

MINERAL WELLS, Texas.  
June 21, 1917.

Minutes of the tenth and adjourned Regular Monthly Meeting of the STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT, held in Mineral Wells, Texas, at the Standard Pavillion, at 2:00 P.M. The following members were present:

CURTIS HANCOCK, Chairman  
THOS. R. McLEAN  
H. C. ODLE.

Engineer Geo. A. Duren, also Secretary Colp.

The meeting was duly called to order by the Chairman and the following proceedings were had:

Chairman Hancock opened the meeting by stating the purpose of this session to be in the interest of the various Highway projects in North Texas, and that the Commission wanted to hold an open session in order to accommodate the immense crowd that otherwise would have to come to Austin. The duties of the Department were explained.

Mr. Duren was introduced and explained the tentative system of highways agreed upon by the Commission as per the following Resolution.

X Be it resolved by the State Highway Commission, in session on the 21st day of June 1917:

X That a system of highways is hereby selected tentatively as follows, the roads of which shall be designated by the terminal points, or if necessary, intermediate points along same, but the exact location of which roads shall be hereafter definitely established by the State Highway Engineer.

FIRST: Texarkana, Dallas, Ft. Worth and El Paso Highway, beginning at Texarkana; thence to Mount Pleasant; thence to Mount Vernon; thence to Sulphur Springs; thence to Greenville; thence to Rockwall; thence to Dallas; thence to Ft. Worth; thence to Mineral Wells; thence to Abilene; thence to Sweetwater; thence to Colorado; thence to Big Springs; thence to Midland; thence to Pecos; thence to Van Horn; thence to El Paso.

SECOND: The Meridian Highway, beginning at Burkburnett; thence to Wichita Falls; thence to Ft. Worth; thence to Meridian; thence to Waco; thence to Temple; thence to Taylor; thence to Austin; thence to San Antonio; thence to Laredo. Said Meridian Highway divides its branch at Waco in McLennan County from which point to Marlin; thence to Calvert; thence to College Station and Bryan; thence to Navasota; thence to Hempstead; thence to Houston; thence to Galveston.

THIRD: Southern National Highway, beginning at a point twenty miles east of Orange on the Sabine River; thence to Orange; thence to Beaumont; thence to Houston; thence to San Antonio; thence to Del Rio.

FOURTH: Del Rio Canadian Highway, beginning at Del Rio; thence to San Angelo; thence to Sweetwater; thence to Childress; thence to Canadian.

FIFTH: North Texas Highway, beginning at Texarkana; thence to Paris; thence to Sherman; thence to Gainesville; thence to Wichita Falls; thence to Childress; thence to Amarillo; thence to Tex Line.

SIXTH: King of Trails, beginning at a point six miles north of Denison; thence to Denison; thence to Dallas; thence to Waco.

SEVENTH: Central Texas Highway, beginning at a point on the Sabine River directly east of Newton; thence to Crockett; thence to Waco; thence to San Angelo.

EIGHTH: East Texas Highway, beginning at a point on the Red River north of Boston; thence to Boston; thence to Linden; thence to Jefferson; thence to Marshall; thence to Carthage; thence to San Augustine; thence to Jasper; thence to Orange; thence to Port Arthur.

NINTH: Puget Sound to Gulf Highway, beginning at Corpus Christi; thence to San Antonio; thence to Fredericksburg; thence to Brady; thence to San Angelo; thence to Big Springs; thence to Lubbock; thence to Amarillo.

TENTH: Ft. Worth, Brady, Ft. Stockton Highway, beginning at Ft. Worth; thence to Comanche; thence to Brady; thence to Sonora; thence to Ft. Stockton; thence to Alpine; thence to Sierra Blanca.

ELEVENTH: Jefferson Highway, beginning at a point six miles north of Denison; thence to Denison, being a part of the same road as Number Six; thence to Greenville, thence to Mount Pleasant, this being a part of Highway Number One as heretofore described; thence to Longview; thence to the State Line directly east of Marshall.

TWELFTH: Jefferson Davis Memorial Highway, beginning at a point on the Sabine River east of Orange; thence to Orange; thence to Houston, the same being a part of the highway described in Number Three; thence to Wharton; thence to Victoria; thence to Kingsville; thence to Brownsville; thence from Brownsville following the Rio Grande valley to El Paso.

THIRTEENTH: Ozark Trail, beginning at Texaco; thence to Amarillo; thence to Wheeler; thence east to the State Line.

FOURTEENTH: Dallas to Houston Highway, beginning at Dallas; thence to Corsicana; thence to Teague; thence to Houston.

FIFTEENTH: Dallas Louisiana Highway, beginning at Dallas; thence to Tyler; thence to Longview.

SIXTEENTH: Ft. Worth Oklahoma Highway, beginning at Ft. Worth; thence to Denton; thence to Gainesville; thence north to the Oklahoma State Line.

SEVENTEENTH: Pecos Valley Highway, beginning at the State Line at a point north of Montclair; thence to Montclair; thence to Pecos; thence to Barstow; thence to Ft. Stockton.

