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OFFICE OF
ATTORNEY GENERAL
OF
STATE OF TEXAS.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, That the COUNTY of HARRIS
Texas, DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 1 IMPROVEMENT bonds, issued by virtue of an
ORDER passed by the COMMISSIONERS' COURT of said COUNTY

on the 12th day of April ,1909, for the purpose of drainage
improvements,

dated Feb. 1st, 1909, numbered consecutively from 1 to 60 inclusive, for the
sum of One Thousand ($1,000.) DOLLARS
each, aggregating the sum of Sixty Thousand ($60,000) DOLLARS,
payable at office of State Treasurer,Austin,Texas;Hanover Nat'l.Bank, N.Y.;
office County Treas.,Houston,Texas, redeemable at the pleasure of the
DISTRICT, as follows:Bonds Nos. 1 to 12 in 10 years;Nos. 13 to 24 in 15 years;
Nos.25 to 36 in 20 years; Nos. 37 to 48 in 25 years;Nos. 49 to 60 in 30 years,
from date, with interest at the rate of five per cent per annum, payable semi-annually,Feb. & Aug. 1st,
have been submitted to me for examination in accordance with the requirements of Article 9184, Revised Statutes of Texas, 1895,
and I have carefully examined said bonds in connection with the facts and the Constitution and laws on the subject of the execution
of said bonds, and I find upon the evidence submitted to me and as the result of the careful examination of the matter the
following facts:

1. Said DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 1 was at the time of the passage
of the ORDER above referred to legally ESTABLISHED.

2. The taxable values of said DISTRICT according to the assessment last
approved before the issuance of said bonds amounted to $327,600.

3. The debt of said DISTRICT for the purpose for which said bonds
were issued was increased by said issue in the sum of $60,000.
the total indebtedness of said DISTRICT was hereby increased in the sum of

SIXTY THOUSAND ($60,000.) DOLLARS.

4. The ORDER authorizing the issuance of said bonds is in proper
form and was legally passed.

5. A tax UPON ALL ~~on each one hundred dollars valuation of~~ taxable property in
said DISTRICT was legally provided for to pay interest on said bonds and to create a sinking
fund to provide for their liquidation at maturity; said tax is sufficient for the purposes named.

6. Said bonds are proper in form and in accordance with the ORDER
authorizing their issuance and all the requirements of the law under which they were issued have been complied with.

7.

It is my judgment and I so find that said bonds were issued in conformity with the Constitution and laws of the State of
Texas and that they are valid and binding obligations upon said DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 1
of Harris County, Texas.

IN TESTIMONY OF ALL WHICH this certificate is made under my hand and the seal of my office at Austin, Texas
this the 14th day of May, A. D. 1909.

R. L. Williamson
Attorney-General of Texas.

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County Commissioner's Court of Harris County,Texas Special Session, April 12th.1909.

In the matter of Harris County Drainage District No.1

On the 12th.day of April A.D.1909 the County Commissioner's Court of Harris County,Texas, convened in special session the following members thereof present to-wit:

A.E.Amerman,County Judge,Geo Kuhlman,Comr. Precinct No.1, John T.Hare Comr. Precinct No.2,J.W.Hall, Comr.Precinct No.3 Theo Zube Comr. Precinct No.4 When the following order was passed:

AN ORDER.

IT IS ORDERED by the County Commissioners Court of Harris County,Texas, as follows:

Section 1: That the issue of $60,000.00 of bonds of Harris County Drainage District No.1 provided for by the order of this Court, made and entered on the 28th.day of December 1908 and recorded in Book "O" page 474,475 and 476 of the Minutes of this Court, shall be and become due and payable as follows: Bonds Nos.1 to 12 inclusive ,$12,000.00 shall become due and payable ten years from their date ; bonds Nos.13 to 24 inclusive $12,000.00 shall become due and payable fifteen years from their date, bonds Nos. 25 to 36 inclusive $12,000.00 shall become due and payable twenty years from their date, bonds Nos. 37 to 48 inclusive $12,000.00 shall become due and payable twenty -five years from their date; and bonds Nos. 49 to 60 inclusive, $12,000.00 shall become due and payable thirty years from their date.

Section 2: That said bonds shall be in form and contain recitals substantially as follows:

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HARRIS
DRAINAGE DISTRICT BOND:

NO____ $1,000.00

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That Harris County Drainage District No.1 in the State of Texas, is indebted to,and promisesto pay to the bearer the sum of One Thousand Dollars,lawful money of the United States of America, on the 1st.day of February A.D.190_ with interest thereon at the rate of five per cent per annum, payable semi-annually on the first days of February and August of each year until the principal sum shall be paid, upon the presentation and

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surrender of the proper coupons hereto annexed, signed b the fac-simile signature of the County Judge and County Clerk of Harris County,Texas. Both principal and interest of this bond are and shall be payable at the County Treasurers office,Houston,Texas, or the state Treasurer Austin,Texas or at the Hanover National Bank, New York, N.Y at the option of the holder and all the taxable ,real and personal property in said District is hereby irrevocably pledged for the prompt payment of this bond and the interest thereon, as the same matures.

This bond is one of a series of bonds of like date and tenor, issued for the purpose of paying the cost and expense of certain drainage improvements in said Harris County Drainage District No.1 by and under the authority of Chapter 40 of the General Laws of the State of Texas passed by the 30th.Legislature of said State entitled: An act to authorize the Commissioner's Courts of the several Countues of Texas to create and establish Drainage Districts, to construct canals drains and ditches, to make levees, improve streams and water courses and make other improvements for the purpose of drain age; to order and hold elections for the purpose of voting on drainage propositions, and authorize the issuance of bonds, and levy of tax, and to issue bonds in payment for such drainage improvements and the mainten ance thereof, and to levy and collect taxes for the payment of such bonds, to appoint drainage commissioners, and all other necessary officers of such drainage districts for the purpose of c arrying into effect the provisions of this Act; granting the right of eminent domain to such drainage districts, and authorizing the drainagecommissioners to acquire by purchase, gift or grant, for such district, title to any right of way or other property, and generally authorizing the County commissioner's court, and the drainage commissioners, to do all things necessary for the establishing and maintenance of such districts, according to the provisions of this Act, repealing all laws and parts - of laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency" and amendments thereof, and in strict conformity to the provisions of the Constitution

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and laws of the State of Texas, Also by authority of more than two-thirds vote of the qualified resident tax paying voters of said Drainage District and in pursuance of orders duly made and entered by the said County Commissioner's Court.

Andit is hereby declared and certified that provision has been made by said County Commissioner's Court for the levy and collection of taxes annually, sufficient to pay the interest upon this bond and to provide a sinking find to discharge and redeem the principal thereof at maturity, as required by the constitution and laws of the State of Texas, and that all other acts, conditions and things required to be done and to exist precedent to, and in the making of said improvements, and the levying of said taxes and the issuance of this bond and others of the same series have been properly done, happened and performed and do exist in regular and due form, time and manners, as required by the Constitution of the laws of the State of Texas, and that the total amount of bonds issued, or other indebtedness incurred on account of said improvements doesn t exceed any statutory or constitutional limitation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF said County Commissioner's Court of HarrisCounty, Texas, has caused the seal of the County Commissioner's Court to be hereunto fixed and this bond to be signed by the County Judge and attested by the County Clerk of said County and the coupons hereunto annexed, signed with the fac similie signature of the County Judge and the County Clerk, as of the first day of February 1909.

_____
County Judge of Harris County, Texas.

Attest:

_____
Clerk of County Court, Harris County, Texas.

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NO_____ $25.00

On the first day of _____190__ the Harris County Drainage District No.1 of Harris County,Texas, will pay the bearer at the office of the County Treasurer, Houston,Texas, or at the State Treasury,Austin,Texas, or at the Hanover National Bank New York,N.Y. at the option of the holder Twenty-five dollars, lawful money of the United States,being six months interest on its Drainage Bond dated February 1,1909 and numbered ___ _____County Judge

_____ County Clerk.

Section 3: It is further ordered by said County Commissioner's Court that to pay the interest on said bonds as the same accrues, and to create an additional amount to be annually placed in a sinking fund sufficient to discharge and redeem said bonds at their maturity, there shall be levied and assessed against all of the taxable property, real,personal, mixed or otherwise within said drainage district for each of the years 1909 to 1938 inclusive, improvement taxes sufficient to produce in each of said several years the amount respectively following to-wit:

In each of the years 1909 to 1918,inclusive, the sum of $4,300.00
In each of the years 1919 to 1923, inclusive the sum of $4,800.00
In each of the years 1924 to 1928, inclusive the sum of $4,200.00
In each of the years 1929 to 1933, inclusive the sum of $3,600.00
In each of the years 1934 to 1938, inclusive the sum of $3,000.00

and said taxes are hereby levied for the year 1909 and for each year thereafter to and including the year 1938. The said levy heretofore made on the 28th?day of December 1908 of One Dollar and fifty five cents, on the One Hundred Dollars assessed valuation of all property within said District, is hereby amended and is made to be One Dollar and forty cents, on the One Hundred Dollars valuation as assessed for the year 1908 upon all property in said District, and the said taxes shall be assessed and collected as provided by law, and shall be preserved as a separate fund for the payment of said interest and the redemption of the principal of said bonds and for no other purpose until the said interest and principal shall be fully provided for.

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It is further ordered that the taxes so levied, and to be collected, shall be payable at the same time as the State and County taxes for general pruposes are due and payable.

Section No. 4; The County Judge is hereby directed to have said bonds prepared according to the terms of this Order and he and the County Clerk to properly execute the same by signing and affixing the seal of the Court thereto, and that before said bonds are negotiated, the said clerk shall make a proper record thereof as provided by law, and shall endorse upon such bind his certificate of such record, and said bonds shall be submitted to the Attorney General of the State of Texas with the necessary transcripts and certificates for his approval, and when approved by him, said bonds shall be registered by the State Comptroller as required by law, and when said bonds are so registered approved and certified, they shall be delivered to the purchasers thereof by the County Judge, as provided by law, upon the payment for same by said purchasers to the said County Judge of Harris County, Texas

Section 5: That the provisions of the said order of December 28, 1908 in so far as the same are in conflict with the provisions of this order, be and the same are hereby recinded; that all orders and proceedings heretofore had in connection with the issuance of said bonds, except where the same are in conflict herewith, shall be, and remain in full force and effect.

Witness our hands on this the 12th. day of Apr. 1909.

A.E.Amerman County Judge.

