entered into as of the 1st day of July, 1956, by the GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, party of the first part, and the Arkansas River Compact Administration, party of the second part.

1. The parties hereto agree that subject to the availability of appropriations and in accordance with their respective authorities there shall be maintained in cooperation an investigation of the water resources of the Arkansas River basin.

2. The following amounts shall be contributed to cover all of the cost of the necessary field and office work directly related to this investigation, but excluding any general administrative or accounting work in the office of either party and excluding the cost of publication by either party of the results of the investigation:

(a) \$ 500 by the party of the first part during the period July 1, 1956 to June 30, 1957 of which amount a portion may be held in reserve, for later release if funds permit, in order that the available Federal funds may be distributed proportionately among the cooperating States and municipalities.

(b) \$ 500 by the party of the second part during the period July 1, 1956 to June 30, 1957

(c) Additional amounts by each party during the above period or succeeding periods as may be determined by mutual agreement and set forth in an exchange of letters between the parties.

3. Expenses incurred in the performance of this investigation may be paid by either party in conformity with the laws and regulations respectively governing each party, provided that so far as may be mutually agreeable all expenses shall be paid in the first instance by the party of the first part with appropriate reimbursement thereafter by the party of the second part. Each party shall furnish to the other party such statements or reports of expenditures as may be needed to satisfy fiscal requirements.

4. The field and office work pertaining to this investigation shall be under the direction of an authorized representative of the party of the first part.

5. The areas to be investigated and the scope of the investigation shall be determined by mutual agreement between the parties hereto or their authorized representatives. The methods of investigation shall be those usually followed by the party of the first part subject to modification by mutual agreement.

6. During the progress of the work all operations of either party pertaining to this investigation shall be open to the inspection of the other party, and if the work is not being carried on in a mutually satisfactory manner, either party may terminate this agreement upon 60 days written notice to the other party.

7. The records and reports resulting from this investigation shall be released for public inspection as promptly as possible. Both parties shall have the privilege of publishing the reports, provided that the reports published by either party shall contain a statement of the cooperative relations between the parties.

GEOLOGICAL SURVEY  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

By /s/ R. N. Lyddan  
Acting Director

Arkansas River Compact Administration

By /s/ Harry C. Nevius  
Secretary-Treasurer

As Treasurer, Mr. Nevius presented his report concerning the Report-Year ending October 31, 1956. Without objection it was placed in the record as follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance on hand October 31, 1955, Auditor's Report		\$ 1,251.63
Receipts		
Call authorized October 28, 1955	\$2,400.00	
Colorado 60% 12-16-55	1,440.00	
Kansas 40% 12-31-55	<u>960.00</u>	
		<u>2,400.00</u>
		\$ 3,651.63

(Treasurer's Report - Continued)

Bal. of Receipts Forwarded:

\$ 3,651.63

Disbursements by the Administration--November 1, 1955 - October 31, 1956

Voucher

No.	Date	Payee and Purpose	Amount
166	12-31-55	Secretary Salary, Nov & Dec (less \$4.00 F.I.C.A.)	196.00
167	1- 8-56	H. R. Meininger Co. Supplies	4.50
168		Mtn States T & T Co Nov & Dec Service & Tolls	25.95
169		Robert W. Rollins, Audit & Service	65.00
170		Treasurer of U.S. Deposits by States	12.00
171	3- 8-56	Peerless Printing Co. Charts	46.00
172		Secretary Salary, Jan & Feb (less \$4.00 F.I.C.A.)	196.00
173		Mtn States T & T Co. Jan & Feb Service & Tolls	16.90
174		Peerless Printing Co. Printing Annual Reports	476.00
175	4-30-56	U.S. Geological Survey, Cooperative Stream Gaging	346.25
176		Secretary Salary March & April (less \$4.00 F.I.C.A.)	196.00
177		Treasurer of U.S. Deposits by States	4.00
178		Mtn States T & T Co., March & April Service & Tolls	35.73
179	6-30-56	U.S. Geological Survey, Bal. Cooperative Stream Gaging	153.75
180		Mtn States T & T Co., May & June Service & Tolls	26.40
181		Secretary Salary, May & June (less \$4.00 F.I.C.A.)	196.00
182		Secretary, Stamps, 12.00; Mileage 52.80	64.80
183		Treasurer of U.S., Deposits by States	16.00
184	9- 5-56	J. L. Wade, Agent, Nat. Surety Co., Treasurers Bond	25.00
185		Mtn States T & T Co., July & Aug Service & Tolls	60.65
186		Schoenith Office Equip Co., Supplies	7.82
187		Secretary's Salary, July & Aug (less \$4.00 F.I.C.A.)	196.00
188	10-15-56	Mtn States T & T Co. Sept. Service & Tolls	22.55
189		Secretary Mileage	62.40
190		Secretary Salary, Sept. (less \$2.00 F.I.C.A.)	98.00
191		Treasurer of U.S. Deposits by States	8.00
192	10-31-56	Mtn States T & T Co. Oct. Service & Tolls	16.20
193		Secretary Salary, Oct. (less \$2.00 F.I.C.A.)	98.00
194		Treasurer of U.S. Deposits by States	8.00

