

MINUTES OF
ARKANSAS RIVER COMPACT ADMINISTRATION
SPECIAL MEETING

March 26, 1963
Court House
Lamar, Colorado

Attendance:

For Colorado:

L. R. Kuiper, Denver
Hacket Smartt, Lamar
David Jenkins, Las Animas

For Kansas:

Logan N. Green, Garden City, Vice-Chairman
Carl N. Bentrup, Deerfield
R. V. Smrha, Topeka

For the United States:

F. M. Bell, Denver, Chairman

Others Attending:

F. C. Snyder	Div. Engineer	Pueblo, Colo.
R. J. McGrath	Water Comm. #66 & #67	Lamar, Colo.
Guy M. Vincent	Ks. Div. Water Resources	Garden City, Ks.
Arthur C. Gordon	Various Colo. Ditches	Lamar, Colo.
J. W. Odell	USGS	Denver, Colo.
Wm. Pattie	Ft. Lyon Canal Co..	Las Animas, Colo.
John T. Martin	Corps of Engineers	Albuquerque, N.Mex.
Robert A. Buchhagen	Corps of Engineers	John Martin Dam, Colo.
George H. Russell	City Engineer	Lamar, Colo.
Wallace A. Doe	SECWC District	Pueblo, Colo.
Ross W. Moor	USGS	Lamar, Colo.
Sisto Guidotti	Amity Mutual Irrig.Co..	Bristol, Colo.
Harry C. Nevius	Amity Mutual Irrig.Co..	Lamar, Colo.
Fred L. Boydston, Jr.	Colo. Water Cons. Bd.	Denver, Colo.

Mr. Bell called the meeting to order at 9:40 A. M., and said that this meeting was called at the request of Kansas. As the first order of business he asked for consideration of the minutes of the last meeting. Mr. Green moved that the minutes of the annual meeting on December 11, 1962, be approved as written. Mr. Smartt seconded the motion, and it was passed by vote of the states.

Mr. Bell gave the report of the Chairman as follows:

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

On March 18, I received 22 copies of the 14th Annual Report of the Administration. In reviewing this report, I found that there was no mention of either of the changes in the By-laws made during the report year. This omission suggests the need for more careful review of the report prior to the time it goes to the printer.

In accordance with established custom, I have mailed copies of the report to the following Federal officials:

The President
Chief of Engineers, Washington, D. C.
Division Engineer, Dallas, Texas
District Engineer, Albuquerque, New Mexico
Chairman, Federal Power Commission
Director, U. S. Geological Survey
Secretary of Commerce
Secretary of the Interior
Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare
The Attorney General
Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation
Chief Engineer, Bureau of Reclamation
Director, Region 7, Bureau of Reclamation

At one of our meetings last year, we discussed briefly the desirability of having a group photograph of the present members of the Administration. Although no official action was taken, I judged the sentiment of the Administration to be favorable. Accordingly, I have asked the Secretary to arrange for a photographer to visit us at 11:00 A. M. When he arrives, I will recess the meeting for sufficient time for the photograph.

/s/ FRANCIS M. BELL
Francis M. Bell
Chairman and Federal Representative
Arkansas River Compact Administration

Mr. Smartt gave the report of the Secretary as follows:

SECRETARY'S REPORT

March 26, 1963

The Secretary mailed several of the Operation's Committee reports of May 8, 1962, regarding its finding of the condition of the diversion structures to the ditches on the Arkansas and the Purgatoire Rivers; mailed some to Mr. Barnhart, Secretary of the Arkansas Valley Ditch Association, Pueblo, Colorado; also distributed copies to the Canal Companies locally.

Received a letter dated January 5, 1963, from Mr. Ralph Adkins of the CF&I Pueblo, Colorado, regarding a paragraph in the Committee's report in connection with a statement made concerning the measuring device on the return flow to the river from one of their plants near Pueblo.

I have here the answer that I gave to Mr. Adkins, also his reply for the Administration's discussion, and with the Chair's permission I will present them.

Mr. McGrath called the Secretary about noon Sunday, March 24th, stating the Fort Bent Canal had requested him to order 38 c.f.s. of river flow from the reservoir to begin some time late Monday, March 25th. After conversing with the Fort Bent ditch rider, it was agreed to order 30 c.f.s. released at 4:00 P.M., March 25th, which was done.

I have a copy of a letter addressed to Mr. Glenn Saunders from Mr. Philip A. Danielson in regard to a meeting scheduled to be held at Trinidad, March 29th, at 2:00 P.M., concerning the Model Reservoir Company. Other than paying bills as they came due, this concludes my report.

Respectfully,

/s/ HACKET SMARTT
Hacket Smartt
Secretary

Supplemental to his report, Mr. Smartt read a letter from Mr. Adkins of the CF&I concerning a measuring device for the Company's return flow to Salt Creek. He also read his reply to Mr. Adkins, and a copy of Mr. Adkins letter to Mr. Burgess. Mr. Smartt said he felt no action was necessary at this time. He also remarked that the Ft. Bent Canal now has a call on river water. Mr. Kuiper's motion, seconded by Mr. Jenkins to accept the Secretary's report was passed by the states.