Geo Kuhlman, Commissioner Precinct No.1

J.T.Hare Commissioner Precinct No.2

J.W.Hall, Commissioner Precinct No.3

Theo Zube Commissioner Precinct No.4

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COUNTY OF HARRIS

Be it remembered that on this the 12th. day of April A.D.1909 theCommissioners Court convened in regular session Present: A.E.Amerman County Judge, Geo Kuhlman Commissioner Precinct No.1 John T.Hare Commissioner Precinct No.2 J.W.Hall, Commissioner Precinct No.3, and Theo Zube, Commissioner Precinct No.4, for the purpose of prescribing a form of Bond for Harris County Drainage District No.1 and levy of tax to provide for interest and sinking Fund and such other orders in connection therewith as may be necessary and for the purpose of prescribing a form of Bond for Harris County Drainage District No.2 and levy of Tax to provide for interest and sinking Fund and such other orders in connection therewith as may be necessary and for such other business as customarily comes before the Court at its regular monthly session.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF HARRIS

I, Geo Jones, Clerk of the County Court and Ex-officio Clerk of the Commissioners Court in and for Harris County Texas do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a trueand correct copy of an order made by the Commissioners Court at a special session call for that purpose, all members being present on April 12th. A.D.1909 relating to the form and substance of bonds to be issued for Harris County Drainage District No.1 and providing for sinking funds and tax levy etc. as the same appears of file in my office duly signed by the County Judge and all the members of said ~~Xxxxxxxxxx~~ Court and same will appear of record in the Commissioners Minutes in V Vol.O page ___

Witness my hand and seal of office on this the 12th. day of April A.D.1909.

Geo Jones

Clerk County Court, Harris County, Texas.

BY [signature] Deputy.

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 29th. A.D. 1908.

Houston, Texas, July 27th. 1908.

Hon Commissioners Court of Harris County

Hon A.E. Amerman, County Judge, Presiding

Houston, Harris County, Texas.

Gentlemen:

Having been appointed engineer for the first drainage District in Harris County known as Harris County drainage District No.1 and in accordance with Section No.5 Chapter 40 of the General Laws of the State of Texas, I hereby beg to submit my report:

I have made a complete typographical map, showing the contour of the ground for every foot over the entire district and defining the natural basins and water courses.

The drainage district is located in the S.W. Portion of Harris County and has a good slope from the N.W. to the S.E. with Brays Bayou extending through the center and Buffalo Bayou in the North, which makes an effective system of drainage easy. I have adhered to the plan outlined by nature, by deepen ing straightening and cleaning out the streams to care for the water which falls in its basin. I have allowed $0.45 per acre for every one drained into Brays Bayou for the cleaning and straightening of same, which I consider a proper sum to get the desired results and should be set aside for every acre in the Brays Bayou basin for the improvement of the stream.

The District contains 31616 acres of very fine fertile land equal to any in Harris County, but at the present time suffers severely for the want of drainage. I have seen several hundred acres under water for days after large rains. A complete system of drainage will do away with such cases as this and will be a big benefit to the health of the community it will increase the value of the land more than double, it will make good roads possible, it will give the Country a

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much larger assessable value and it is an absolute necessity for successful farming and will be the making of this section of the County.

The average assessable value is about $10.00 per acre for the land and improvements embraced in this district making a total assessable value of $316.160 The market value of this land is $20. per acre making a total of $622,320.00. The system of drainage will only cost $75,000 being only 1/8 part of the value of this district. The construction of the proposed plan will give us a cost of $2.37 per acre

You will see by referring to the map, that all ditches where possible are laid out along the original survey lines, so as to interfere as little as possible with the present improvements.

The detail cost being as follows:

23 lateral ditches, 4 feet deep, 4 feet base clope 1 to 1	17000
15 draiange ditches 4 ft. feet, 4 to 8 ft. base	37000
Cleaning out, deepening and straightening Brays Bayou	8000
Keagens Branch	5000
Culverts right of way etc	3000
Maintenance for 3 years after which ditches will clean themselves	1500
Engineers, Commissioners and help etc	3500
Total	$75000.00

Attached is a map of the District and a copy of the Field Notes describing the boundary lines and a list giving the length and number of the Cu Yards in each drainage ditch and lateral.

Very respectfully submitted,

Geo F.Horton, Drainage Engineer.

FIELD NOTES OF DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO 1 in Harris County, Texas.

Beginning at a point on the County line between Harris and Fort Bend Counties on a line due West from the S.W. corner of T.T. R.R.Co. Sec 4, Thence North 62°West 17023 feet to Mile post 15.76 on the County line. Thence North 57° 05' West 30435 feet to Mile Post No.10 on County line, thence North 44° 40' East 13053 feet to a point on the center of the abandoned Texas Western Ry R.W. thence North 89° 0' East 40 60 feet along Center of the abandoned Ry to a point where the Addicks County Road crosses the Aband onded Road bed; thence North 6622 feet Along the Addicks County Road to the summit of the drainage

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between Buffalo and Brays Bayouk the same being 5400 feet from Buffalo Bayou thence North 66° 0' East 12865 feet to a stake in the prairie in the Wm Hardin League, thence North 58° 0' East 800 feet to a stake thence North 87° 15' East 1826 feet to a stake, thence North 82° 30' East 674 feet to a stake, thence North 84° 40' East 1100 feet to a stake on the West line of the Henry K Lewis survey; thence south 76° 0' East 5100 feet to a stake in the williams league, thence East 4850 feet to a point on the West line of the Geo L.Bellows sur; thence North 62° 15' East 1050 feet to the south Bank of Buffalo Bayou thence South 39° 45' East 572 feet, thence S.64° 15' East 63 ft; Thence North 49° 0' East 265 feet; thence North 55° 30' East 115 feet, thence North 77° 15' East 161 feet, thence South 86° 25 ' East 451 feet; thence south 58° 15' East 105 feet, thence South 21° 40' East 162 feet, thence south 16°45' West 85 feet, thence South 63° 35' West 137 feet, thence South 45° 25' West 157 feet, thence South 23° 10' West 64 feet, thence South 70° 35' East 153 feet, thence South 14° 55' East 276 feet, thence south 57° 30' East 137 feet, thence South 61° 35' East 100 feet, thence South 71° 50' East 155 feet, thence North 87° East 210 feet, thence North 75° 50' East 138 feet, thence south 22° West 59 feet, thence South 10° 45' West 129 feet thence South 18° 10 West 113 feet, thence south 32° 10' East 77 feet, thence South 49° 30' East 155 feet thence South 60° 30' East 145 feet; thence North 68° 15' East 245 feet thence North 53° 10' East 265 feet, thence North 84° 5' East 60 feet, thence East 125 feet Thence North 64° 25' East 94 feet, thence North 77° 45' East 165 feet, thence North 37° East 244 feet, thence North 1° East 210 feet Thence North 7° 30 East 126 feet thence North 79° 15' East 66 feet, thence South 84° 45' East 147 feet, thence South 48° 50' East 50 feet thence South 15° 45' East 171 feet, thence south 7°15' East 177 feet, thence South 24° 30' East 132 feet, thence South 52° 30' East 129 feet, thence South 89° 50' East 177 feet thence North 70° 51' East 119 feet, the same being the center of Road through the Taylor league and crossing Buffalo Bayou this point, thence South 4° East 770 feet along fence line of Nibbs; thence South 23° East 973 feet, thence South 1682 feet along fence line to center of the abandoned Texas Western R.R. R/W thence West along said line 845 feet to fence line West of County Road to Jeanetta, Texas; Thence South along said

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line produced 32000 feet to a point in H. T. &B.Survey, thence West 4250 feet to the West line of H.T. & B.R.R. Survey thence South with H.T & B.Survey, West line 2000 feet to a point, thence West along the T.T. R.R. Co. Section 4, 4500 feet, and same line produced to point of beginning 2200 feet, containing 31616 acres of land more or less.

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No. of Ditch.	Length of Ditch	width of ditch	Depth of Ditch	Cubic Yards to be excavated.
1	8000 ft	4 ft	4 ft	9440
2	5800 ft	4 ft	4 ft	6844
3	6500 ft	4 ft	4 ft	7670
4	3000 ft	4 ft	4 ft	3540
5	5900 ft	4 ft	4 ft	6962
6	3500 ft	4 ft	4 ft	4130
7	3000 ft	4 ft	4 ft	3540
8	4'00 ft	4 ft	4 ft	5664
9	6100 ft	4 ft	4 ft	6198
10	6800 ft	4 ft	4 ft	8024
11	6800 ft	4 ft	4 ft	8024
12	3800 ft	4 ft	4 ft	4484
13	9200 ft	4 ft	4 ft	10856
14	3900 ft	4 ft	4 ft	4602
15	3700 ft	4 ft	4 ft	4366
16	4100 ft	4 ft	4 ft	4838
17	3700 ft	4 ft	4 ft	4366
18	2300 ft	4 ft	4 ft	2714
19	5100 ft	4 ft	4 ft	6018
20	6000cft	4 ft	4 ft	7080
21	6400 ft	4 ft	4 ft	7552
22	5400 ft	4 ft	4 ft	6372
23	6000 ft	4 ft	4 ft	7080
24	4500 ft	4 ft	4 ft	5320
A1	27200 ft	4 ft	4 ft	32096
a2	10500 ft	6 ft	4 ft	15540
B	16300 ft	6 ft	4 ft	24124
C	21600 ft	6 ft	4 ft	31968
D.1	9700 ft	4 ft	4 ft	11446
d.2	11100 ft	6 ft	4 ft	16428
d.3	20100 ft	8 ft	4 ft	35778
E	18900 ft	6 ft	4 ft	27972
F	12500 ft	4 ft	4 ft	14750
G	12400 ft	4 ft	4 ft	14632
H	9500 ft	4 ft	4 ft	11210
I	18300 ft	4 ft	4 ft	21594
J	12500 ft	6 ft	4 ft	18500
K	20100 ft	4 ft	4 ft	23718
1	8300 ft	4 ft	4 ft	& 9794
Total amount of Cubic Yards to be excavat ed				451858

Filed Aug. 3,1908 Geo Jones, Clerk County Court, Harris Co?,Texas
By H.L.Washburn, Deputy.

THE STATE OFTEXAS
COUNTY OF HARRIS.

I, Geo Jones, Clerk County Court, in and for Harris County Texas do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Report of Geo F. Horton Engineer in re Harris County Drainage District No.1 as the same appears of record in my office in Vol. O page 374

Witness my hand and seal of office on this the 15th.day of March A.D.1909.

Geo Jones
Clerk County Court, Harris Co.,Texas.

BY Cecil Daughtry
Deputy.

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Order approving Report of Engineer in re Harris Co Drainage District No.1.

On this the 29th. day of August AD.1908 came on to be heard the Report of Geo F. Horton, heretofore appointed as Engineer for Harris County Drainage District No.1 and it appearing to the Court that no objection thereto has been made, on motion of Commissioner Zube and seconded by Commissioner Hirsch, duly put and carried, it is ordered by the Court, that the report of Geo F.Horton, Engineer be and the same is hereby in all things approved and confirmed and that the same be recorded in the Minutes of this Court.

The State of Texas,
County of Harris.

I, GEO. JONES, Clerk of the County Court of Harris County, Texas, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of an order made and passed by the Commissioners Court on August 29th. 1908 as the same appears of (file/record) in my office. in Commissioners Minutes Vol.O, page 376

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND, and the seal of said Court, at office in Houston, Texas, this the 16th day of March A. D. 1909

Geo Jones,
Clerk County Court, Harris County.