EIGHTEENTH: Albany Broncho Highway, beginning at Albany; thence to Aspermont; thence to Dickens; thence to Lubbock; thence to Brownfield; thence to Broncho.

NINETEENTH: Paris Houston Highway, beginning at a point on the Red River directly north of Paris; thence to Paris; thence to Terrell; thence to Tyler; thence to Palestine; thence to Crockett; thence to Huntsville; thence to Houston.

TWENTIETH: Austin to Houston Highway, beginning at Austin, Texas; thence to Giddings; thence to Brenham; thence to Hempstead; thence to Houston.

TWENTY-FIRST: Gonzales to San Augustine Highway, beginning at Gonzales; thence to Giddings; thence to Madisonville; thence to Crockett; thence to Nacogdoches; thence to San Augustine; thence east to the State Line.

TWENTY-SECOND: Wichita Falls to Comanche Highway, beginning at Wichita Falls; thence to Archer City; thence to Brackenridge; thence to Comanche.

It was agreed that the word "VAN HORN" should be substituted for "SIERRA BLANCA" in Number One.

It was agreed that the word "PORT ARTHUR" in Number Eight should be changed to "BEAUMONT."

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Senator Brelsford filed the following resolution and asked its consideration.

"We move that the section of the Fort Worth-El Paso Highway between Mineral Wells and Abilene be recognized and designated in two branches as follows, viz:

Southern Branch of Fort Worth-El Paso Highway, via Palo Pinto, Strawn, Ranger, Eastland, Cisco, Butman, Baird, Clyde, Abilene; and the northern branch of the Fort Worth-El Paso Highway via Palo Pinto, Caddo, Buckenridge, Albany, Abilene."  
by Mr. Odle,

The motion was made, and seconded by Mr. McLean, and was unanimously adopted.

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Resolution was filed by E. L. Lincoln of Linden as follows:

"We move that the Section of the Texarkana-El Paso Highway between Sulphur Springs and Texarkana be recognized and designated in two branches as follows:

Southern Route of the Texarkana-Dallas-Ft. Worth-El Paso Highway, beginning at Texarkana; thence to Atlanta; thence to Linden; thence to Hughes Springs; thence to Daingerfield, Pittsburg, Winnboro, Sulphur Springs.

Northern Route of Texarkana-Dallas-Ft. Worth-El Paso Highway; from Atlanta; thence through Douglassville, Bryan Mill, Naples, Mt. Pleasant, Mt. Vernon and thence to Sulphur Springs, uniting with Southern Route and following designation of same into Dallas. "

The motion was moved by Mr. McLean, seconded by Mr. Odle, and was carried unanimously. "

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It was resolved that the Del Rio and Canadian Highway be extended through Ochiltree, Texas and thence due north to the Texas-Oklahoma Line.

Motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously.

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A Resolution was introduced as follows:

"Resolved, that the Boston to Port Arthur Route be changed as follows:

Amend so as to read from Jasper to Beaumont to Port Arthur."

Motion was made, duly seconded and carried unanimously.

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A Resolution was introduced reading as follows:

"Be it resolved by the Commission that the Southwest Trail of Texas be designated and established as follows: Beginning at Burkburnett; thence to Wichita Falls; thence south to Archer City, Olney, Throckmorton, Woodson, Albany, Baird, Coleman, Brady, Mason, Fredericksburg, Bourne, San Antonio, Pearsall and ending at Laredo; the mark of said road is as follows: "SW".

B.L. Russell, Secy.  
Southwest Trail.

The motion was duly moved, seconded and adopted.

A Resolution was introduced reading as follows:

"Be it resolved that No. 16 branch off at Denton and run in a northerly direction through Aubry, Pilot Point, Tioga and connect Road Number 5 at Whitesboro."

An amendment was introduced as follows:

"Change the Ft. Worth-Oklahoma Highway to Denton-Oklahoma Highway; that it branch at Denton, one branch going to Dallas and one to Fort Worth.

A motion was made that the Resolution and amendments be adopted. It was seconded and carried.

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A Resolution was filed by Robert Summers of Meridian, and C. B. Monday of Marlin, as follows:

"Be it resolved that Highway No. 2, designated as the Meridian Highway be, and the same is hereby officially designated as the Meridian Road and that portion of said route from Waco to Galveston be, and the same is hereby officially designated the Gulf Division of the Meridian Road."

A motion was made that the Resolution be adopted, it was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

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The Fort Stockton to El Paso Highway was established, Beginning at Ft. Stockton; thence to Balmorhea; thence to Kent; thence to El Paso over route as described in No. 1.

A Resolution was introduced that Highway No. 12 be routed via Lobo to Van Horn; thence north through Van Horn Valley to line of New Mexico.

A motion was made that the Resolution be adopted, it was seconded and carried unanimously.

