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Minutes of the One Hundred and Thirteenth Regular Meeting of the State Highway Commission, held in the State Office Building, with the following members present:

R. S. Sterling, Chairman,
Cone Johnson, Member
W. R. Ely, Member
R. A. Thompson, State Highway Engineer.

88. Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Judge Ely, that former allotments of aid on Highway No. 113 to Aransas and Refugio Counties, which were suspended because Refugio County did not have funds, are hereby confirmed and directed to take effect now, it appearing that both Refugio and Aransas Counties are in position to contribute their share of said construction. Motion carried.
89. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Sterling, that a highway be designated from Tivoli, in Refugio County, to Palacios, in Matagorda County, a distance of forty-eight miles approximately, across the Counties of Refugio, Calhoun, Jackson and Matagorda, on location to be approved by the State Highway Engineer, the respective counties to furnish right-of-way not less than 80 ft. wide. Motion carried. Mr. Johnson voted in the negative.
90. Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Judge Ely, that Highway No. 55 be extended from Carrizo Springs, in Dimmit County, to Catarina, in Dimmit County, and that the remainder of said designation to a connection with Highway No. 2 be deferred for future action of the Commission, the location to be made under the direction and with the approval of the State Highway Engineer. Motion carried.
91. Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Judge Ely, that an allotment of one-third Federal Aid, one-third State Aid and one-third County Aid be made to Navarro County for the construction of grading and drainage structures on Highway No. 14 north and south through the County, from the Ellis County line on the north, to Freestone County line on the south, a distance of approximately 32.68 miles, on condition that Navarro County will contribute one-third of the cost of such construction, and on the further condition that if required Navarro County will finance the State's portion of said allotment and carry the same, with the understanding that on any subsequent allotment of aid Navarro County will be given credit for same, location, plans and specifications to be approved by the State Highway Engineer, and to be made under his direction; and on the further condition that Navarro County will furnish, at its own cost, right-of-way not less than 80 ft. wide. Motion carried.
92. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Johnson, that Archer County be allotted one-third State Aid and one-third Federal Aid for the construction of grading and drainage structures on Highway No. 79, from Archer City to the Young County line, on condition that Archer County will furnish one-third of the cost, and on the further condition, that if required, the County will finance the State and Federal Aid, and the State Highway Engineer is hereby authorized to advertise for bids on same. Motion carried.
93. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Johnson, that Young County be allotted one-third State Aid, one-third Federal Aid, for the construction of grading and drainage structures on Highway No. 79 from Olney to the Archer County line, on condition that the County furnish one-third of the cost of such construction, and on the further condition that if required to do so, Young County will finance the State and Federal Departments' portion; and the State Highway Engineer is hereby authorized to advertise for bids on same. Motion carried.

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94. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Johnson, that Young County be allotted one-third State Aid and one-third Federal Aid on Highway No. 24, from Olney to the Archer County line, for the construction of grading and drainage structures on condition that Young County will furnish one-third of the cost of such construction, and on the further condition that, if required to do so, Young County will carry the State and Federal Departments' portion of said allotment, and be credited with the same in any subsequent allotment of aid, and the State Highway Engineer is hereby authorized to advertise for bids on said project. Motion carried.
95. Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Judge Ely, that Uvalde County be allotted one-third County Aid, one-third State Aid and one-third Federal Aid for the construction of grading and drainage structures on Highway No. 3, from Uvalde west to the Kinney County line, on condition that Uvalde County will finance and carry the State's allotment if required to do so, on location, plans and specifications, and under the direction of the State Highway Engineer, who is hereby authorized to advertise for bids on said project. Motion carried.
96. Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Judge Ely, that the allotment of State and Federal Aid heretofore made for concrete in Fannin County east of the town of Bonham stand in abeyance, and that the Division Engineer be directed to furnish estimate for graveling the present road. Motion carried.
97. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Sterling, that fifty percent State Aid be allotted to Grimes County for the construction of grading and drainage structures on $\frac{3}{8}$ miles on Highway No. 90 in Grimes County, from Navasota southwest to County line, Grimes County to put up fifty percent of the cost of such construction, and the State Highway Engineer is hereby authorized to advertise for bids on such project. Motion carried.
98. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Johnson, that Highway No. 34 be continued from the City of Fort Worth, in Tarrant County, in a north-westerly direction to Jacksboro, in Jack County, on condition that the State will not maintain the same until after it is constructed on location approved by the State Highway Engineer, and on the further condition that the counties affected by the location will secure not less than eighty foot right-of-way. Motion carried.
99. Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Judge Ely, that the order heretofore made on June 20, 1927, allotting to Wise County \$500.00 Federal Aid, balance one-half State and one-half County Aid, for the construction of 6.8 miles of Highway No. 39 from Decatur to Big Sandy Creek be amended by striking out the \$500.00 Federal Aid, and that the cost be apportioned on the basis of one-half State and one-half County Aid. Motion carried.
100. Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Judge Ely, that a highway be designated from Cotulla, in La Salle County, east to an intersection with Highway No. 9, through La Salle, McMullen and Live Oak Counties, on condition that the State will not take same over for maintenance until after it has been constructed on the most practical route and location to be approved by the State Highway Engineer, and on the condition also that the counties affected by this designation be authorized to construct the said road out of their own funds and finance the same, and that in any future allotment of aid the several counties be given credit of one-half of the cost of such construction; provided further that the counties will furnish right-of-way not less than 80 ft. wide. Motion carried.