By Lee Daughtry, Deputy.

NOTICE OF HEARING OF ENGINEER'S REPORT.

It appearing to the Court that Geo F.Horton, the civil engineer heretofore employed by the court to go upon the premises and land embraced within the Dairy Drainage District and examine the land to be drained, and to locate the necessary drains ditches and canals and make an estimate of the probable cost of making and building each of them and to designate the streams or stream, or the Bayous necessary to be cleaned, deepened, and straightened and to estimate the cost of each and to estimate the probable cost of maintaining the same per year the same to be accompanied by a map thereof, has filed his said report accompanied by the map of said proposed drainage district with the Clerk of this Court, on motion of Commissioner Zube and seconded by Commissioner Hirsch it is ordered that said report be set down for hearing on Saturday Aug. 29th.1908, and the Clerk of this Court will cause to be posted such notices as may be required by law.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS,
COUNTY OF HARRIS.

I,Geo Jones, Clerk of the County Court and ex-officio Clerk of the Commissioners Court in and for said County and State do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of an order made and entered by the Commissioners Court on August 3rd. setting a date for the hearing of the report of Geo. F.Horton on the proposed Dairy Drainage District as the same appears of file in my office

witness my hand and seal of office on this the 16h day of March A.D.1909.

Geo Jones Co. Court & Ex-officio
Clk. of the Commissioners Court
Harris County, Texas.

"SEAL"

BY Cecil Daugherty Deputy

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STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF HARRIS.

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared J A Beeler known to me to be Deputy Clerk of the County Court of Harris County, Texas, duly appointed and qualified, who after by me being duly sworn says on oath that he posted a true copy for Hearing of the Report of Engineer D D No 1 (Dairy) filed Aug 3 1908 for Harris County Drainage District No. One of said County at the following places towit:- One at Jeanette, one at Moss, One on the County Road Crossing of the Addicks County Road & old Narrow gauge Road, one at Post Oak one at Dairy and at the Court House door of Harris County, Texas, in Houston, Texas Five of which above mentioned notices were posted in the proposed Drainage District, and one at Court House door at least twenty days prior to the 19th day of August 1908

J A Beeler
Deputy County Clerk Harris Co., Texas.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 16th day of March A.D. 1909

H H Wohlmon
Notary Public Harris County, Texas.

State of Texas

County of Harris.

I, Geo Jones, Clerk of the County Court in and for Harris County, Texas, do hereby certify that J A Beeler was on all the dates mentioned in the above certificate a duly appointed and qualified Deputy acting for me and in my stead, a Clerk of the County Court in and for Harris County, Texas, and that the said J A Beeler was authorized and directed by me to post the notices hereinbefore referred to

Geo Jones
Clerk County Court, Harris Co., Texas.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS,

COUNTY OF HARRIS.

I, A.E.Amerman, Judge of the County Court in and for Harris County,Texas, do hereby certify that Geo. F.Horton was appointed as Engineer on April 15th.1908 in the matter of Harris County Drainage District No.1 to go upon the premises embraced within said District, make the statem nt of costs, tc, as provided by law,and I further certify that said Geo.F.Horton qualified by giving bond as required by law on April 17th.1908 which said bond was duly filed and recorded in the office of the County Clerk in Commissioners Minutes Vol.O. page 220.

witness my hand and seal of office on this the 12th. day of January A.D. 1909.

A. E. Amerman

County Judge, Harris County,Texas.

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Certified Records

Harris Co. Drainage
District #1.

GRIGGS & BARKLEY,
LAWYERS,
HOUSTON, TEXAS.

County of Harris.
State of Texas.

To the Honorable Commissioner's Court of Harris County, Texas:

Your undersigned petitioners respectfully ask that your Honorable Court take such action as the law passed on the subject of drainage by the thirtieth Legislature of the State of Texas directs. To create a drainage district to the end that there may be legally submitted to the qualified voters residing in the territory hereinafter described, the question as to whether or not said territory shall be created a drainage district, in compliance with the provisions of said law.

Said drainage district to be known as Drainage District No 1 of Harris County and to embrace the following described territory, to-wit; Beginning at a point on the west line of Harris County, Texas, where the County line crosses the summit of the drainage between Buffalo and Brays Bayou, at a point about 1/2 mile North of Claudine, between Harris and Fort Bend Counties; thence in an easterly direction following said summit between Buffalo and Brays Bayou, to the west line of the Geo.L.Billow survey; thence in a northeasterly direction through said Billow survey and continuing to the center of Buffalo Bayou, then down said Bayou with its meanders and the middle of the same to the County Bridge located in the John D.Taylor league on the public road running north and south through said league; thence south with the west line of said public road to the San Antonio and Aransas Pass, R.R. and continuing south to the summit of the drainage between Kiggins Bayou and Oyster Creek at a point near the South ern Pacific R.R. and about 1 mile northeast of Missouri City; thence in a westerly direction with the summit of said drainage to the west line of Harris County; thence in a northwesterly direction with the said west line of Harris County, to the place of beginning.

Your petitioners represent to your Honorable Court that it is feasible to construct a drainage system in said territory under the provisions of the said law that will redound to the upbuilding of the district and the comfort and profit of those who inhabit it.

Among some of the prominent advantages that drainage will be to this territory are,

First-It will render habitable and productive of crop, lands that do not now possess these qualities

Second-It will increase the prpductiveness of and comforts of living on all of these lands embraced in this district.

Third-It will lengthen the growing season of the land by giving it warmth and permitting it to be planted earlier and thus enable the farmer to better complete with the cotton boll weavil

Fourth-It will render the lands of this district easier of cultivation, through enabling the tiller of the soil to get at the weeds and grasses sooner, the surface being free from water the weeds and grasses can be more easily killed, the soil being drained is less inclined to bake and will not require the amount of power to cultivate it, that drained soil will.

Fifth-It will enable the land to be grazed without serious damage when sown to winter crops

Sixth- It will improve the quality of all crops grown on the land as well as the quantity.

Seventh-It will create conditions that will cause crops growing on the land to suffer less from draught than those grown on undrained land.

Eight-It will render the land more healthy to reside upon and do away with the malaria breeding mosquito.

We hold ourselves ready to furnish convincing evidence that all these advantages and many others will accrue from the proper drainage of the lands of said district.

We herewith hand you receipt from the County Clerk for the sum of Two Hundred($200.00) Dollars to be used by you as the law directs in giving effect to this petition and we earnestly hope that the subject matter may receive your prompt and favorable action.

Respectfully submitted.

Following names represent resident, qualified freeholders of Harris County Drainage District No.1

SIGNATURES.
J.S.Magee
J.D.Cook
S.H.Liestman
J.K.Bassinger
N.C.Gentry
A.H.Holland
H.A.Doty
E.D.Hastings
S.G.Brasfield
A.J.Martin
L.A.Pledger
J.G.Maybin

SIGNATURES.
J.C.Hastings
C.R.Hastings
David Scovel
John Dockal
J.D.Hauly
J.D.James
L.G.Witt
W.Lehmann
A.White
Henry Day
John Rosseler
William Oder
Isaac Jackson.

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The Stateof Texas,

County of Harris.

I Geo Jones, Clerk County Court and ex-officio Clerk of the Commissioners Court do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copyof petition of J.S.Magee, et al for the establishment of Harris County Drainage District No.1 as same appears of file in my office.

Witness my hand and seal of office on this the 16th. day of December A.D.1908.

Geo Jones

Clerk of the County Court & Ex-officio Clerk of the Commissioners Court, Harris Co., Texas.

BY Carrie Daughtry Deputy.

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Filed,Mar.10,1908 Geo.Jones,Clerk County Court,Harris Co Texas By H.J. Lahrssen,Deputy.

This day,March 10,1908 came on to be heard before the Court a petition of 25 resident citizens of a proposed Drainage District for the establishment of a drainage District to be known as Harris County Drainage District No.1 and it appearing to the Court that the signers to said petition are tax payers and that said petition is in conformity with the law and that the deposit required by law to be made has been made,it is ordered by the Court that the same be set for hearing on Wednesday April 15,1908 before the Commissioners Court of Harris County,in Houston,Texas It is further ordered that the Clerk of this Court cause to be posted five certified copies of this petition,together with this order,four(4) within the boundaries of the proposed district and one at the Court House door in order that any person residing in the precinct sought to be enclosed may appear before the Court at the time of said hearing and state his objection thereto.

State of Texas
County of Harris. I,GEO.JONES,Clerk of the County Court and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Commissioners Court in and for Harris County,Texas,do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of a petition of 25 resident citizens of a proposed drainage District for the establishment of a Drainage district to be known as Harris County Drainage District No 1 and

Of the order of the Commissioners court passed March 10,1908 setting said petition down for hearing on April 15,1908 and ordering that notices thereof be posted,as the same appears on file and of record in my office in Commissioner's Minutes Vol.O page 152.

Witness my hand and seal of said Court,at office in Houston,this the 13th day of March,A.D.1908.

GEO.JONES,

(SEAL)

Clerk County Court and Ex-Officio Clerk
Commissioners Court,Harris Co.,Texas

By H.J.Lahrssen,Deputy.

-----OFFICER'S RETURN.-----

Came to hand the 13th day of March,1908 and executed by posting five certified copies of the within notice as follows,to-wit; One at the County bridge at Piney Point,one at Jeanette,one at Hastings store at Dairy,one on the County road crossing of the Letitia County Road and the old Narrow Gauge Road and one at the Court House door in Houston, Texas from March 14th,1908 to April 13,1908 inclusive as required by law.

I certify that in posting said notices I traveled Fifty miles

Witness my hand at Houston,Texas,this 14th day of April,1908.

(SEAL)

GEO.JONES,
Clerk County Court,Harris County,Texas,
By J.A.Beeler, Deputy.

FEES-

5 Notices,	$5.00
50 miles	2.50
	$7.50

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The State of Texas,
County of Harris.

I,Geo Jones, Clerk of the County Court and ex-officio Clerk of the Commissioners Court do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of notice posted by the County Clerkgiving the date of hearing of the petition for Harris County Drainage District No.1 as same appears of record in my office. in Vol. O. page 209 Commissioners Minutes

witness my hand and seal of office on this the 16th. day of December A.D.1908.

Geo. Jones

Clerk of the County Court & Ex-officio Clerk of the Commissioners Court of Harris County,Texas.

BY Cecil Daughtry

Deputy.

