

April 22, 1918.

Minutes of the Eleventh Regular Monthly Session of the State Highway Commission held at the Capitol pursuant to adjournment. The following members were present:

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

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

The minutes of the March meeting were read and adopted.

Motion by Mr. Fowler, seconded by Mr. Hubbard, that COLORADO County be granted State Aid on Highway Number Three for 13.7 miles not heretofore covered by Federal or State Aid, not to exceed one fourth of the estimated cost in the sum of \$35,500. The Engineer is hereby instructed to get an estimate and insert in the minutes of this meeting. Motion carried.

Taken under advisement: Route from Yoakum to Taylor, with no action taken until after the Engineer has made a careful survey of the two routes.

Taken under advisement: Gonzales County petition for Aid on Number Twenty Nine, State and Federal.

Motion by Mr. Hubbard, seconded by Mr. Fowler, duly carried:
BE IT ORDERED by the State Highway Commission that Liberty Bonds will be accepted at par by the State Highway Commission as guarantees on proposals received in connection with the purchase of supplies and on proposals for furnishing labor and materials for any contract work; and be it further ordered that Liberty Bonds will be accepted in like manner for a surety or sureties on the bond of a contractor in connection with contracts for road or bridge construction or maintenance or for supplies. In the event that Liberty Bonds are furnished as guarantees to the amount required by the State Highway Commission, said surety or sureties will not be required to furnish affidavits or justification as to their financial responsibility. In like manner, official bonds when guaranteed by Liberty Bonds in the amount required, will be accepted of employes of the State Highway Department in lieu of personal or indemnity company bonds.

Unanimously carried, Chairman voting.

Motion by Mr. Hubbard, seconded by Mr. Fowler, that the question raised by BEXAR County as to spending the maintenance fund derived from automobile fees, be delegated to Mr. Fowler for his action in the matter. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Fowler, seconded by Mr. Hubbard, that BEXAR County be permitted to use the funds derived from automobile registrations in addition to the two branches of Highway Number Nine already designated, on such state designated highways as may be designated by the Commissioners' Court, subject to the rules and regulations of the State Highway Department. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Fowler, seconded by Mr. Hubbard, that BEXAR County be tentatively granted one fourth of the contract out of State Aid on the uncompleted portion of Highway Number Nine, being the SAP and SAUSAGE Routes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Hubbard, seconded by Mr. Fowler, that the application of BEXAR County for Federal Aid on Highway Number Nine east of San Antonio for the uncompleted portion to the county line, be granted, not to exceed one fourth of the contract. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Hubbard, seconded by Mr. Fowler, that State Aid be granted FREESTONE County on Highway Number Thirty Two from county line to county line, not to exceed the sum of \$25,000.00. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Hubbard, seconded by Mr. Fowler, that the Commission waive the condition placed on the grant of Aid to FREESTONE County on Highway Number Seven, that same should be built of concrete. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Fowler, seconded by Mr. Hubbard, that the application of OLDHAM County for State Aid be granted not to exceed \$1312.50, being one fourth of the contract on Highway Number Thirteen from Potter County line to Adrian. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Fowler, seconded by Mr. Hubbard, that the application of FOARD County for State Aid on Highway Number Twenty Eight between Crowell and the Cottle County line, be granted not to exceed one-fourth of the cost of the project, limited to \$11,000.00. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Hubbard, seconded by Mr. Fowler, that the application of VAN ZANDT County for State Aid on Highway Number Fifteen be granted between Edom and the Smith County line, not to exceed the sum of \$12,416.25. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Fowler, seconded by Mr. Hubbard, that the application of VAN ZANDT County for State Aid on Highway Number Nineteen between Martins Mill and six miles north of said point, be granted, not to exceed the sum of \$8,311.25. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Hubbard, seconded by Mr. Fowler, that the allotment to HARDEMAN County granting \$35,000.00 Federal Aid heretofore, be rescinded on account of bond issues failing and no funds being available. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Fowler, seconded by Mr. Hubbard, that the application of HARDEMAN County for State Aid on Highway Number Five in Quannah Precinct Number One be granted, not to exceed the sum of \$1226.50. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Hubbard, seconded by Mr. Fowler, that the application of BRAZOS County for Federal Aid in the Millican District be granted to the limit of the law, not to exceed \$37,752.75. Motion carried, Chairman voting Aye.

Motion by Mr. Fowler, seconded by Mr. Hubbard, that a Division Engineer be sent by the Highway Engineer to investigate and report on Highway Number Eight as affecting SAN AUGUSTINE, SABINE and JASPER Counties, to report back at the next Commission meeting. Motion carried.

DESIGNATION: Motion by Mr. Hubbard, seconded by Mr. Fowler, that Highway Number Three be further designated so as to read: From Waelder, thence to Harwood, thence to Auling, thence to Kingsbury, thence to Seguin, said highway to be known as the NORTHERN LOOP of said route. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Fowler, seconded by Mr. Hubbard, that the application of CALDWELL County for Aid on the Northern Loop of Highway Number Three in Caldwell County from county line to county line, a distance of twelve miles, be granted, not to exceed the sum of \$7500.00, being one fourth of the contract. Motion carried. (Rescinded April 23rd)

Motion by Mr. Hubbard, seconded by Mr. Fowler, that action on the 2-A BRANCH of the MERIDIAN Highway be postponed until the next day. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Hubbard, seconded by Mr. Fowler, that the application of EL PASO County for State Aid in the sum of \$50,000.00 be granted to be applied on section of Highway Number One east of El Paso, and \$10,000 on the section west of El Paso. Motion carried.

Bids for 1919 number plates opened, and action deferred until next day.

Upon motion, the Commission adjourned until April 23rd.



Chairman

Attest:



State Highway Engineer