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101. ~~By~~ Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Judge Ely, that a Highway be designated from Catarina, in Dimmit County, to Artesia Wells, in La Salle County, on condition that the State will not take same over for maintenance until after it has been constructed on the most practical route and location to be approved by the State Highway Engineer, and on the further condition that the counties affected will furnish right-of-way not less than 80 ft. wide. (~~Motion carried.~~ Highway 55)
(Same to be part of)
102. Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Judge Ely, that contract for the construction of 3" Bituminous Macadam Surface Course on 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ " Comp. soft limestone base on Highway #34, F.A.P. #385-B, C & D, in Ellis County, be awarded to J. F. Dexter Construction Company, Dallas, Texas, for \$177,360.00, same being the lowest and best bid and this award is concurred in by Mr. P. H. Everett, Highway Engineer, Federal Bureau of Public Roads, and Mr. W. A. Spaulding, County Engineer of Ellis County. Motion carried.
103. Motion by Mr. Ely, seconded by Mr. Sterling, that the appointment of R. E. Killmer as Resident Engineer for Refugio County, as recommended by the State Highway Engineer, be approved. Motion carried.
104. Motion by Mr. Ely, seconded by Mr. Sterling, that the appointment of Byron Reese as Resident Engineer to have charge of the location and construction of State Highways in Foard County be approved as recommended by the State Highway Engineer. Motion carried.
105. Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Judge Ely, that the State Highway Engineer is requested to confer with the Board of Control for the purpose of having an investigation and survey made as to the feasibility of the establishment of a State Cement Plant as directed by the resolution of the Fortieth Legislature, and further to ask the Engineer and Board of Control to prepare the necessary report to the Legislature.

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106. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Sterling, that Highway No. 79 be extended from Olney, in Young County to Throckmorton, in Throckmorton County, on location to be approved by the State Highway Engineer, on condition that the County will furnish right-of-way not less than 80 ft. wide, and on further condition that the same will not be maintained until the road is constructed. Motion carried.
107. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Johnson, that two-thirds State Aid be allotted to Fayette County for the construction of grading and drainage structures on Highway No. 72 from Schulenburg to the Lavaca County line, a distance of approximately 3.3 miles, on condition that Fayette County will put up one-third of the cost of said construction, and with the understanding that Fayette County has not been allotted more than fifty percent aid on this highway, and with the further understanding and agreement that Fayette County will contribute one-third of the cost of topping, with asphalt, said highway. Motion carried.
108. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Johnson, that Lubbock County be allotted one-third State Aid on Highway No. 9, for the purpose of constructing an underpass on the P. & S. F. R. R. just north of town of Lubbock, with the understanding that the Santa Fe will pay one-third of the total cost of such underpass; the total cost not to exceed \$14,000.00 and with the further understanding that the County of Lubbock will build a temporary bridge across the Yellowhouse Canyon and that the Division Engineer will assist in grading the highway on its new location from point just north of the proposed underpass to point on the present Highway No. 9, at the end of Avenue H. Motion carried.
109. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Johnson, that Highway No. 128 be extended from Sinton, in San Patricio County south to Robstown, in Nueces County, on location to be approved by the State Highway Engineer, and on the further condition that said road will not be maintained by the State Highway Department until same has been constructed in accordance with standard requirements, that is, hard surfaced; and provided further that the county will furnish right-of-way not less than 80ft. wide. Motion carried.