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State of Texas,

County of Harris. Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared J. A. Beeler known to me to be Deputy Clerk of the County Court of Harris County, Texas, duly appointed and qualified, who after by me being duly sworn says on oath that he posted a true copy for the hearing of the Commissioners Court of the Petition for the creation of ~~for~~ Harris County Drainage District No. 1 of said County at the following places At the County bridge at Piney Point at Hastings Store, at Dairy, at County Road Crossing of the Letitia County Road and the old narrow gauge road and at the Court House door of Harris County, Texas, in Houston, Texas, four of which above mentioned notices were posted in the proposed Drainage District at least thirty (30) days prior to the 15th day of April 1908

J. A. Beeler.
Deputy County Clerk Harris County, Texas

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 12 day of January A D 1909

L. Washburn
Notary ~~Public~~ Harris County, Texas.

State of Texas,

County of Harris. I, Geo Jones, Clerk of the County Court in and for Harris County, Texas, do hereby certify that J. A. Beeler was on all the dates mentioned in the above certificate a duly appointed and qualified Deputy acting for me and in my stead, ~~a~~ as Clerk of the County Court in and for Harris County, Texas and that the said J. A. Beeler was authorized and directed by me to post the~~xx~~ notices hereinbefore referred to

Geo Jones
Clerk County Court Harris County, Texas.

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Houston, Texas.

On this the 15th. day of April AD.1908 came on for hearing before the Court the Petition of Twenty five resident citizens of the proposed Drainage District to be known as Harris County Drainage District No.1 and it appearing that due notice of said hearing had been posted by the Clerk of this Court for thirty full days preceeding as shown by his return on a certified copy of said petition and Order of the Court passed March 10th.1908, and the Court having heard all parties who appeared before it and gave their evidence thereon and being of the opini-n that the drainage in such district is feasible and parctica-ble and that it is needed and that said drainage would be conducive to the public health and of benefit to the citizens of said community on motion of Commissioner Zube and seconded by Commissioner Hirsch the Court so finds and directs that its findings be placed of record:

It is further ordered that Geo F.Horton a competent civil Engineer of Harris County be and he is hereby appointed to proceed immediately upon the premises described in said petition and the land embraced therein and examine the same and locate the necessary canals, drains, and ditches atc, and make an estimate of the probable cost of making and completing each of them and designate the streams and bayous necessary to be cleaned, deepende or straightened and estimate the cost of each and shall also estimate the probable cost of maintaining the same for a year and proceed to make his report thereon to the Court. In locating the canals and ditches the Engineer shall in so far asthe same may be practicable follow the lines of the land where it has been sectionized and his report shall be accompanied by a map showing the initial or beginning point as well as the out lets of all canals, ditches etc, as provided by law.

It is further ordered that said Geo F.Horton be authorized to employ two assistants, if the same shall be found necessary, who shall each receive the sum of not more than $2.00 per day for the time they are actually engaged in the work and said Engineer Geo F.Horton shall not recive more than $10.00 per day for his services for the time he is actually engaged in the work, and he is instructed to make said report as soon as possible.

The State of Texas,
County of Harris.

I Geo Jones, Clerk of the County Court and ex-off-icio Clerk of the Commissioners Court in and for Harris County,Texas so hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of an order appointing Geo.F.Horton, engineer, to make survey of Harris County Drainage District No. one as same appears of record in my office on Commissioners Min. Vol.O, page 212.

Witness my hand and seal of office on this the 16th.day of December A.D.1908.

Geo Jones
Clerk County Court, Harris Co., Texas

BY Cecil Daughtry
Deputy.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF HARRIS.

I, A.E. Amerman, Judge of the County Court in and for Harris County, Texas, do hereby certify that Geo. F. Horton was appointed as Engineer on April 15th. 1908 in the matter of Harris County Drainage District No. 1 to go upon the premises embraced within said District, make the statement of costs, etc, as provided by law and I further certify that said Geo F. Horton qualified by giving bond as required by law on April 17th. 1908 which said bond was duly filed and recorded in the office of the County Clerk in Commissioners Minutes Vol. O, page 220.

Witness my hand and seal of office on this the 12th. day of January A.D. 1909.

A E Amerman.

County Judge, Harris County, Texas.

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Houston,Texas,July 27,1908.

Hon.Commissioners Court of Harris County,

Hon.A.E.Amerman,County Judge,Presiding,

Houston, Harris County,Texas.

Gentlemen:-

Having been appointed engineer for the first drainage District in Harris County, known as Harris County Drainage District No.1 and in accordance with Section No.5 Chapter 40, of the General Laws of the State of Texas, I hereby beg to submit my report;-

see map further on.

I have made a complete topographical map, showing the contour of the ground for every foot over the entire district and defining the natural basins and water courses.

The drainage district is located in the S.W.portion of Harris County and has a good slope from the N. W. to the S. E. with Brays Bayou extending through the center and Buffalo Bayou in the North which makes an effective system of drainage easy.

I have adhered to the plan outlined by nature, by deepening straightening and cleaning out the streams to care for the water which falls in its basins. I have allowed $0.45 per acre for every one drained into Brays Bayou for the cleaning and straightening of same, which I consider a proper sum to get the desired results and should be set a side for every acre in the Brays Bayou basin for the improvement of the stream.

The District contains 31616 acres of very fine fertile land equal to any in Harris County, but at the present time suffers severly for the want of drainage. I have seen several hundred acres under water for days after large rains. A complete system of drainage will do away with such cases as this and willbe a big benefit to the health of the community, it will increase the value of the land more than double; it will make good roads possible; it will give the country a much larger assessable

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value and it is an absolute necessity for successful farming and will be the making of this section of the County.

The average assessable value is about $10.00 per acre for the land and improvements embraced in this district, making a total assessable value of $316, 160. The market value of this land is $20 per acre making a total of $622,320.00 The system of drainage will only cost $75,000, being only 1/8 part of the value of this district. The construction of the proposed plan will give us a cost of $2.37 per acre.

You will see by referring to the map, that all ditches where possible, are laid out along the original survey lines, so as to interfere as little as possinle with the present improvements.

The detail cost being as follows;-

23 lateral ditches,4 feet deep,4 feet base slope 1 to 1	$17000
15 drainage dirches 4 ft deep,4 to 8 ft base	37000
Cleaning out,deepening and straightening Brays Bayou	8000
Keagens Branch	5000
Culverts,right of ways,etc,	3000
Maintenance for 3 years after which ditches will clean themselves,	1500
Engineers,Commissioners and help etc.	3500
Total---	$75000.00

Attached is a map of the District and a copy of the Field notes de scribing the boundary lines and a list giving the length and number of the Cu.Yards in each drainage ditch and lateral.

Very respectfully submitted,

Geo.F.Horton,

Drainage Engineer.

(Field Notes omitted)

Filed--Aug.3,1908

Geo Jones Clerk County Court,Harris Co Texas

By H.L.Washburn, Deputy.

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No. of Ditch.	Length of Ditch	Width of ditch	Depth of Ditch	Cubic Yards to be excavated.
1	8000 ft	4 ft	4 ft	9440
2	5800 ft	4 ft	4 ft	6844
3	6500 ft	4 ft	4 ft	7670
4	3000 ft	4 ft	4 ft	3540
5	5900 ft	4 ft	4 ft	6962
6	3500 ft	4 ft	4 ft	4130
7	3000 ft	4 ft	4 ft	3540
8	4'00 ft	4 ft	4 ft	5664
9	6100 ft	4 ft	4 ft	6198
10	6800 ft	4 ft	4 ft	8024
11	6800 ft	4 ft	4 ft	8024
12	3800 ft	4 ft	4 ft	4484
13	9200 ft	4 ft	4 ft	10856
14	3900 ft	4 ft	4 ft	4602
15	3700 ft	4 ft	4 ft	4366
16	4100 ft	4 ft	4 ft	4838
17	3700 ft	4 ft	4 ft	4366
18	2300 ft	4 ft	4 ft	2714
19	5100 ft	4 ft	4 ft	6018
20	6000cft	4 ft	4 ft	7080
21	6400 ft	4 ft	4 ft	7552
22	5400 ft	4 ft	4 ft	6372
23	6000 ft	4 ft	4 ft	7080
24	4500 ft	4 ft	4 ft	5310
A1	27200 ft	4 ft	4 ft	32096
a2	10500 ft	6 ft	4 ft	15540
B	16300 ft	6 ft	4 ft	24124
C	21600 ft	6 ft	4 ft	31968
D.1	9700 ft	4 ft	4 ft	11446
d.2	11100 ft	6 ft	4 ft	16428
d.3	20100 ft	8 ft	4 ft	35778
E	18900 ft	6 ft	4 ft	27972
F	12500 ft	4 ft	4 ft	14750
G	12400 ft	4 ft	4 ft	14632
H	9500 ft	4 ft	4 ft	11210
I	18300 ft	4 ft	4 ft	21594
J	12500 ft	6 ft	4 ft	18500
K	20100 ft	4 ft	4 ft	23718
1	8300 ft	4 ft	4 ft	& 9794
Total amount of Cubic Yards to be excavat ed				451858

Filed Aug. 3,1908 Geo Jones, Clerk County Court, Harris Co?,Texas
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Beginning at a point on the County line between Harris County and Fort Bend County on an line due West from the S.W. Corner of T.T.R.R. Co. Section No. 4. Thence N. 62 o W. 17023 ft. to Mile Post No. 15.76 on the County line. Thence N. 57°05' W. 30435 ft. to Mile Post No. 10 on County line. Thence N. 44 o 40' E. 13053 feet to a point on the Center line of the abandoned Texas Western Railway. Thence N. 89 o E. 4060 ft. along said center line of the abandoned T.W.R.R. to a point where the Addicks County Road crosses the abandoned Roadbed. Thence N. 6622 ft. along the Addicks County Road to the Summit of the Drainage between Buffalo and Brays Bayou, the same being 5400 ft. from Buffalo Bayou. Thence S. 66°E. 12865 ft. to a stake in the prairia in the Wm. Hardin League. Thence N. 58 o E. 800 ft. to a stake. Thence S. 87 o 15' E. 1826 ft. to a stake. Thence N. 82 o 30' E. 674 ft. to a stake. Thence N. 84 o 40' E. 1100 ft. to a stake in the west line of the Henry K. Lewis Survey. Thence S. 76 o E. 5100 ft. to a stake in the Williams League. Thence E. 4850 ft. to a point in the West line of the Geo. Bellows Survey. Thence N. 62 o 15' E. 10050 ft. to the South bank of Buffalo Bayou. Thence S 39 o 45' E. 572 ft. Thence S. 64 o 15' E. 63 ft. Thence N. 49 o E. 265 ft. Thence N. 55 o 30' E. 115 ft. Thence N. 77 o 15' E. 161 ft. Thence S. 86 o 25' E. 451 ft. Thence S. 58 o 15' E. 105 ft. Thence S. 21 o 40' E. 162 ft. Thence S. 16 o 45' W. 85 ft. Thence S. 63 o 35' W. 137 ft. Thence S. 45 o 25' W. 157 ft. Thence S. 23 o 10' W. 64 ft. Thence S. 7 o 35' E. 153 ft. Thence S. 14 o 25' E. 391 ft. Thence S. 57 o 30' E. 137 ft. Thence S. 61 o 35' E. 100 ft. Thence S. 71 o 50' E. 155 ft. Thence N. 87 o E. 210 ft. Thence N. 75 o 50' E. 138 ft. Thence S. 22 o W. 59 ft. Thence S. 10 o 45' W. 129 ft. Thence S. 18 o 10' W. 113 ft. Thence S. 32 o 10' E. 77 ft. Thence S. 49 o 30' E. 155 ft. Thence S. 60 o 30' E. 141 ft. Thence S. 36 o 01' E. 300 ft. Thence N. 68 o 15' East 245 ft. Thence N. 53 o 10' E. 265 ft. Thence N. 84 o 05' E. 60 ft. Thence E. 125 ft. Thence N. 64 o 25' E. 94 ft. Thence N. 77 o 45' E. 165 ft. Thence N. 37 o E. 244 ft. Thence N. 1 o E. 210 ft. Thence N. 7 o 30' E. 126 ft. Thence N. 79 o 15' E. 66 ft. Thence 84 o 45' E. 331 ft. Thence S. 48 o 50' E. 50 ft. Thence S 15 o 45' E. 171 ft. Thence 7 o 15' E. 177 ft. Thence S. 24 o 30' E. 132 ft.

