

STATE CAPITOL
October 8, 1917.

Minutes of the FIFTH REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING of the State Highway Department, held in its temporary offices pursuant to adjournment. The following members were present:

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

Chairman Hancock reported the inspection of the Central Route, San Antonio to Houston, September 24th, 25th and 26th, by himself, Commissioner Odle and Engineer Duren; also the inspection of the San Antonio to Corpus Christi Route September 27th, 28th and 29th, by himself, Mr. Odle and Mr. Duren. Mr. Hancock attended the Good Roads Meeting at Carthage, October 5th.

The following business was transacted:

Motion by Mr. McLean, seconded by Mr. Odle that the resolution designating the Middlebuster Highway from Austin via Lockhart, Luling, Gonzales, Cuero, Victoria, Port Lavaca and Seadrift to Port O'Connor be adopted. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. McLean, seconded by Mr. Odle that Highway No. 3a be re-designated as follows: Over original route to Smithville, thence to Bastrop and Austin. (See resolution on file.) Motion carried.

A delegation from Grand Saline, composed of Mr. Meeks, et al, requested that Highway No. 15 be designated via Big Sandy, Hawkins, Mineola, Grand Saline, Fruitdale and Edwards to Wills Point. After the petition had been read, Mr. Meeks invited the Commission to inspect this route, also the route via Canton. The Commission accepted the invitation and will leave Wills Point on October 16, at 7:00 A. M., via Canton to Gladewater, returning via Grand Saline to Wills Point.

Hon. John H. Tate, County Judge of Lee County, et al, presented petition for Federal Aid on Post Road No. 20, through Lee County. Motion by Mr. McLean, seconded by Mr. Odle that they be granted Federal Aid in the amount of \$13860.00. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. McLean, seconded by Mr. Odle, that State Aid be granted on 7-6/10 miles of road No. 20, through Lee county, to the limit of the law, not to exceed \$6270.00. Motion carried.

County Judge Keerine, et al, from Fredericksburg appeared before the Commission and asked for information concerning the building of the Puget Sound to Gulf, and what would be necessary to secure State and Federal Aid. They were advised to raise their part of the funds and the Commission would assist them as much as possible. However, it was stated that this was not official, but was what the Commission would suggest for them to do.

The Commission recessed until 2:00 P. M.

Hon. G. R. Gholson, et al, of Quanah, presented claims and requested the designation of the Tex-O-Kan Highway from Quanah to San Antonio, via the following towns: Quanah, Banjaman, Knox City, Haskell, Stamford, Anson, Abilene, Ballinger, Paint Rock, Eden, Menardville, Junction City, Kerrville, Boerne and San Antonio. After hearing considerable discussion on the matter, a letter was prepared by the Chairman, stating that the Commission would designate this Route when complete. (See copy of letter on file.)

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A committee composed of B. W. Johnson, et al, of Wichita Falls, asked for the designation of a Highway from Wichita Falls to Abilene, to be known as "The Wichita Valley Highway" via Wichita Falls, Seymour, Goree, Munday, Weinert, Haskell, Stamford, and Anson, thence to Abilene. (See letter on file.)

Motion by Mr. McLean, seconded by Mr. Odle that the Wichita Falls to Abilene Highway be designated. Motion carried.

Hon. W. M. Fly, et al, of Gonzales, extended an invitation to the Commission to inspect the route from Walder via Gonzales to Seguin, with a view of changing Highway No. 3b, or Central Route. The Commission accepted the invitation and agreed to make the inspection on the 12th and 13th of October.

A committee from Corsicana, composed of J. T. Stephenson, et al, representing Navarro county appeared before the Commission and requested \$250,000 Aid upon the North and South and East and West Highways, through that county.

Motion by Mr. McLean, seconded by Mr. Odle that the petitioners be granted \$30,000 Federal Aid on East and West Highway No. 22, and \$20,000 on the North and South Highway No. 14, Navarro county. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Odle, seconded by Mr. McLean, that Ozark Trail Highway No. 13 be designated as follows: Wellington, Clarendon, Claude, Amarillo, Vega, west to the State Line. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Odle, seconded by Mr. McLean, that the Commission allow State Aid not to exceed \$6,500 on Ozark Trail Highway No. 13, in Oldham county, on petition presented by Judge Balfour. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Odle, seconded by Mr. McLean, that the regular monthly meetings of the Commission be held on the Third Monday in each month hereafter, instead of the Second Monday, on account of the conflict with the regular monthly meetings of the commissioners' courts. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. McLean, seconded by Mr. Odle that all printed matter pertaining to correspondence contain the words "Address all communications to State Highway Department, Austin, Texas." Motion carried.

The minutes of the last monthly meeting were read and approved.

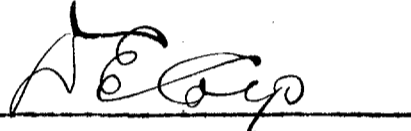
Motion by Mr. Odle, seconded by Mr. McLean that an additional thousand dealers' license plates be ordered, numbered from three thousand and one (3001) to four thousand (4000) inclusive. Motion carried.

The Commission adjourned until Tuesday, October 9th, 10 o'clock A. M.



Chairman.

Attest:



Secretary.