BOARD MINUTES

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Dallas, Texas
October 31, 1923.

A called meeting of the Board of Regents of the Texas Technological College was held in Dallas October 31, 1923. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, with the following members of the Board present:

Mrs. Chas. De Groff
Mrs. F. N. Drane
Mr. R. A. Underwood
Mr. Clifford B. Jones
Mr. W. P. Hobby
Mr. C. W. Meadows
Mr. Amon G. Carter
Mr. J. W. Carpenter

The only member of the Board absent was Dr. J. E. Nunn, who was unable to attend due to sickness.

Dr. P. W. Horn, President of Southwestern University at Georgetown, Texas, came before the Board in the interest of his application for the presidency of the Texas Technological College. Mr. Hobby added his personal endorsement of the record made by Dr. Horn, especially in the schools of Houston.

Mr. C. C. Hooper discussed the question of maintaining in connection with the school a general store for the supplying of necessities to the students. Mr. Jones approved of the general idea, but preferred that some worthy students be given the opportunity to assist in securing their education by conducting such a store.

The Secretary presented the formal application of Mr. J. P. Buck for the position of President of the Texas Technological College. The Chairman asked that this application be placed on file for further consideration.

Senator Bledsoe was invited to appear before the Board to discuss certain features of the procedure to be followed in the

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control and use of the funds appropriated for the benefit of the Texas Technological College. In answer to a direct question from the chair, Senator Bledsoe stated that a special session of the legislature would probably be held in January and further suggested that the Board proceed with the letting of contracts for the construction of buildings which would preclude any consideration being given to appropriations already made.

Mr. Underwood asked Senator Bledsoe if it were possible to issue a warrant for $450,000.00 at this time, pending the letting of the contracts, and the Chairman also inquired as to the placing of the miscellaneous expense on deposit in the bank at Lubbock, and Senator Bledsoe stated that in his opinion such warrants should be issued. The Chairman stated that as soon as possible warrants for this money would be issued.

The Chairman then asked Senator Bledsoe how soon, in his opinion, a Business Manager would be needed for the school, and the Senator's reply was that a Business Manager be now employed to take charge of the land and buildings which had already been acquired.

The Chairman then inquired whether the land should be leased, and what would be a satisfactory rental therefor. The Secretary then read a letter from Vickers & Campbell in which they stated that they wishes to lease the tillable land for a consideration of $2.00 per acre. It was Mr. Underwood's suggestion that a rental of $3.00 per acre would be fair.

Returning to a discussion of the Business Manager for the school, the Chairman stated that he had many applications on file for this position, and suggested that the Board deliberate in consideration of applications. Senator Bledsoe very highly endorsed Mr. R. M. Chitwood, stating that his training and experience qualified him for the position.

After a discussion of Architects, Mr. Carpenter stated that the Architectural Committee had not met and suggested that this matter be held open and submitted to the Board at its next meeting. He further suggested that a plan be worked out by the Architectural Committee and presented to the Board at its next meeting. Mr. Jones suggested that the architects under discussion be invited to appear before the Board at its next meeting, if, in the judgment of the

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Board, this should be done.

Mr. Underwood arranged for insurance on the property of the school at Lubbock, and a letter was read by the Secretary confirming the issuance of such policies to cover.

Mr. . . Noyes, a landscape artist, appeared before the Board and requested that the Board, at the proper time, give consideration to his firm.

Mr. Underwood brought to the attention of the Board the very efficient work of Mr. George M. Williams, surveyor, in the chaining and checking of the two thousand acres of land acquired by the college. The Board desired to thank Mr. Williams for his work and the following resolution was offered on motion of Mrs. De Groff and seconded by Mr. Meadows, the vote being unanimous.

WHEREAS, Mr. George M. Williams of Spur, Texas, surveyor for S. M. Swenson & Sons, has for us and in our behalf carefully and diligently and gratuitously chained, checked, and otherwise surveyed the two thousand acres of land acquired by the State of Texas for the use and benefit of the Texas Technological College at Lubbock; and

WHEREAS, such work and findings were of very great assistance to this Board in the payment for said land; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that this Board of Directors of the Texas Technological College express to Mr. Williams its deep appreciation for his services and public-spiritedness, and we further congratulate him that the opportunity did present itself whereby he could perform this splendid service in the interest of the forward educational movement in the State of Texas; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to Mr. Williams at his home at Spur, Texas.