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Thence S. 52 o 30 ' East 129 feet. Thence S. 89 o 50 ' E. 177 feet. Thence ~~East~~ N. 70 o 50 ' East 119 ft. the same being the center line of Road through the Taylor League. and crossing Buffalo Bayou at this point. Thence South 4 o East 770 feet along fence line of Nipps. Thence South 2 30 ' East 973 feet. Thence South 1682 feet along fence line to the center line of the above mentioned Texas Western Railroad. Thence West along said line 8~~4~~5 feet to fence line West of County Road to Jeanetta. Thence South along said line produce 32000 feet to a point in the H. T. & B. R. R. Co. Survey. Thence West 4250 feet to the West line of said Survey. Thence South with said Surveys West line 2000 feet to a point. Thence West along the T. T. R. R. Co. Section No. 4. 4500 feet and same line produced to the point of beginning, 2200 feet containing 31616 Acres of land, more or less.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS)
COUNTY OF HARRIS)

I, GEO. JONES, Clerk of the County Court and Ex officio Clerk of the Commissioner's Court in and for the County of Harris and State aforesaid do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Report of ec F. Horton, the Engineer employed to survey Harris County Drainage District No 1 by the Commissioner's Court, filed-Aug. 3, 1908 as the same appears of record in my office in Commissioner's Court Minutes Volume "O" page 374

Given under my hand and seal of said court, at office in Houston Texas, this 21st day of December, A.D. 1908

Geo Jones.

Clerk County Court and Ex Officio Clerk
Commissioner's Court, Harris Co Tex

By H Washburn Deputy.

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It appearing to the Court that Geo F.Horton, the civil engineer heretofore employed by the court to go upon the pfemises and land embraced within the Dairy Drainage District and examine the land to be drained, and to locate the necessary drains ditches and canals and make an estimate of the probable cost of making and building each of them and to designate the streams or stream, or the Bayous necessary to be cleaned, deepened, and straightened and to estimate the cost of each and to estimate the probable cost of maintaining the same per year the same to be accompanied by a map thereof, has filed his said report accompanied by the map of said proposed drainage district with the Clerk of this Court, on motion of Commissioner Zube and seconded by Commissioner Hirsch it is ordered that said report be set down for hearing on Saturday Aug. 29th.1908, and the Clerk of this Court will cause to be posted such notices as may be required by law.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
COUNTY OF HARRIS.

I,Geo Jones, Clerk of the County Court and ex-officio Clerk of the Commissioners Court in and for said County and State do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of an order made and entered by the Commissioners Court on August 3rd. setting a date for the hearing of the report of Geo. F.Horton oon the proposed Dairy Drainage District as the same appears of file in my office

witness my hand and seal of office on this the 4th day of August A.D.1908.

Geo Jones, Clerk Co. Court & Ex-officio
Clk. of the Commissioners Court
Harris County,Texas.
BY Cecil Dougherty
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Order approving Report of Engineer in re Harris Co
Drainage District No.1.

On this the 29th. day of August AD.1908 came on to be heard the Report of Geo F. Horton, heretofore appointed as Engineer for Harris County Drainage District No.1 and it appearing to the Court that no objection thereto has been made, on motion of Commissioner Zube and seconded by Commissioner Hirsch, duly put and carried, it is ordered by the Court, that the report of Geo F.Horton, Engineer be and the same is hereby in all things approved and confirmed and that the same be recorded in the Minutes of this Court.

The State of Texas,
County of Harris.

I, GEO. JONES, Clerk of the County Court of Harris County, Texas, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of an order made and passed by the Commissioners Court on August 29th. 1908 as the same appears of ~~xxx~~ record in my office. in Commissioners Minutes Vol.O, page 356

Given Under My Hand, and the seal of said Court, at office in Houston, Texas, this the 10th day of January A. D. 1909

Geo Jones
Clerk County Court, Harris County.

By Ceil Daugherty Deputy.

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Commissioner's Court of Harris County, Texas. In Special Session August 29th 1908. In the matter of Petition of J.S.Magee and 24 others praying for the establishment of a drainage district in said petition fully described and designated by the name of "Harris County Drainage District No.1"

On motion of Commissioner Zube and seconded by Commissioner Hirsch, duly put and carried, it is ordered by the Court that an election be held on Thursday, October 8th. 1908 in the proposed drainage district to be known as "Harris County Drainage District No.1" described by metes and bounds as follows; to-wit;

Beginning at a point on the County line between Harris and Fort Bend Counties on a line due west from the S.W. corner of T.T.R.R.Co Sec 4 thence North 62° west 17023 feet to Mile Post 15.76 on the County line; thence North 57°05' west 30435 feet to Mile Post No 10 on County line; thence North 44°40' east 13053 feet to a point on the center of the abandoned Texas Western Ry. R/W; thence North 89°0' East 4060 feet along canter of the abandoned Ry to a point where the Addicks County road crosses the abandoned Road bed; thence North 6622 feet along the Addicks County road to the summit of the drainage between Buffalo and Brays Bayous the same being 5400 feet from Buffalo Bayou; thence North 66°0' East 12865 feet to a stake in the prairie in the Wm. Hardin league; thence North 58° 0' East 800 feet to a stake; thence north 87°15' East 1826 feet to a stake Thence North 82°30' East 674 feet to a stake; thence N84°40' East 1100 feet to a stake on the west line of the Henry K. Lewis survey; thence south 76° 0' East 5100 feet to a stake in the Williams league; thence East 4850 feet to a point on the west line of the Geo. L. Bellows survey; thence North 62° 15' East 1050 feet to the south bank of Buffalo Bayou; thence south 39°45' East 572 feet; thence S.64°15' East 63 feet; thence North 49°0' East 265 feet; thence North 55°30' East 115 feet; thence North 77°15' East 161 feet; thence south 86°25' East 451 feet; thence south 58°15' East 105 feet; thence South 21°40' East 162 ft; thence south 16° 45' West 85 feet; thence south 63°35' west 137 feet; thence south 45°25' West 157 feet; thence south 23° 10' west 64 feet; thence south 70°35° East 153 feet; thence south 14°558 East 276 feet; thence south 57°30' East 137 feet; Thence North 87° East 210 feet; Thence North 75°50' East 138 feet; Thence South 22 °west 59 feet; Thence South 10° 45' west 129 feet; Thence south 18° 10 west 113 feet; Thence S 32° 10' East 77 feet; Thence South 49° 30' East 155 feet; Thence south 60° 30' East 145 feet; Thence North 68° 15' East 245 feet Thence North 53° 10' East 265 feet; Thence North 84° 5 ' East 60 feet; Thence East 125 feet; Thence North 64° 25' East 94 feet; thence North 77° 45' East 165 feet; Thence North 37 ° East 244 feet; Thence North 1° East 210 feet; Thence North 7° 30' East 126 feet; Thence North 79° 15' East 66 feet; Thence South 84° 45' East 147 feet; Thence south 48° 50' East 50 feet; Thence south 15° 45' East 171 feet; Thence south 7° 15' East 177 feet; Thence south 24° 30' East 132 feet; Thence south 52° 30 ' East 129 feet; Thence south 89° 50' East 177 feet; Thence North 70° 51' East 119 feet, the same being the center of Road through the Taylor league, and crossing Buffalo Bayou this point; thence south 4° East 770 feet along fence line of Nibbs; thence south 23° East 973 feet Thence south 1682 feet along fence line to center of the abandoned Texas Western R. R. R/W; Thence west along said line 845 feet to fence line West of County road to Jeanetta, Texas; thence south along said line produced 32000 feet to a point in H.T & B. Survey; thence west 4250 feet to the west line of H.T.& B.R.R. survey; thence south with H.T.& B. survey west line 2000 feet to a point; Thence west along the T.T.R.R.Co. section 4, 4500 feet and same line produced to point of beginning 2200 feet containing 31616 acres of land, more or less, at which time there shall be submitted the following propositions and none other "For the Drainage District and issuance of Bonds and levy of tax in payment therefor" "Against the Drainage District and Issuance of Bonds and levy of Tax in payment therefor"

It is further ordered that the following shall constitute the voting boxes in and for said proposed Drainage District, to-wit;- Voting Precinct No.48 "Yates: Voting Precinct No.10 "Morse", and voting Precinct No.51 "Dairy" and that the following parties be and they are hereby appointed Judges of said election to hold the same in conformity with Law: Precinct No.10 "Morse", J.J.A.Herrle, Presiding Officer, Jno.H. Schneider, Judge, Precinct No.48 "Yates L.S.Stiles, Presiding Officer and H.S.Schmitz, Judge, Precinct No.51 "Dairy" J.F.Fraser, Presiding Officer and J.S.Magee, Judge.

It is further ordered that the Clerk of this Court give notice of such election and the time and place of holding the same in five public places in said proposed Drainage District one at the Court House Door of Harris County as provided by law, and the Officers holding said election shall make returns thereof, as provided by law.

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Houston, Texas.

State of Texas, I,GEO.JONES,Clerk of the County Court and Ex-
County of Harris, Officio Clerk of the Commissioners Court in and for Harris County,Texas,do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of an Order passed by the Commissioners Court on August 29th,1908 ordering that an election be held on Thursday Oct. 8th.1908 in the proposed Drainage District to be known as Harris County Drainage District No.1 to determine whether or not Bonds shall be issued and a tax levied within said District for Drainage purposes as the same appears of record in my office in Commissioners Minutes Vol.O page 377

Given under my hand and seal of said Court,at office in Houston, Texas,this the 2nd day of September,A.D.1908.

(SEAL)

Geo Jones, Clerk County Court and
Ex-officio Clerk Commissioners Court
Harris County,Texas.

By H.J.Lahrssen,Deputy.

Came to hand the 2nd. day of September 1908 and executed by posting six certified copies of the within notice as follows to-wit: One at Harris Co.Ct. house door One at Jeanette, one at Morse, one on the County Road crossing of the Addicks County Road and the old Narrow Gauge Road, one at Post Oak and one at Dairy from Sept 4th. to Oct.10th. inclusive as required by law.