\$ 2,679.90

Balance on Hand October 31, 1956

\$ 971.73

Mr. Nevius presented a letter from the Social Security Administration.  
This communication follows:

In Reply Refer To  
File No. 14:WR:M

DEPARTMENT OF  
HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE  
SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

December 7, 1956

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

The 1956 amendments to the Social Security Act provide for a change, effective with all wages paid on and after January 1, 1957, through December 31, 1959, which increases the contribution rate from 4% to 4½%.

We have not prepared any material for distribution by the States to the reporting entities as we did in the latter part of 1953 when the contribution rate was last increased effective January 1, 1954. The reason for this is that many States found it necessary to supplement our notice because of the various financial arrangements between the State agencies and the reporting entities. Unlike private employment, where under the Federal Insurance Contributions Act the employee is liable for his share of the tax, States are liable for the entire contribution amount due. Whatever arrangement a State may have for obtaining the money for the payment of contributions is strictly an intrastate matter.

It has come to our attention that a number of reporting problems have arisen because of Circular E (Employer's Tax Guide) issued by the Internal Revenue Service. These Circulars are used by State and local governmental entities as well as by private employers for determining income tax withholding responsibilities and liabilities. Reporting entities of State and local governmental units have been applying the coverage provisions under the Federal Insurance Contributions Act as contained in the Circular for reporting under the Federal-State agreement. Since State and local governmental entities are not subject to the Federal Insurance Contributions Act they should, of course, report in accordance with



the terms of the agreement. It is therefore suggested that all State OASI Administrators call the attention of all reporting officials in their States to the fact that Circular E should not be used for the purpose of determining coverage under the agreement.

Your cooperation in this matter will be sincerely appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ J. L. Fay  
J. L. Fay  
Assistant Director

The Auditor's Report with a letter of transmittal was presented to the Administration. In absence of objection and because all was in order the Administration placed the letter and Report in the record:

ROBERT W. ROLLINS  
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT  
LA JUNTA, COLORADO

December 7, 1956

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, 1956, the following transmittal letter reduces to writing the arrangements made by us in connection with the various documents relating to the year under review.

(1) Original and three copies of audit report for the "Report Year" ended October 31, 1956, are enclosed herewith.

- (2) I am also returning herewith:
- (a) The combined Journal pages J-1 through J-9, 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 related bank statements and cancelled checks.
- (c) The Compact's copies of the Minutes of the meetings held during the current year.

(3) You are reminded at this time, of your calendar year end responsibilities relating to the filing of the Federal Form W-2 and the Colorado Form 109-2 early in January of 1957.

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,

/s/ Robert W. Rollins  
Robert W. Rollins

RWR/hj

ROBERT W. ROLLINS  
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT  
LA JUNTA, COLORADO

December 6, 1956

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 7th "Report Year"- November 1, 1955 to October 31, 1956. The results of the audit are expressed in the attached statement of cash receipts and disbursements, Schedule I, Page No.4. The following remarks are offered as additional information and tend to describe the extent of the audit work performed.

General Comments

Schedule I, reflects the beginning balance of cash in bank, revenue assessments received from the States of Colorado and Kansas, expenditures by classification and the ending balance of cash in bank.

As provided for in the budget of the Administration's Meeting of October 26, 1954, and authorized for call in the Minutes of the Meeting of December 13, 1955, funds due from Colorado (60% share) of \$1,440.00 and Kansas (40% share) of \$960.00, were received for the budget year ending June 30, 1956 and placed on deposit in the First National Bank in Lamar, Colorado on the respective dates of December 16, 1955 and December 31, 1955.