It was moved and seconded and carried unanimously that a vote of thanks in the form of a resolution be tendered Assistant Attorney General W. W. Caves for the very personal interest and assistance rendered the Board in expediting the transfer of titles to the land purchased for the College.

WHEREAS, Hon W. W. Caves, Assistant Attorney General of the State of Texas, has carefully, diligently and unselfishly examined all abstracts, deeds, and other legal documents incident to the transfer of two thousand acres of land acquired by the State of Texas for the use and benefit of the Texas Technological College; and

WHEREAS, such service was of invaluable assistance to the Board of Directors in securing conveyance of said tract of land and in making payment therefor; and

WHEREAS, his wise counsel, excellent judgment and delightful companionship was a constant inspiration to the members of the Committee; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that this Board of Directors of the Texas Technological College express to Mr. Caves its deep appreciation of his untiring energy and unselfish devotion to the work to which he was assigned, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be presented to Mr. W. W. Caves.

The Secretary next read a telegram from Dr. Nunn in which he requested that selection of a president be postponed until such time as a full meeting of the Board could be had. The following mes-

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sage was sent to Dr. Nunn:

"Dr. J. E. Nunn, Shelbyville, Ky. Responding to your telegram this date the Board is deferring action upon President until the next meeting which is scheduled for Houston November twenty-second. We earnestly sympathize with you in your illness and express the ardent hope that you may promptly recover. C. W. Meadows, Secretary."

Mr. Underwood suggested that the Board proceed with other business.

Mr. Jones made a motion that the Treasurer of the Texas Technological College be required to give bond in an amount equal and alike to the Treasurer of the University of Texas or other State schools. This motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

Mr. Hobby suggested that the next meeting of the Board be held in Houston; it was his opinion that as this is a State institution desirable publicity could be given to the school in that part of the State by holding the next meeting in that city. The Chairman stated that the next meeting of the Architectural Committee would be held in Houston and that on this account it would be desirable also for the Board to hold its meeting in Houston on the following day.

Mr. Hobby made a motion that the Board hold its next meeting in Houston on Thursday, November 22nd. The motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

(Signed) A.G.Carter, Chairman (Signed) C.W.Meadows, Secretary

These Minutes which were found in the President's office files could not be found in the Secretary's Minute Book. 12/1/39





EXHIBIT C

DUTIES OF STANDING COMMITTEES
(Report of special committee appointed at October Meeting of Board)

It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to make to the Board recommendations concerning general policies of the Board, and particularly with reference to matters pertaining to the faculty. It shall be the general duty of this committee between meetings of the Board to pass upon such matters as would be referred to the Board as a whole if it were in session, except when such matters are clearly within the prescribed duties of the Standing Committees above mentioned.

It shall be the duty of the Building Committee to approve all plans made for buildings, to recommend to the Board of Directors the letting of contracts for buildings, and to supervise in general the erection of buildings when under construction. It shall also be the duty of this committee to have general oversight of the care and keeping of the buildings.

It shall be the duty of the Local Affairs Committee to have general charge of the properties, grounds and equipment; to pass upon needed minor repairs and improvements, and to have general oversight of matters pertaining to the relation between the college and the people of the town in which it is located. It shall be the special duty of this committee to have charge of matters pertaining directly to the Athletic Department of the College.

It shall be the duty of the Finance Committee to recommend to the Board of Directors the biennial budget to be submitted to the Board of Control and to the Legislature. It shall also be the duty of this committee at the beginning of each year to make estimates as to the probable receipts from local funds and to budget these funds. It shall be the duty of this committee to make recommendations to the Board in regard to the payment of funds for any matters that have not been specifically passed upon by the entire Board, or for which no specific appropriations have been made.

It shall be the duty of the Legislative Committee to place before the Legislature whatever budget requests have been submitted to the Board and to take whatever action it may deem best for securing from the Legislature as much as possible of the appropriations needed.