I certify that in posting said notices I traveled 60 miles.

Witness my hand at Houston,Texas this 10 day of Oct.1908

Geo Jones,
Clerk County Court, Harris Co, Texas.

By I.A. Beeler, Deputy.

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Houston, Texas.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

COUNTY OF HARRIS.

I, Geo Jones, Clerk of the County Court in and for Harris County do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of an order of the Court directing that an election be held in Harris County Drainage District No.1 to determine whether or not bonds shall be issued for the proposed improvements as the same appears of record in my office in Vol.O, page377 Commissioners Minutes.

Witness my hand and seal of office on this the 16th. day of December A.D.1908.

Geo Jones

Clk. County Court and ex-officio Clerk
of the Commissioners Court,Harris County,
Texas.

BY Pearl Daughtry
Deputy.

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State of Texas,

County of Harris. Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared J. A. Beeler known to me to be Deputy Clerk of the County Court of Harris County, Texas, duly appointed and qualified, who after by me being duly sworn says on oath that he posted a true copy for of the order of the Commissioners Court calling an election to be held to determine whether or not Drainage Bonds should be issued and a tax levied in payment therefor for Oct. 8. 1908 as an election notice for Harris County Drainage District No. one of said County at the following places Jeanette, Morse, At County Road Crossing of the Addicks County Road & the old narrow gauge, At Post Oak, at Dairy

and at the Court House door of Harris County, Texas, in Houston, Texas, five of which above mentioned notices were posted in the proposed Drainage District at least thirty (30) days prior to the 8th day of October 1908

J. A. Beeler.
Deputy County Clerk Harris County, Texas

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 12 day of Jany A D 1909

H. Washburn
Notary Public Harris County, Texas.

State of Texas,

County of Harris. I, Geo Jones, Clerk of the County Court in and for Harris County, Texas, do hereby certify that J A Beeler was on all the dates mentioned in the above certificate a duly appointed and qualified Deputy acting for me and in my stead, a Clerk of the County Court in and for Harris County, Texas and that the said J A Beeler was authorized and directed by me to post the notices hereinbefore referred to

Geo Jones
Clerk County Court Harris County, Texas.

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Houston, Texas.

To the County Commissioners' Court of Harris County, Texas:

We, the undersigned officer__, held an election on the 8th day of October, 1908, in Drainage District No. 1 of Harris County, Texas, at Dairy, a polling place in said district, to determine if Drainage District No. 1 of Harris County, Texas, shall be established and issue bonds and levy a tax in payment therefor, hereby certify that at said election there were 19 votes cast at said box, of which number there were cast "For the Drainage District and Issuance of Bonds and Levy of Taxes in Payment Therefor," 19 votes; "Against the Drainage District and the Issuance of Bonds and Levying of a Tax in Payment Therefor," 0 votes.

Majority for ~~against~~ the Drainage District and Issuance of Bonds and Levying a Tax in Payment Therefor, 19 votes. We herewith enclose poll list and tally sheets of said election.

We also further certify that at said election every voter voting at the same, when he offered to vote had administered to him by the presiding judge, the following oath: "I do solemnly swear that I am a qualified voter of Harris County, and that I am a resident property tax payer of the proposed Drainage District, and I have not voted before at this election."

Witness our hands this the 8th day of October 1908.

J. Frazier Presiding Officer

J.S.McGee Judge

_____ Judge

A.H.Holland Clerk

C.R.Hastings Clerk

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To the County Commissioners' Court of Harris County, Texas:

We, the undersigned officers, held an election on the 8th day of October, 1908, in Drainage District No. 1 of Harris County, Texas, at (Morse) Piney Point, a polling place in said district, to determine if Drainage District No. 1 of Harris County, Texas, shall be established and issue bonds and levy a tax in payment therefor, hereby certify that at said election there were 2 votes cast at said box, of which number there were cast "For the Drainage District and Issuance of Bonds and Levy of Taxes in Payment Therefor," 0 votes; "Against the Drainage District and the Issuance of Bonds and Levying of a Tax in Payment Therefor," 2 votes.

Majority ~~for~~ against the Drainage District and Issuance of Bonds and Levying a Tax in Payment Therefor, 2 votes. We herewith enclose poll list and tally sheets of said election.

We also further certify that at said election every voter voting at the same, when he offered to vote had administered to him by the presiding judge, the following oath: "I do solemnly swear that I am a qualified voter of Harris County, and that I am a resident property tax payer of the proposed Drainage District, and I have not voted before at this election."

Witness our hands this the 8th day of October 1908

J.J.A.Herrle Presiding Officer

John Schneider Judge

_____ Judge

W. Dotson Clerk

_____ Clerk

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To the County Commissioners' Court of Harris County, Texas:

We, the undersigned officers, held an election on the 8th day of October, 1908, in Drainage District No. 1 of Harris County, Texas, at Yates, a polling place in said district, to determine if Drainage District No. 1 of Harris County, Texas, shall be established and issue bonds and levy a tax in payment therefor, hereby certify that at said election there were 6 votes cast at said box, of which number there were cast "For the Drainage District and Issuance of Bonds and Levy of Taxes in Payment Therefor," 6 votes; "Against the Drainage District and the Issuance of Bonds and Levying of a Tax in Payment Therefor," 0 votes.

Majority for the Drainage District and Issuance of Bonds and Levying a Tax in Payment Therefor, 6 votes. We herewith enclose poll list and tally sheets of said election.

We also further certify that at said election every voter voting at the same, when he offered to vote had administered to him by the presiding judge, the following oath: "I do solemnly swear that I am a qualified voter of Harris County, and that I am a resident property tax payer of the proposed Drainage District, and I have not voted before at this election."

Witness our hands this the 8th day of October 1908.

L.S.Stiles Presiding Officer

H.H.Schmitz Judge

_____ Judge

_____ Clerk

_____ Clerk

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On this the 19th. day of October A.D. 1908 came on to be canvassed the returns of an election held in the proposed Drainage District to be known as Harris County Drainage District No.1 on the 8th. day of October 1908 for the purpose of determining whether or not Bonds shall be issued and a tax levied within said District for drainage purposes and the said returns having been canvassed in open Court finds that the following votes were cast to-wit:

	for	Against
Dairy	19	0
Yates	6	0
Morse (Piney Point)	0	2.
Total	25	2.

The Court therefore declares said election carried by the required two thirds majority and therefore

On motion of Commissioner Hirsch and seconded by Commissioner Hare it is ordered by the Court that said election be declared carried and that said District be known as Harris County Drainage District No.1 and that the Clerk record said returns in the Book of Election Returns.

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Houston, Texas.

The State of Texas,
County of Harris.

I, Geo Jones, Clerk of the County Court ad Ex-officio Clerk of the Commissioners Court, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Returns of an Election held in Harris County Drainage District No. 1 canvassed to determine whether or not bonds shall issue for drainage purposes as the same appears of record in my office in Vol.O, page 398 Commissioners Minutes.

WITNESS MY Hamd on this the 16th. day of December A.D.1908.

Geo Jones
Clerk County Court & Ex-officio Clk. of the Commissioners Court Harris Co., Texas.

BY Cecil Daugherty Deputy

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Commissioners Court of Harris County, Texas.

In the matter of the petition of J.S.Magee and 24 others praying for the establishment of a Drainage District in said petition fully described and designated by the name of "Harris County Drainage District No.1."

Be it known that an election called for that purpose in said District held on the 6th. day of October AD.1908 the two thirds majority of the voters thereat voted in favor of the creation of said Drainage District and the Issuance of Bonds and the levy of a drainage tax:

Now therefore it is considered and ordered by the Court that said Drainage District be and the same is hereby established by the name of "Harris County Drainage District No.1" within the following metes and bounds to-wit:

Beginning at a point on the County line between Harris and Fort Bend Counties on a line due West from the S.W. corner of TT.R.R. Co Sec. 4, thence North 62° West 17023 feet to Mile post 15.76 on the County line; Thence North 57° 05' West 30435 feet to Mile Post No. 10 on County line, thence North 44° 40' East 13053 feet to a point on the center of the abandoned Texas Western Ry R/w Thence North 89° 0' East 4060 feet along center of the abandoned Ry. to a point, where the Addicks County Road crosses the abandoned Road bed, thence North 6622 feet along the Addicks County Road to the summit of the Drainage between Buffalo and Brays Bayous the same being 5400 feet from Buffalo Bayou, thence North 66° 0' East 12865 feet to a stake in the prairie, in the Wm. Gardin League, thence North 58° 0" East 800 feet to a stake, thence North 87° 15' East 1826 feet to a stake, thence North 82° 30' East 674 feet to a stake, thence North 84° 40' East 1100 feet to a stake on the West line of the Henry K.Lewis survey, thence South 76°0' East 5100 feet to a stake in the Williams league, thence East 4850 feet to a point on the West line of the Geo.L.Bellows survey, thence north 62° 15' East 1050 feet to the South Bank of Buffalo Bayou, thence South 39° 45' East 572 feet, thence S. 64° 15' East 63 feet thence North 49° 0' East 265 feet, thence North 55° 30' East 115 feet, thence North 77° 15' East 161 feet, thence South 86° 25' East 451 feet, thence South 58 deg. 15' East 105 feet, thence South 21° 40' East 162 feet, thence South 16° 45' West 85 feet thence South 63° 35' West 137 feet, thence South 45° 25' West 157 feet, thence South 23° 10' West 64 feet, thence South 70° 35' East 153 feet thence South 14° 55' East 276 feet thence South 57° 30' East 137 feet, thence South 61° 35' East 100 ft. Thence South 71° 50 East 155 feet, thence North 87° East 210 feet, thence North 75° 50' East 138 feet, thence South 22° West 59 Feet, thence South 10° 45' West 129 feet, thence South 18° 10 West 113 feet, thence South 32° 10' East 77 feet thence South 49° 30' East 155 feet, thence South 60° 30' East 145 feet, thence North 68° 15' East 245 feet thence North 53° 10' East 265 feet Thence North 84° 5' East 60 feet, thence East 125 feet, thence North 64° 25' East 94 feet thence North 77° 45' East 175 feet, thence North 37° East 244 feet thence North 1° East 210 feet, thence North 7° 30' East 126 feet, thence North 79° 15' East 66 feet thence South 84° 45' East 147 feet, thence South 48° 50' East 50 feet thence South 15° 45' East 171 feet, thence South 7° 15' East 177 feet, thence South 24° 30' East 132 feet, thence South 52° 30' East 129 feet thence South 89° 50' East 177 feet, thence North 70° 51' East 119 feet, the same being the center of Road trhough the Taylor league, and corssing Buffalo Bayou, at this point thence South 4° East 770 fget along fence line of Nibbs then South 23° East 973 feet, thence South 1682 feet along fence line to center of the abandoned Texas Western R.R. R/W Thence West along said line 845 feet to fence line West of County Road to Deanetta Texas, thence south along said line produced 32000 feet to a point in H.T. & B. Survey Thence West 4250 feet to the West line of H. T & B.R.R Survey thence South with H.T. & B. Survey West line 2000 feet to a point thence West along the T.T.R.R.Co. Section 4, 4500 feet and same line produced to point of beginning 2200 feet containing 31616 acres of land more or less.