All disbursements were made by checks drawn on the Administration's account at the First National Bank in Lamar, Colorado. The individual checks were examined for amount, signature and endorsement. Amounts so expended were substantiated by verification to payee's statements, authorization of payment as evidenced in minutes of the Compact's meetings, or other supporting evidence.

Consistent with prior years practices, the Secretary's salary for the current year of \$1,200.00 has been reduced by the Old-Age and Survivor's Insurance deductions amounting to \$24.00 or 2% of the gross amount. This \$24.00 figure together with the Administration's contribution of like amount are shown under the classification of taxes on Schedule I.

Travel expenses of the Secretary for the fiscal year ending October 31, 1956 amounted to \$115.20 or 1,440 miles at \$0.08 per mile.

Payments made to the U. S. Treasurer totaling \$48.00 during the year were accompanied by related returns referring to Old Age and Survivor's Insurance information on the Secretary.

Cash in bank at October 31, 1956 per Schedule amounting to \$971.73 was reconciled to the amount directly confirmed by the First National Bank in Lamar, Colorado. A review of the Administration's bank statement at November 24, 1956 shows that all outstanding checks listed on Schedule I, with the exception of check No.194 for \$8.00 to the Treasurer of the U.S., had cleared the bank at that date.

The following summary compares the Administration's financial position at October 31, 1956 with that of a year ago.

Arkansas River Compact Administration  
Lamar, Colorado  
Comparative Balance Sheet

<u>Assets</u>	<u>October 31, 1956</u>	<u>October 31, 1955</u>	<u>Increase (Decrease)</u>
Cash in bank	\$ 971.73	\$1,251.63	\$(279.90)
Equipment (Portable typewriter)	92.50	92.50	-0-
<u>Total Assets</u>	<u>\$ 1,064.23</u>	<u>\$1,344.13</u>	<u>\$(279.90)</u>
 <u>Capital</u>			
Unexpended fund balance	\$ 971.73	\$1,251.63	\$(279.90)
Expended fund balance for equipment	92.50	92.50	-0-
<u>Total Capital</u>	<u>\$ 1,064.23</u>	<u>\$1,344.13</u>	<u>\$(279.90)</u>

Because the "Budget Year" covers the period July 1, 1955 to June 30, 1956, it has been necessary to combine related months of the last two "Report Years" in order to compare actual expenditures with related budgeted items. Such a comparison is set forth in the following summary:

<u>Comparison of Disbursements With Budget</u> <u>Budget Year July 1, 1955 to June 30, 1956</u>		
<u>Classification</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>	<u>Budget</u>
<u>Personal services</u>		
Secretary's salary	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
Taxes- O.A. and S.I.-Administrations share	26.00*	50.00
Gage reports	500.00	500.00
Professional services (audit of accounts)	65.00	75.00
<u>Capital outlay</u>	-0-	300.00
<u>Maintenance and operation</u>		
Bond- Treasurer	25.00	25.00
Printing	522.00	600.00
Official publications		100.00
Travel expense- Secretary	95.50	150.00
Typing and mailing	12.00	200.00
Investigation and inspection	-0-	150.00
Telephone and telegraph	181.58	300.00
Office supplies and repairs	14.39	150.00
<u>Totals</u>	<u>\$2,641.47</u>	<u>\$3,800.00</u>

\* It should be remembered, a year ago, at June 30, 1955, Compact's tax expense was short \$2.00 (\$1,200.00 x 2% equals \$24.00) consequently when adjustment was made, current expenditures are long \$2.00.

The Administration's Budget for the fiscal year July 1, 1956 to June 30, 1957, as approved in the Minutes of the Meeting of October 28, 1955, provided for expenditures totaling \$3,800.00. Of this, \$800.00 is to come from estimated excess of funds at June 30, 1956, supplemented by an appropriation of \$3,000.00 from the States of Colorado and Kansas in the respective amounts of \$1,800.00 and \$1,200.00.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Robert W. Rollins  
Robert W. Rollins  
Certified Public Accountant

Arkansas River Compact Administration  
Lamar, Colorado  
Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements  
November 1, 1955 to October 31, 1956  
(Refer to comments in text of audit)

Cash in bank at November 1, 1955 (per audit) \$1,251.63

Receipts

Revenue from assessments		
Colorado portion 60%	\$1,440.00	
Kansas portion 40%	960.00	
Sub total		<u>2,400.00</u>
<u>Total Available Funds</u>		<u>3,651.63</u>

