MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF TARRANT COUNTY WATER CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NUMBER ONE HELD IN THE DISTRICT OFFICE AT FORT WORTH, TEXAS, ON THE 29TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 1959 AT 3:00 P. M.

The call of the roll disclosed the presence or absence of Directors as follows:

PRESENT

Joe B. Hogsett Houston Hill Lacy Boggess W. L. Pier

Also present were Messrs. John M. Scott and William Brown of General Council for the District and Ben Hickey General Manager of the District.

Director Hogsett acted in his capacity as President and Director Boggess acted in his capacity as Secretary, whereupon proceedings were had and done as follows:

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On motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of the meeting held December 22, 1959 were read and approved by the Directors and it was accordingly so ordered.

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Voucher-checks #14744 to #14786 inclusive, were signed and approved by Directors and General Manager, subject to approval by Mr. J. M. Williams, County Auditor, who by virtue of the Statutes is the Auditor of this District as well.

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President Hogsett stated that at the next meeting of the Board of Directors, a Memorial would be prepared, for signature of the Directors, to be presented to Mrs. A. T. Seymour, Sr., mother, Mrs. A. T. Seymour, Jr., wife and Mr. A. T. Seymour, III, son, as a tribute to deceased Director A. T. Seymour, Jr. by the Directors of Tarrant County Water Control and Improvement District Number One.

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President Hogsett stated that the Attorneys for the District had been requested, due to the death of Director Seymour on December 26, 1959, to furnish the Directors by their written opinion, the procedure that must be followed in the matter of listing the names of candidates for the election of Directors to be held January 12, 1960 and asked the Attorneys for the District now present, to present to the Directors their findings; whereon Mr. William M. Brown presented a letter, dated December 29, 1959, addressed to President Joe B. Hogsett copy of same being attached to these minutes and made a part thereof, which stated among other things to-wit: "We believe, therefore, that under the present circumstances the name of Mr. A. T. Seymour, Jr. should appear on the ballot at the January Should Mr. Seymour's name receive a plurality of the 12 election. votes sufficient for election, there will exist a vacancy on the Board which should then be filled by appointment"; and in the ensuring

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discussion President Hogsett made this statement to-wit:

"The untimely death of Mr. A. T. Seymour, Jr. has deeply grieved those of us who were associated with him in the work of the Water Board. He had given many hours of personal time to the study and analysis of the complicated water problems facing the community and to the solution of those problems in the best interest of Fort Worth and Tarrant County. We will miss him personally and in our future work.

Our attorneys have advised us that in view of the provisions of the applicable statutes and the opinions of the Attorney General of Texas, the ballot in the election on January 12 will carry Mr. Seymour's name, since he had duly filed for re-election. The statute which requires that Mr. Seymour's name remain on the ballot provides that in the event he should be re-elected, a vacancy on the Board would exist which would be filled by appointment of the Board. However, I have discussed this subject with my associates on the Board and each of us agrees that if Mr. Seymour's name should receive a sufficient number of votes to elect, the Board would appoint the candidate receiving the next highest number of votes; thus giving effect to the will of the voters as expressed at the election.

Mr. Seymour's death has also created a present vacancy on the Board which could be filled by appointment. We feel, however, that it is not necessary to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the

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term expiring January 12, and that our action in doing so would be construed as the expression of a preference, which the Board wants to avoid.

We hope that the importance of the Fort Worth Water program will encourage a large voter participation in the election on January 12."

This meeting with the unanimous approval of the Directors it was so ordered that President Hogsett's statement be the official act of the Board of Directors.

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There being no further business before the Board of Directors, the meeting adjourned.

President

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