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A Resolution was introduced reading as follows:

"Be it resolved that a branch of Road No. 2 be designated to begin at Henrietta; thence to Jacksboro, Perrin and Whitt, connecting with Road No. 1 at Mineral Wells; thence over Road No. 1 to Weatherford; thence via Granbury and Glen Rose to Meridian, connecting again with Road No. 2, to be known as the Mineral Wells Branch of the Meridian Road."

A Motion was made that the Resolution be adopted, it was seconded and carried.

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A branch road was established connecting with No. 6 at Hillsboro.

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The following Resolution was offered and unanimously adopted.

"Resolved by the Texas Highway Commission that we recognize the Dallas-Canadian-Denver Highway, extending from Dallas through Fort Worth, Wichita Falls, Childress, Wellington, Canadian, Ochiltree and thence to the Texas-Oklahoma Line, being parts of roads designated heretofore as follows: Part of No. 1 from Dallas to Fort Worth, part of No. 2 from Fort Worth to Wichita Falls, part of No. 5 from Wichita Falls to Childress and part of No. 4 from Childress north to the State Line north of Ochiltree.

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A motion was made by Mr. McLean, seconded by Mr. Odle that this tentative plan be adopted as corrected today. The motion was carried.

A motion was made by Mr. McLean, seconded by Mr. Odle that the State of Texas be divided into six engineering districts, each Division comprising the following counties:

First Division with headquarters at Dallas: Anderson, Bowie, Cherokee, Cass, Collin, Camp, Dallas, Delta, Ellis, Free-Stone, Fannin, Franklin, Grayson, Harrison, Henderson, Hunt, Hopkins, Kaufman, Limestone, Lamar, Marion, Morris, Navarro, Panola, Rockwall, Red River, Rains, Rusk, Smith, Titus, Upshur, Van Zandt and Wood.

Second Division, with headquarters at Fort Worth: Archer, Baylor, Bell, Brown, Bosque, Callahan, Coleman, Comanche, Clay, Coryell, Coke, Denton, Eastland, Erath, Foard, Falls, Hardeman, Haskell, Hamilton, Hood, Hill, Jack, Johnson, Knox, Lampasas, Mills, Montague, McLennan, Palo Pinto, Parker, Shackelford, Stephens, Tarrant, Throckmorton, Wilbarger, Wichita, Wise and Young.

Third Division, with Headquarters at Amarillo: Armstrong, Bailey, Borden, Briscoe, Cottle, Castro, Childress, Collinsworth, Cochran, Carson, Crosby, Dawson, Dallam, Deaf Smith, Dickens, Donley, Fisher, Floyd, Garza, Gaines, Gray, Hartley, Hockley, Hansford, Hutchinson, Hale, Hall, Hemphill, Jones, Kent, King, Lipscomb, Lamb, Lubbock, Lynn, Moore, Motley, Ochiltree, Oldham, Palmer, Potter, Roberts, Randall, Scurry, Terry, Swisher, Sherman, Stonewall, Wheeler, Yoakum.

Fourth Division, with headquarters at Houston: Austin, Angelina, Burleson, Brazoria, Brazos, Chambers, Colorado, Fort Bend, Grimes, Galveston, Harris, Hardin, Houston, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Leon, Liberty, Madison, Milam, Montgomery, Matagorda, Newton, Nacogdoches, Orange, Polk, Robertson, Sabine, San Augustine, Shelby, San Jacinto, Trinity, Tyler, Washington, Walker, Waller, Wharton.

Fifth Division: With headquarters at San Antonio: Atascosa, Aransas, Bandera, Bexar, Blanco, Burnet, Brooks, Bee, Bastrop, Calhoun, Camerton, Caldwell, Comal, DeWitt, Dunn, Duval, Dimmitt, Edwards, Faye, Frio, Gaudalupe, Goliad, Gillespie, Gonzales, Hays, Hidalgo, Jim Wells, Jim Hogg, Karnes, Kimble, Kerr, Kinney, Kleberg, Kendall, LaSalle, Llano, Lavaca, Live Oak, Lee, Mason, Maverick, Median, Menard, McCulloch, McFullen, Nueces, Real, Refugio, San Saba, San Patricio, Starr, Travis, Uvalde, Victoria, Webb, Williamson, Wilson, Willacy, Zapata, Zavalla.

Sixth Division, with headquarters at San Angelo: Andrews, Brewster, Crane, Culgerson, Crockett, Coke, Concho, El Paso, Ector, Glasscock, Howard, Hudspeth, Irion, Jeff Davis, Loving, Martin, Mitchell, Midland, Nolan, Presidio, Pecos, Reeves, Reagan, Runnels, Sterling, Schleicher, Sutton, Taylor, Tom Green, Terrell, Upton, Valverde, Ward, Winkler

The motion was carried.

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Form A-F for Chauffeurs' License was adopted.

Form A-B for Dealers' and Manufacturers' was adopted.

X No further business coming before the Commission, adjournment was taken until Monday, June 25th, to meet in Austin, 9:00 o'clock A.M.

*Arthur H. Hancock*  
Chairman.

Attest:

*W. E. Odle*  
Secretary.

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