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The State of Texas,
County of Harris.

I, Geo Jones, Clerk of the County Court ad Ex-officio Clerk of the Commissioners Court do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of an order establishing Harris County Drainage District No.1 as the same appears of record in my office in Vol. O, page 399 Commissioners Minutes.

Witness my hand and seal of office on this tthe 16th. day of December A.D.1908.

Geo Jones
Clerk County Court & Ex-officio Clk. of the Commissioners Court, Harris County Texas.

BY Cecil Daugherty
Deputy.

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Dairy Texas, Oct. 21st. 1908.

To the Hon.Commissioners Court of Harris Co.,Texas.

This is to certify that the legal voters of Dairy Precinct 51 held a community election on the 21st. day of Oct. 1908 for the purpose of deciding on three men to act as drainage Commissioners in Harris Co. drainage District No.1.

At said election the following parties were elected F.H. Liestman, A.H.Holland, and J.D.Cook

JF. Frazer, Presiding Judge.

A.H.Holland,Clerk

C. R. Hastings, Clerk.

FILED Oct. 21st.1908.

Geo Jones,Clerk County Court, Harris Co.,Texas.

By H.L.Washburn,Deputy.

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Houston, Texas.

Oct. 23-08

Whereas there has been established "Harris County Drainage District No. 1" by the vote of the resident tax paying citizens of said District and by an order of the Commissioners' Court heretofore entered and whereas it is provided by law that three Drainage Commissioners shall be appointed in said District and the voters of said District have certified to this Court their selection and the Court deeming such selection wise and to the benefit of said District

Therefore on motion of Commissioner Zube and seconded by Commissioner Hirsch duly put and carried it is ordered that F. H. Liestman, A.H. Holland and J. D. Cook be and they are hereby appointed Drainage Commissioners of Harris County Drainage District No. 1 to hold office for the term of two years and until their successors shall have qualified unless sooner removed by majority vote of this Court for the performance of all those acts and things required of them under and by virtue of the acts of the Legislature of 1907 creating such Drainage District and it is further ordered that said Drainage Commissioners before entering upon their duties shall make and enter into a good and sufficient bond in the sum of $1000.00 payable to the County Judge for the use and benefit of said Drainage District conditioned for the faithful performance of their duties and shall take and subscribe before the County Judge an oath to so faithfully discharge and perform the same.

State of Texas,
County of Harris. I, Geo Jones, Clerk of the County Court and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Commissioners Court in and for Harris County, Texas do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of an Order passed by the Commissioners Court on Friday October 23, 1908 appointing Drainage Commissioners for Harris County Drainage District No. 1, as the same appears of record in the Minutes of said Court Vol O page 406

Given under my hand and seal of said Court at office in Houston this the 21st day of December A D 1908

Geo Jones
Clerk County Court and Ex-Officio
Clerk Commissioners Court Harris
Co Texas

By H G Wolfeburn Deputy

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The State of Texas,

County of Harris.

I, A.E.Amerman, County Judge of Harris County, Texas and presiding officer of the Commissioners Court of said County do hereby certify that F.H. Lestman, A.H. Holland, and J.D.Cook were heretofore on October 23rd. 1908 appointed by the Commissioners Court of Harris County to serve as Drainage Commissioners in and for Harris County Drainage District Bo. 1 (Dairy) qualified as prescribed by law by giving bond and taking the oath on to-wit: October 26th.1908.

Witness my hand and seal of the Commissioners Court at office on this the 19th. dayof December A.D.1908.

O. F. Amerman

County Judge.

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Harris County Drainage District No. 1

Houston Texas, Dec. 12th 1908.

Copy of Drainage Commissioners Record.

" On this 26 day of October, A.D. 1908 came together F.H. Liestman, A.H.Holland and J.D.Cook, Drainage Commissioners for Harris County Drainage District No. I., and organized by electing F.H.Liestman as Chairman and A.H.Holland as Secretary.

On motion duly seconded and carried, George F. Horton was regularly engaged and employed as Drainage Engineer for said Harris County Drainage Diatrict No. I., and directed to proceed with the work."

The above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the record or minutes of meeting of the Drainage Commissioners for said Harris County Drainage District No. I. as relates to the employment of a Drainage Engineer.

Attest.

A.H. Holland
Secretary.

F.H. Liestman
Chairman.

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Houston, Texas November 10th, 1908

To the Honorable Commissioners Court of Harris County,

Hon A. E. Amerman, County Judge, Presiding

Houston, Texas

Gentlemen:-

Having been appointed Engineer for the First Drainage District of arris County, Texas known as Harris County Drainage District No. 1 in accordance with Section 20, Chapter 40 of the General Laws of Texas, I hereby beg to submit my repot and map

I have made a complete topographical map showing countour of the ground for every foot of the entire district and defining the natural basins and water courses

The drainage District is located in the South Western portion of Harris County about ten miles from the City of Houston on the S A& A P R R which railroad practically divides the district into equal parts

The town of Dairy is located in the central pat of this District on the S A & A P R R and is a growing, thriving little village. The district has a good slope from the N W to the S E with the two branches of Brays Bayou extending through the center and Buffalo Bayou on the North, which makes an effective System of Drainage very easy

I have adhered to the plan outlined by nature by deepening, straightening and cleaning out the Streams to take care of the water which falls in its basins

I have allowed 45 cents per acre for every acre drained into Brays Bayou with the cleaning and straightening of same which I consider a proper sum to get the desired results and which should be set aside for every acre in Brays Bayou basin for the improvement of the stream

The District contains 31616 acres of very fine fertile land equal to any in Harris County, the soil runs from a black waxy to a sandy loam and is suitable for corn, cotton and all kinds of truck and is excellent for fruit land but at the present time suffers severely for the want of drainage I have seen several hundred acres under water for days after a large rain

A complete system of drainage will do away with such cases and be a big benefit to the health of the community. It will increase the value of the land more than double and make good roads possible and give the County a much larger assessable value and is absolutely necessary for successful farming in this section of our county

The assessed value of the land is about $10.00 per acre for the land and improvements embraced in this district, making a total assessable value of $316,160. The market value of this land at the present time is on an average of $20.00 per acre for every acre in this district which gives us an actual value of $632,320.

The system of Drainage which I have planed and which is shown by the attached map and profiles including the expense of Engineer, Commissioners help, maintenance etc etc is $60,000.00 being only one tenth part of the value of this district. The cost of the proposed plan including everything will give us a value of $1.90 per acre

You will see by referring to the map that all ditches where possible are laid out along the original survey lines so as to interfere as little as possible with the present improvements. The detailed cost being as follows

10 Drainage Ditches 4 to 5 feet deep 4 to 10 ft base slope 1 to 1 9 lateral Ditches 4 feet deep, 4 to 6 ft base, slope 1 to 1	$42,500
Cleaning out, deepening and straightening Brays Bayou	6,000.00
Cleaning and deepening and straightening Keagens Branch of Brays Bayou	4,000.00
Culverts, right of way etc etc	2,500.00
Maintenance for three years after which ditches will clean themselves	1,500.00
Engineer, Commissioners help etc etc	3,500.00
Total Cost	$60,000.00

Attached is a map of the District, profiles and ditches and a copy of the field notes describing the boundary lines and giving the length and number of Cubic Yards in each ditch and lateral

Yours very respectfully,

Geo F Horton, Eng'r

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(Field Notes omitted)

Filed Nov 10, 1908 Geo Jones, Clerk County Court Harris Co., Texas

By H. J. Lahrssen, Deputy

NO.	Length	Width		Depth	Excavation.
			Ditches.		
A	11000 ft	6'	x	4'	16296.5 Cu Yards
B	6500 ft	8'	x	4'	11553 " "
B	15000 ft	6'	x	4'	22222.5 " "
C	10000 ft	8'	x	4'	17774.0 " "
C	18000 ft	6'	x	4'	26667.- " "
D	7000 ft	10'	x	5'	19443.- " "
D	9000 ft	6'	x	4'	13333.5 " "
D	6500 ft	4'	x	4'	7703.0 " "
D	8000 ft	8'	x	4'	14219.0 " "
E	11000 ft	6'	x	4'	16296.0 " "
F	8000 ft	6'	x	4'	11852.0 " "
G	5500 ft	6'	x	4'	8148.0 " "
H	3000 ft	10'	x	5'	8333.0 " "
H	9000 ft	8'	x	4'	15996.6 " "
H	7500 ft	6'	x	4'	11121.2 " "
H	2000 ft	4'	x	4'	2370.0 " "
I	14000 ft	6'	x	4'	20741.0 " "
J	6000 ft	8'	x	4'	10666.0 " "
J	13000 ft	6'	x	4'	19259.0 " "
					273994.3 Cu Yards excavation

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			Laterals.		
1	7000 ft	6'	x	4'	10370.5 Cu. Yards.
1	5000 ft	4'	x	4'	5926.0 " "
2	6000 ft	4'	x	4'	7000.2 " "
3	5000 ft	4'	x	4'	5926.0 " "
4	6000 ft	6'	x	4'	8889.0 " "
4	4000 ft	4'	x	4'	4740.8 " "
5	6000 ft	4'	x	4'	7111.2 " "
6	7000 ft	4'	x	4'	8296.4 " "
7	2500 ft	6'	x	4'	3703.8 " "
7	6000 ft	4'	x	4'	7111.2 " "
8	4000 ft	4'	x	4'	4740.8 " "
9	4500 ft	4'	x	4'	5313.0 " "
					79239.9 Cu.Yards.Excavation.

Excavation for Ditches	273994.3 Cu.Yards.
Excavation for Laterals	79239.9 Cu.Yards
Total Excavation	353234.2 Cu.Yards

Note : Width is at the bottom of Ditch
Slope 1 to 1

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State of Texas,

County of Harris.