Disbursements

Salary of secretary	\$1,200.00	
Less: O.A. and S.I. deductions	<u>24.00</u>	
Sub total		1,176.00
Printing- Annual report		522.00
Telephone and telegraph		204.38
Travel expense of secretary		115.20
Audit fee (fiscal year ended October 31, 1955)		65.00
Taxes O.A. and S.I. payments		
Deductions from employees	24.00	
Administration's portion	<u>24.00</u>	48.00
Premium on secretary-treasurer bond		25.00
Typing and mailing		12.00
Office supplies, stationery, etc.		12.32
Stream-gaging expense of U.S. Geological Survey		<u>500.00</u>
<u>Total Disbursements</u>		<u>2,679.90</u>

Cash in bank at October 31, 1956 \$ 971.73

Cash on deposit at First National Bank in Lamar

Per direct confirmation at October 31, 1956		\$1,101.93
Less: Outstanding checks of:		
No. 191 Treasurer of U. S.	8.00	
192 Mt. States Tel. & Tel. Co.	16.20	
193 Harry C. Nevius	98.00	
194 Treasurer of the U.S.	<u>8.00</u>	
Total outstanding checks		<u>130.20</u>
<u>Adjusted bank balance</u>		\$ 971.73

General Kramer said that, as an item of general information, he was in receipt of a letter from a lawyer in the Pacific Northwest who had requested information concerning the operation of the Compact Administration. General Kramer had sent copies of the Administration's several Annual Reports and Mr. Nevius was forwarding copies of the minutes for those meetings of which sufficient copies were available.

The Engineering Committee said it had no report, formal or informal. Mr. Bell stated that he had prepared all the tables required from his office for the Annual Report.

The Operations Committee said a verbal report was all that had been planned. River flow to 100 c.f.s. had been passing since the end of the irrigation season until 12:00 noon of November 7, 1956 at which time the gates were closed and winter storage commenced.

Mr. Snyder said, on question, that the Bessemer Ditch had been diverting most of the river flow to by-pass sewer construction in Pueblo. The water was dumped into Salt Creek for return to the river. Ice conditions had been recurrent and some difficulty had been experienced in keeping the ditch open, however, construction had been halted because of cold weather and the situation was returning to normal.

Mr. Snyder reported snow conditions were similar to the last several years with more in the Salida area than at Buena Vista. He said that a good sign for the next year was the fact that the early snows had been on the ground when later snows arrived.

Chairman Kramer said he was deferring until later in the meeting the report from the Administrative and Legal Committee.

General Kramer asked for the report of the Special Committee set up in the October Meeting to study low elevation reservoir capacities. Mr. Nevius, as Chairman, reported verbally that the Committee had had a meeting in Lamar. Water Commissioner McGrath had also been in the meeting. They had discussed and studied the various drawdowns of the reservoir and the conditions which reflected on the capacity table. He asked Mr. Martin for his comments.

Mr. Martin said his portion of the report was informal and reviewed the procedures used in reviewing the drawdowns in conjunction with the actual releases. This procedure resulted in a new capacity curve which, if it had been in use at the time of the drawdowns, would have made possible the forecast of the time of emptying the reservoir with a two hour limit, as far ahead as three days. A revised table based on this curve had been issued by the Corps of Engineers up to elevation 3807 Ft. Mr. Martin reported further that the Corps had reviewed the past tabulations and had reworked the tabulated capacity of the reservoir back to November 1, 1955 which will eliminate the inconsistencies noted in past releases.

General Kramer noted that the above capacity table had been transmitted to the Administration under effective date of December 1, 1956.

During the discussion which followed Mr. Snyder concurred in the findings of the committee if it was left open for future correction when needed.

Chairman Kramer commended the report and suggested that in view of the language contained in Paragraph V Section 6 of the By-Laws, which he quoted, the report be reduced to writing. He requested action by the Administration.

Mr. Smrha moved that the verbal report be accepted but that the committee be continued and that it prepare a formal report for the Administration's consideration at the next meeting. The second was by Mr. Mendenhall and on vote the motion carried.

Chairman Kramer said that the Special Committee had done excellent work in resolving the question.

Under new business Judge Tate moved that the proposed Ammendment to the By-Laws, included as required in the notice of the meeting, be adopted. Mr. Mendenhall seconded the motion and on vote it was carried.

