

State Capitol
January 24th, 1918.

Minutes of the Second and Adjourned Eighth Regular Monthly Session of the State Highway Commission held in its temporary offices pursuant to adjournment. The following members were present:

Curtis Hancock, Chairman,
R. M. Hubbard,
J. G. Fowler,
George A. Duren, State Highway Engineer.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman and the following business was transacted:

Motion by Mr. Fowler, seconded by Mr. Hubbard, that Mr. George Wickline of Dallas, Texas, be employed as Bridge Engineer of the Highway Department at a salary of Two Hundred and Twenty Five (225) Dollars per month, his duties to be bridge designing and such other duties as may be assigned to him by the Engineer. Motion carried.

NOTE:- The Chair has appointed Commissioners Fowler and Hubbard, together with Mr. Duren, Engineer, to propose a plan for organization of the Highway Department, to report on the fourth of February at an adjourned meeting of this Commission, and also to prepare fiscal plans for the employes and to fix a schedule of salary.

The Commission adopted the following ruling:-

RULING ON TOY MOTOR APPLIANCES. ---

"On the 24th day of January, 1918, it appearing that inquiry has been made in several instances relative to the registration of certain toy vehicles, which it would seem could hardly be classed as motor vehicles, it was the sense of the Commission that such vehicles which have so small a horsepower as to be practically incapable of needing regulation for the protection of users of highways, of of such small carrying capacity as to be incapable of damaging any roadway, should not be required to register or pay the fees under the provisions of the Highway Act."

Motion by Mr. Fowler, seconded by Mr. Hubbard, that the application of Val Verde County, upon which federal aid was heretofore granted, be reconsidered and that federal aid be now granted on 4.9 miles in lieu of the 3.64 miles, not to exceed fifty per cent of the contract price. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Hubbard, seconded by Mr. Fowler, that the application of Bell and Milam Counties for a designation of a highway extending the Belton-Goldthwaite Highway be granted as an inter-county highway, beginning at Belton, thence to Heidenheimer, thence to Rogers, thence to Cameron. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Hubbard, seconded by Mr. Fowler, that the application of Bell County, Williamson County and Travis County for the designation of a highway from Austin to Belton be granted as an inter-county highway, beginning at a point on the Meridian Highway thirteen miles north of Austin, thence westwardly to Round Rock, thence to Georgetown, thence to Jarrell, thence to Prairie Dell, thence to Salado, thence to Belton. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Fowler, seconded by Mr. Hubbard, that the following resolution be adopted:

"Whereas, it is made to appear to the judgment of the State Highway Commission that the assessed valuation of property in the county of Live Oak does not warrant the construction of the section of Highway No. 9 passing through the county of Live Oak, which said Highway is a trunk line necessary to this State, connecting market centers of the State, and that it is necessary for the Commission to exercise its discretion in increasing its allotment for the said Live Oak County not to exceed one half of cost of constructing not more than ten miles of roadway in each of said counties;

"Therefore, be it ordered by the Highway Commission that the discretion of the Commission is hereby exercised in the matter of Live Oak County's application for state aid on Highway No. 9 in said county, and that in making allotment for state aid in said county the Commission shall make and is hereby authorized to make such allotment, not to exceed half the cost of construction of said Highway No. 9, as provided in Section 12 of the State Highway Act."

By virtue of the resolution Live Oak County is entitled to aid fifty-fifty in the discretion of the Commission.

Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Hubbard, seconded by Mr. Fowler, that the application of Live Oak County for state aid be granted, not to exceed the sum of \$17,896.06 on ten miles of road. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Fowler, seconded by Mr. Hubbard, that the December minutes be approved. Motion carried.

The Commission adjourned to meet again February fourth.

Doris Weaver

Chairman.

Attest:

Geo. A. Duran
 State Highway Engineer