BOARD MINUTES

AUGUST 27, 1924

Fort Worth, Texas August 27, 1924

The Board of Directors of the Texas Technological College met in accordance with the call of the Chairman at 10 o'clock on the morning of August 27th, in the office of Mr. A. G. Carter, Star-Telegram Building, Fort Worth, Texas. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carter. Roll call showed that the following members of the Board were present: A. G. Carter, C. W. Meadows, R. A. Underwood, Clifford B. Jones, John W. Carpenter, Dr. J. E. Nunn, and Mrs. F. N. Drane.

Chairman Carter read a telegram from Mrs. Chas. DeGroff explaining that her absence was on account of a slight accident. President P. W. Horn, of the College, was also present as were W. C. Hedrick, architect and Capt. Henderickson, representing the State Board of Control.

The minutes of the previous meeting on July 30th, were read and approved. President Horn was called upon for his report and presented eleven matters which were acted upon as follows:

Bids were received on the Stock Judging Pavilion in accordance with previous authority granted by the Board. Contracts were let to the following bidders, who were in each instance the lowest bidder in their class. For the General Contract - to the Rice Construction Company of Amarillo for \$29,688.00. For the wiring - to the Independent Electric Company, of El Paso for \$650.00. For plumbing and heating - to the L. Holt Plumbing & Heating Company of Memphis, Texas, for \$2,726.00.

On motion the president and secretary were authorized to sign contracts with these parties for the amounts specified.

The Board then examined plans for the joint Agronomy and Domestic Science Building and for the Textile-Engineering Building. The architects were instructed to proceed with the writing specifications for these buildings and secure bids on them. Said bids to be ready to be opened at the regular meeting of the Board on October 28th.

By motion it was ordered that a joint Agronomy and Domestic Science building should be located on the campus with the Domestic Science group facing east.

The Board also examined the preliminary sketches for the heating plant. These sketches were approved and the architects were authorized to prepare plans and specifications on these - working conjointly with Mr. J. W. Carpenter and have these plans and specifications ready for approval of the Board on October 28th.

The matter of getting bids for a well, or wells, and securing a 75,000 gallon tank with necessary pumping equipment was referred to the Committee on Local Affairs with power to act.

The action of the Committee of Local Affairs and of the President in securing for office purposes, two rooms in the R. I. Wilson Building at Lubbock for \$40 a month from the Building in which these rooms were ready until the Administration Building is ready for occupancy was unanimously approved by the Board.

The President presented recommendation that the following busts be used as Placques for the Administration Building: Columbus, Washington, Lee, Lincoln, Wilson, Sam Houston, S. F. Austin, Albert Sidney Johnston, and James S. Hogg. These recommendations were unanimously approved by the Board.

The President also recommended certain inscriptions for the Administration Building. These inscriptions were tentatively approved by the Board, but it was directed that a Committee should write prominent people in the State and ask suggestions on these inscriptions

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for the Administration Building and other buildings yet to be erected. It was directed that the inscriptions recommended by the President be adopted and used providing no better inscriptions were found. The Chairman of the Board appointed as a Committee in charge of this matter: R. A. Underwood, J. W.

Carpenter, and Mrs. F. N. Drane.

The Committee on By-Laws, formerly appointed by the Board, made a report which was duly presented. This report was approved by the Board but was referred back to the committee for the incorporation of some suggestions. The amended report is to be presented to the Board at its next meeting.

The Board, on motion, ordered that the cornerstone laying for the Administration Building should be held on Armistice Day, November 11th, and that Governor Neff should be invited to lay the cornerstone and be the chief speaker for the day. The exact inscription on the cornerstone was left for further approval. The Committee appointed by the Chairman to take charge of the exercises for the cornerstone laying were Clifford B. Jones, R. A. Underwood, and Mrs. F. N. Drane. This committee is to co-operate with a local committee from the Chamber of Commerce, of Lubbock, Texas.

The Board authorized the Committee on Local Affairs to make whatever connection may be necessary for the President's residence with water, lights, and sewer.

It was moved by Mr. Clifford Jones and seconded by Mr. C. W. Meadows that inasmuch as our first fiscal year will terminate on August 31st, 1924, that inasmuch as the appropriation necessary for the payment of the Livestock Judging Pavilion will exceed the amount of unexpended money that it be the sense of the meeting of the Board of Directors that this excess amount necessary shall be paid out of the Special Fund of \$20,000.00 set aside for necessary expenses in connection with organization of the college for the year ending August 31st, 1924. And, that after paying this amount out of this Special Fund of which at this time there is a balance unexpended of approximately \$6,296 - thus leaving approximately \$2,930 in the Special \$20,000 fund. From this amount it will be necessary to pay the salary and payroll for the month of August and such amount

as is left after this deduction has been made is to be used by the Local Affairs Committee, together with President Horn, in purchasing such necessary office equipment which is to be used in connection with the operation of the Business Office, with the idea in view in buying this equipment that it would be best to buy such equipment as will be in keeping with the furnishings and surroundings in the Administration Building and President's residence. The purpose of this motion is to balance up our account before August 31st, 1924, and thereby starting in on our new appropriation September 1, 1924.

With reference to matter of local funds now on hand in charge of Mr. W. S. Posey, it was ordered that no change in the status of these funds be made at the present.

The Board then went into consideration of the budget for the two years beginning September 1st, 1925. President Horn reported that this budget had already been presented to the State Board of Control and that this Board has set as a date for the hearing - 9:00 a.m. of August 20th. The Board on motion ordered that when it adjourned it would adjourn to meet at that time in the office of the State Board of Control at Austin. It was ordered that notice to this effect be sent to absent members of the Board - Governor W. P. Hobby and Mrs. Chas. DeGroff. It was directed that Mr. Lewis Carpenter, Senator W. H. Bledsoe, and R. M. Chitwood be invited to meet with the Board on that occasion.

Mr. Jones stated that he desired the privilege of presenting to the library of the College the first books to be placed in this library and stated that these books would be the "History of Texas," by Col. Louis J. Wortham. On motion of Mr. Underwood, seconded by Mr. Meadows, the offer of Mr. Jones to this effect was accepted with thanks.

Architect W. C. Hedrick presented to the Board completed plans and specifications for the girls dormitory. In view of the fact that this work has been ordered although it had subsequently been found impossible to build this building, the Board ordered that payment to architect be made. In accordance with contract, the Board formally accepted these plans and ordered a set of them placed in the custody of the President of the College.

On motion of Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Meadows, the President of the College was directed to draft suitable resolutions of sympathy and regret concerning the death of President F. M. Bralley, of the College of Industrial Arts, Denton, Tecas, and to send a copy of these resolutions to Mrs. Bralley on behalf of the Board.

It was moved by Mr. Jones and seconded by Dr. Nunn and unanimously carried by the Board that all payments on the buildings of this College should be made, as usual, by State Warrants.

On motion the Board adjourned.

S/ A. G. CARTER Chairman

C. W. MEADOWS
Secretary