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110. Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Sterling, that the sum of \$22,000.00 State Aid be allotted to Comal County for the construction of a bridge over Comal Creek, near the City of New Braunfels, in Comal County, on Highway No. 46, and approaches thereto, the estimated cost of the same being approximately \$87,000.00, on condition that Comal County will contribute \$15,000.00 to said construction, and on the further condition that the City of New Braunfels furnish \$25,000.00, and the Katy R.R. \$25,000.00 to the cost of the underpass, on plans and specifications to be approved by the State Highway Engineer, and under his supervision; and under the further condition that Comal County and the City of New Braunfels will furnish all necessary right-of-way and bear the cost of abutting property damages. Motion carried.
111. Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Judge Ely, that an additional allowance for maintenance be made to Smith County of approximately \$14,000.00 for putting down an asphalt top on about four miles of Highway No. 37, from the Cherokee County line north to the present asphalt top; on condition that Smith County will contribute one-third of the cost of same, including the preparation of the base. Motion carried.

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112. Motion by Mr. Ely, seconded by Mr. Sterling, that the appointment of D. W. Hooper of Travis County as Resident Engineer to have charge of location and construction of State Highways in Uvalde County be approved as recommended by the State Highway Engineer. Motion carried.
113. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Sterling that the appointment of G. A. Bracher of Washington County as Resident Engineer to have charge of the location and construction of State Highways in Navarro County be approved as recommended by the State Highway Engineer. Motion carried.
114. Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Sterling, that Winder Bros. be allowed the sum of \$770.14 in full settlement for additional work claimed on Job 8-A, F.A.P. 465-A, Austin County, as agreed upon in conference in office of the State Highway Department between the State Highway Commission and Judge J. C. Harris, representing Winder Brothers, and Mr. Henry Winder, October 11, 1927. Motion carried.
115. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Sterling, that \$100,000.00 be set aside out of the State Highway Fund as an emergency maintenance fund to supplement the regular maintenance budget for expenditure during the fiscal year ending August 31, 1928, without further authorization, in the repairing and rebuilding of washed-out bridges, embankments and similar emergency work. Motion carried.
116. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Sterling, that \$2,300.00 be appropriated from the State Highway Fund for the construction of a concrete slab about 200' long at a point on Highway #9, about two miles south of Sterling City in Sterling County, and the State Highway Engineer is authorized to proceed with the construction of same with maintenance forces or by contract. Motion carried.
117. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Sterling, that \$1,886.54 be appropriated out of the State Highway Fund as a special maintenance authorization to cover the cost of resurfacing with gravel two miles of Highway No. 68, in Somervell County, extending from the Erath County line northeast for a distance of two miles. Motion carried.
118. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Sterling, that \$12,791.17 be appropriated from the State Highway Fund as a special maintenance authorization to cover the cost of repairing and reflooring the Brazos River Bridge on Highway No. 1, in Palo Pinto County. Motion carried.

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120. Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Sterling, that whereas, the amount to be considered by Orange County to aid in the construction of work on Highway No. 3 in Orange County near the Neches River Bridge which was placed in escrow, is not now available, because of the failure of the Depository, therefore an additional allotment is made of State Highway Funds to Orange County on said project to cover so much of the County's share as the County may not be able at this time to contribute, provided that the Commissioners' Court of Orange County will execute a preferential assignment in writing of all of its interest in the said fund, which is regarded as a trust fund already set apart for this purpose; and also an assignment from the recovery by the County against the Depository of County funds on deposit in the County Depository, as an obligation or guaranty on the part of Orange County that it will finally contribute its share of such construction. Motion carried.
121. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Sterling, that the sum of \$19,500.00 be appropriated out of the State Highway Department Funds as a special maintenance allotment for placing an asphaltic seal coat on 18.46 miles of Highway No. 1, Job 30-A, F .A.P. 52-A & B, Callahan County, beginning 3/4 miles west of Baird and thence east to the Eastland County line, this amount being necessary to preserve the asphalt macadam surfacing which has never properly sealed. Motion carried.
122. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Sterling, that the regular maintenance budget be increased from \$6,600.00 to \$10,560.00; said funds to be used on Highway No. 36 in Fort Bend County, because of the heavy maintenance work necessary on that road.
123. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Sterling, that \$10,080.00 be allotted to Liberty County for resurfacing 3.7 miles of Highway No. 3.
124. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Sterling, that \$4,320.00 be allotted to Brazoria County for resurfacing Highway No. 19, from the city limits of Angleton, north 2.6 miles.
125. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Sterling, that the \$4,000.00 State Aid granted to Hamilton County in Minutes of April 11, 1927, for the construction of Highway No. 108 from Hamilton, in Hamilton County, to the Leon River Bridge, about five miles, and a gap in said road about two miles long between Hamilton and Hico, be canceled since the work referred to has been completed out of the regular maintenance fund. Motion carried.

APPROVED:

A. L. Johnson
State Highway Engineer.

R. S. Sterling
Chairman
Conrad Johnson
Member
J. R. Ely
Member
Claudes Teer
Secretary.