Mr. Smartt then gave the Treasurer's report as follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT
to March 26, 1963

Balance on hand December 11, 1962..... \$7,133.29

Date	Voucher Number	Payee and Purpose	Amount
12/12/62	356	Telephone Company	\$43.50
12/12/62	357	Hotel Broadmoor, Warden Noe, Rm. to the Sept. meeting	61.20
12/15/62	358	USGS 1st Qtr. Agreement	450.00
1/ 4/63	359	Telephone Co. Dec. service	13.95
1/ 4/63	360	Marvin Strait, Auditing	65.00
1/ 4/63	361	Hacket Smartt, Nov.Dec. salary	193.60
1/ 4/63	362	Treasurer of U.S.A. Social Security 4th Qtr. 1962	18.75
3/ 4/63	363	USGS Second Qtr.	450.00
3/ 4/63	364	Tel. Co. Jan. & Feb.	<u>22.00</u>
Total Disbursements this period.....			\$1318.00
Balance Funds Available 3/26/63.....			\$5815.29

Chairman Bell ruled that if there were no objections, the Treasurer's Report would be accepted. Hearing no objections, the report was accepted.

Mr. Green said the Legal and Administrative Committee had no report to make at this time.

Mr. Smrha, reporting for the Engineering Committee, said that the report on the effect of stock ponds in the Arkansas River basin, would be submitted at the next meeting.

Mr. Bentrup reported for the Operation's Committee as follows:

OPERATION'S COMMITTEE REPORT
to March 26, 1963

The gates at the reservoir have remained closed until 4:00 P. M., Monday, March 25, when they were opened to discharge 30 c.f.s. of river flow requested by the Fort Bent Canal.

Water in storage Dec. 11, 1962..... 4,750 A.F.
Water in storage as of today.....23,094 " "
Water in storage April 1, 1962.....34,838 " "

Respectfully,

/s/

CARL BENTRUP
Carl Bentrup
Chairman
Hacket Smartt, Member

The report was accepted by a ruling of the Chairman upon hearing no objections.

Under a call by the Chairman for unfinished business, Mr. Kuiper reported that a meeting of the Committee to formulate a standard operating procedure for the reservoir had been held, and as yet, no finished report is ready, but a river budget study is in progress. He said the Committee had discussed a determination of when to declare storage available, and an amount equal to a day or two of releases has been suggested for study. The Committee also has recommended that better gage reports are necessary. A discussion ensued on what types of recorders will be required above the reservoir to best inform the Administration. Various devices were considered, and Mr. Odell agreed to provide alternate cost estimates for both radio and telephone gages, as well as alarm systems. These estimates will be supplied before June 15, as they must be included in the budgets for the states. Mr. Smrha said he thinks the studies are progressing in the right direction.

Mr. Smartt read a copy of a letter from Mr. Danielson to Mr. Saunders regarding a meeting to be held March 29 on the Purgatoire Project. Mr. Kuiper gave a report on the progress of this project. He said that operating procedures for the project must be as recommended in the committee hearings, and that Colorado must honor their commitments. He further discussed the 20,000 acre-foot and the 55,000 acre-foot pools, and said that additional gaging stations will be placed on the river to determine the effect of the project. Mr. Kuiper said that the Colorado Water Conservation Board had rejected Mr. Bunker's plea for the enlarged Trinidad Reservoir at their last meeting. Mr. Smartt said that the Colorado Water Congress had discussed the Trinidad Project at their last meeting.

Mr. Smrha said he would have to have the Administration budget information by June 15, in order to get it in the Kansas budget. The Secretary was instructed by the Chairman to submit a tentative budget by that date, and such budget is to contain the recommendations of the special committee on gage costs.

Mr. Nevius said that the directors of the Amity Ditch had reaffirmed their position on the Trinidad Project at their last meeting. The limit of the storage capacity as set forth in Senate Document 325 was discussed with Mr. Kuiper.

Mr. George Russell, City Engineer of Lamar, presented plans of the city to construct a reservoir on Clay Creek about three miles southeast of Lamar. He said that this might be constructed with the cooperation of the Colorado Game and Fish Department. The plans are to store the intermittent and flood flows of Clay Creek, and although an effort would be made to maintain a fish pool, the primary use of the reservoir would be to recharge the well system from which the City of Lamar gets its water supply. Mr. Russell said he would like to have approval of the project by the Administration. In the discussion which followed, Mr. Jenkins said that Clay Creek usually floods at times when the other creeks are in flood, and therefore, such a reservoir would not materially deplete the flow of the Arkansas River. Mr. Smrha said he thought the request should be submitted for approval in a form suitable for study, and he wanted something to show the extent of depletion to the river. Mr. Kuiper said that he would assist Lamar in the study, and submit a formal request to the Administration for approval. Mr. Green moved, and Mr. Bentrup seconded the motion that the Lamar City reservoir proposal be submitted to the Engineering Committee for study and to make recommendations at the next meeting. The motion passed.

Mr. Kuiper's motion, seconded by Mr. Smartt, to adjourn, was passed.

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 A. M.