The Ammendment is:

" Article VII, Paragraph 3 of the By-Laws of the Arkansas River Compact Administration shall be ammended to read:

' The Administration shall annually adopt and transmit to the Governor of each State, its budget covering anticipated expenses for the ensuing fiscal year, and the amount thereof payable by each State.' "

The Administration on motion by Mr. Mendenhall and seconded by Mr. Leavitt, unanimously reelected all incumbent officers for the ensuing year:

Chairman--Hans Kramer (Brig. General U.S.A.-Ret.)  
Vice-Chairman--Roland H. Tate of Garden City, Kansas  
Secretary--Harry C. Nevius of Lamar, Colorado  
Treasurer--Harry C. Nevius of Lamar, Colorado

Judge Tate moved that the Secretary receive compensation of \$100.00 per month plus necessary travel expenses for the ensuing year. Mr. Mendenhall seconded the motion, which, on vote, carried.

General Kramer stated it was his opinion there was no need to make any changes in the Standing Committees of the Administration and that, in the absence of objections, he would consider them as continuing:

Administrative and Legal Committees:  
Roland H. Tate of Kansas (Chairman) and  
Harry C. Nevius of Colorado

Engineering Committee:

R. V. Smrha of Kansas (Chairman) and  
Ivan C. Crawford of Colorado

Operations Committee:

Harry B. Mendenhall of Colorado (Chairman) and  
William E. Leavitt of Kansas

Hans Kramer, Representative of the United States is ex-officio member of all standing committees.

The Chairman requested a report by Mr. Nevius on the activity, in the Big Sandy Basin, under P. L. 566 under the mission assigned to him at the October 26, 1956 meeting.

Mr. Nevius said there did not seem to be great activity in that area. The activity seemed to be in the vicinity of Simla and on smaller tributaries. He had held a conference with the Colorado State Engineer who stated that the cooperation with the Soil Conservation Service was better than in the past. The requirement by the department was that unobstructed outlet tubes be used in all dams constructed by the service. No new filings for storage in that area could be recalled by the State Engineer. There had been some activity on Kiowa Creek, a tributary of the South Platte River. Mr. Nevius further commented that each of the ditch companies is watching the situation closely.

Mr. McGrath interposed that he had observed that it was mainly activity on the part of individuals rather than an organized effort by any agency.

Mr. Bell said his opinion was that this type of activity might eventually reduce runoff by 50%.

Since the Arkansas Valley Ditch Association and others are more closely concerned and affected, the Administration should watchfully await developments.

Mr. Smrha reviewed briefly the procedures and administration methods used in implementing activity under P. L. 566.

The Administration held considerable discussion concerning the activity of well drilling and its effect on conditions. Chairman Kramer reviewed P. L. 566 and quoted passages from it. Discussion ensued concerning advisability of requesting the Secretary of Agriculture to notify the Administration of any activity under this law. Mr. Mendenhall suggested that since the Arkansas Valley Ditch Association is in immediate touch, the Administration can be kept informed and use that agency as a gauge of activity.

General Kramer read Article IV-D and Article VIII-H of the Compact and stated that it was his opinion that the Administration had complied with these provisions.

It was the concensus of opinion that there was no occasion for further action by the Administration at this time. Chairman Kramer stated he thought Mr. Nevius had accomplished a great deal very successfully and thanked him for his efforts.

Recessed until 1:15 P. M.



Afternoon Session

The Administration reconvened at 1:15 P. M.

Chairman Kramer stated that, in accordance with the By-Laws, the next regular meeting of the Administration would be held in Lamar, Colorado on Tuesday, March 26, 1957.

General Kramer called on the Administrative and Legal Committee for its report. This consisted of editing the Annual Report from dummy copies prepared by Mr. Crawford's office.

After thorough discussions of the various features of the report, Judge Tate moved the Administration adopt the Annual Report as edited. Mr. Mendenhall seconded and, on vote, the motion was passed by the Administration.

It was further moved by Judge Tate and seconded by Mr. Mendenhall, that the Administration delegate the authority to publish the report to Mr. Crawford's office as in the past and for the same reasons. On vote the motion passed.

General Kramer reminded the Administration of the next regular meeting on Tuesday, March 26, 1957 in Lamar, Colorado.

General Kramer requested Mr. Martin to convey to the District Engineer, not only the Administration's, but also his personal thanks for past cooperation and to extend the appreciation of all for his courtesies.

No further business being presented, the meeting adjourned at 3:30 P. M.

The above minutes were approved by action of the Administration on March 29, 1957.

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Roland H. Tate  
Vice-Chairman

ATTEST:

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Harry C. Nevius  
Secretary