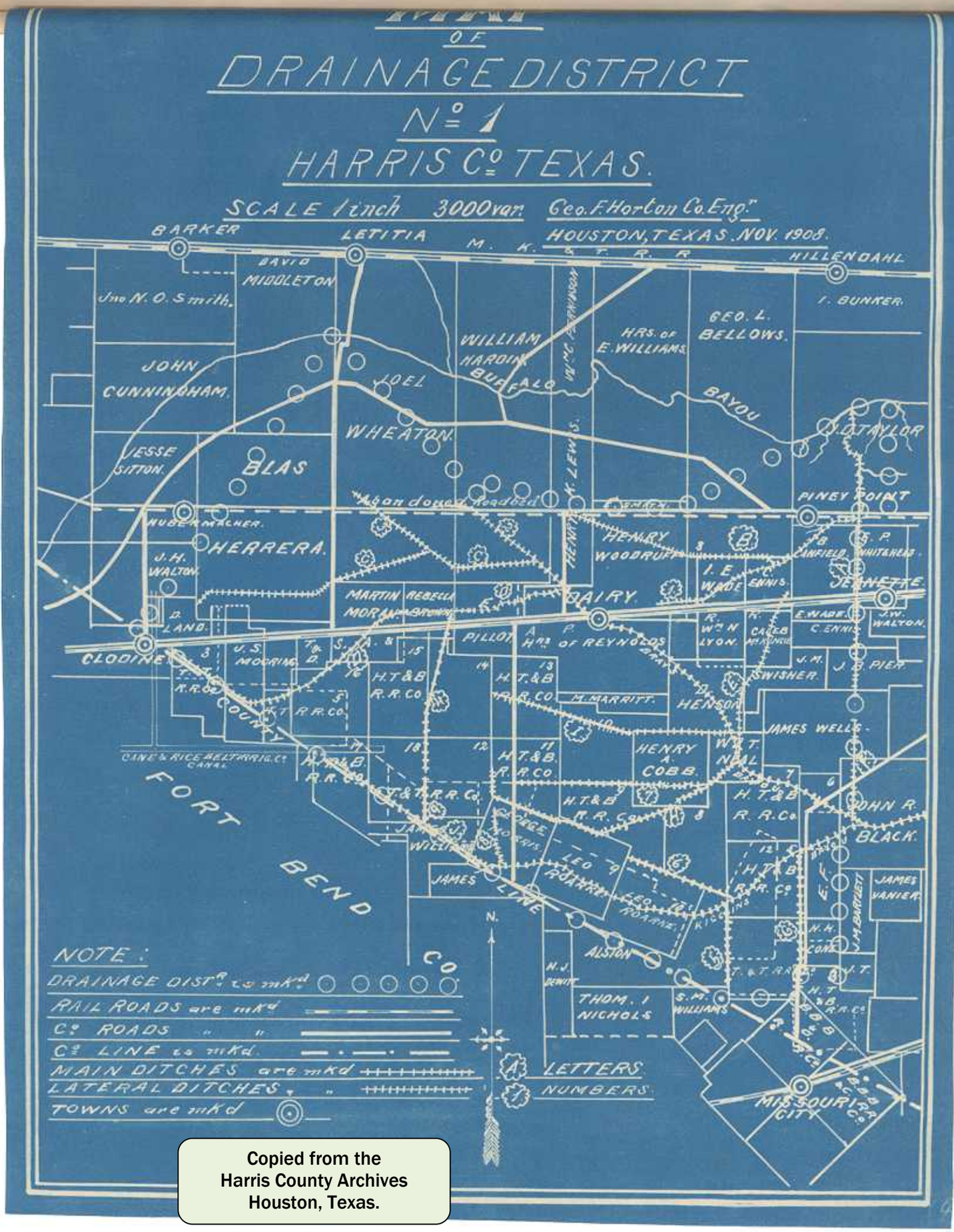
I, Geo Jones, Clerk of the County Court and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Commissioners Court in and for Harris County, Texas do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of Report of Geo F. Horton, Engineer, (field notes omitted) employed to survey Harris County Drainage District No. 1 by the Commissioners Court filed Nov 10, 1908, as the same appears on file in my office

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Houston Texas, this the 21st day of December A D 1908

Geo Jones

Clerk County Court and Ex-Officio Clerk
Commissioners Coutt Harris Co Texas

By H. Washburn Deputy



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HARRIS COUNTY

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Houston, Texas. Dec. 12th. 08.

I, the undersigned, Tax Assessor for Harris County, Texas, hereby certify that the assessed valuations for the assessable property in and for the territory within Harris County Drainage District No. 1., for the year 1908, are in amount, ($327600.00) Three Hundred and Twenty-seven Thousand Six Hundred Dollars, including personal property at an assessed valuation of Nine thousand eight hundred and eighty dollars. ($9880.00)

A. R. Miller

Tax Assessor, Harris County, Texas.

State of Texas:

County of Harris:

Sworn to and subscribed before this 12th day of December, 1908.

Carson Blake

Notary Public, Harris County? Texas.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF HARRIS.

On this the 10th. day of November A.D.1908 the County Commissioners Court of Harris County, Texas, convened in regular Session at a regular term of said Court all the members of said Court to-wit: Hon A.E. Amerman, county Judge, Jules Hirsch, Commissioner Precinct No.1 John T.Hare commissioner Precinct No.2, J.W.Hobson Commissioner Precinct No.3, and Theo Zube Commissioner Precinct No.4, being present and passed the follow ing order:

WHEREAS at an election held for the purpose on the 8th. day of October 1908 a majority of the qualified voters who are property tax payers of Harris County Drainage district No.1 sustained the proposition to issue Bonds hereinafter described by a vote of 25 for the issuance of the Bonds to a vote of 2 against the issuance of theBonds, the same being more than a two thirds majority in favor of the issuance of bonds and

WHEREAS this Court herenow, after the inspection of the report and profile map of Harris County Drainage District No.1, by civil Engineer George F.Horton, which report and map is on file with the Clerk of this Court, approves and adopts said report of said Drainage District No.1

THEREFORE be it ordered by the County commissioners Court of Harris County that Bonds of said Harris County Drainage District No.1 to be called HarrisCounty Drainage District No.1 Bonds" be issued under and by virtue of Sections 22 to 30 inclusive of Chapter 40 of the Acts of the Legislature of 1907, providing for the creation and establishment of drainage districts and for the proposed improvements therein and issuance of bonds therefor in the total amount of $60,000.000

AND IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a tax be and it is hereby levied for the year 1909 and all subsequent years, upon all taxable property within said Harris County Drainage District No.1 of 1-1/2% of the assessed value thereof for the year 1909 or so much thereof as shall be necessary to pay the

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interest upon the said bonds for the year 1909 and to create a one fortieth part of the sinking fund as provided by law, and continuously thereafter in such proportions and ratios as shall be necessary to meet, discharge and satisfy the obligation and indebtedness of said Drainage Dist. created by said issue of bonds and the County Tax Assessor is hereby directed to assess all taxable property in said Drainage Dist according to the levy and order hereby made and the County Tax Collector is likewise directed to so collect the taxes under such levy and assessment and in accordance with the law in such cases so made and provided, the Clerk of this Court is hereby directed to duly notify the County Tax Assessor and Tax Collector hereof.

It is also ordered that the County Judge of Harris County be authorized to take and have charge of said Bonds pending their investigation by the attorney General and upon their approval shall have authority to negotiate their sale and receive for said Harris County Drainage District No.1 the proceeds thereof and the same shall be paid by said County Hudge to the County Treasurer and by himplaced to the credit of said Harris County Drainage District No.1

A.E.Amerman, County Judge.

Jules Hirsch, Commissioner Precinct No.1 Geo Kuhlman Commissioner Precinct No.2
J.W.Hobson, Commissioner Precinct No.3 Theo Zube Commissioner Precinct No. 4

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HARRIS.

I, Geo Jones, Clerk of the County Court in and for Harris County, Texas, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of an order made and passed by the County Commissioners Court of Harris County, Texas, as the same appears of record in Commissioners Min. Vol.O, page 439.
witness my hand and seal of office on this the 10th. day of December A.D.1908.

Geo Jones County Clerk, Harris County,
BY [illegible] Deputy.

"Seal"

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Monday, December 28, 1908.

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AN ORDER.

Authorizing the issuance of $60.000 Bonds of Harris County Drainage District No.1,providing for the levy and collection of a tax to pay the interest on said bonds as it accrues and the principal thereof at maturity, and repealing all orders heretofore passed in conflict herewith.

It is hereby ordered by the County Commissioners Court of Harris County,Texas:

Section 1. That the bonds of Harris County Drainage District No.1 be issued in accordance with Chapter 40 of the General Laws of the State of Texas, passed by the 30th. Legislature and approved March 23rd. 1907, in the sum of $60,000.00.

Section.2. That said bonds shall bear date Feb. 1,1909 shall be of the denomination of $1000.00 each, shall be numbered from 1 to 60 inclusive, shall bear interest at the rate of five per cent per annum, payable annually on the 1st. day of February of each year until the principal sum shall be paid, and said bonds shall become due and payable thirty years from their date, and shall be redeemable at the pleasure of said Drainage District as provided in section 4 here of.

Section 3. Said bonds shall be signed by the County Judge, and attested by the Clerk of the County Court with the seal of the County Court affixed thereto, and the principal and interest of said bonds shall be payable at the County Treasurer's office in the City of Houston,Texas

section 4. That said bonds shall be in form and shall contain recitals substantially as follows:

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

No.____ STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF HARRIS. $1000.00

DRAINAGE DISTRICT BOND.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That Harris County Drainage District No.1 in the State of Texas, is indebted to and promises to pay the bearer the sum of ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS, lawful money of the United States of America, thirty years from the date hereof, with interest thereon at the rate of five per cent per annum, payable annually on the 1st. day of February of each year, upon presentation and delivery of the proper coupons hereto annexed, signed by the fac simile signatures of the County Judge and County Clerk of Harris County Both principal and interest of this bond are payable at the County Treasurer's office in the City of Houston,Texas and all the real and personal property of the said District are hereby irrevocably pledged for the prompt payment of this bond and interest as the same mature.

Harrie County Drainage District No.1 reserves the right and the option to redeem this entire series of bonds after twenty years from their date. at any interest paying time by giving six months written notice of its intention so to do at the County Treasurer's office, in the City of Houston,Texas, and should this bond when so called in for redemption not be presented for payment, it shall cease to bear interest from and after such date.

This bond is one of a series of bonds of like date and tenor issued for the purpose of paying the cost of construction of certain drainage improvements in the Harris County Drainage District No.1 and by authority of Senate Bill No.55, Chapter 40, Session of Laws of the 30th.Legislature of the Stateof Texas, entitled "An act to authorize the Commissioners Courts of the several counties of Texas to create and establish drainage districts , to construct canals, drains and ditches, to make levees, improve streams and water courses and make other improvements for the purpose of drainage; to order and hold elections for the purpose of voting on drainage propositions, and authorize the issuance of bonds and levy of tax and to issue bonds in payment for such drainage improvements and the maintenance thereof and to levy and collect taxes for the payment of such bonds, to ap-

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point drainage commissioners and all other necessary officers of such drainage districts for the purpose of carrying into effect the provisions of this act, granting the right of eminent domain to such drainage districts and authorizing the drainage commissioners to acquire by purchase, gift, or grant, for such district, title, to any right of way and other property, and generally authorizing the County Commissioners Court and the Drainage commissioners to do all things necessary for the establishing and maintenance of such districts according to the provisions of this act; repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency and also in strict conformity to the constitution and laws of the State of Texas. Also by authority of more than a two thirds vote of the qualified property tax paying voters living in said district, and in pursuance of an order passed by said County Commissioners Court on the 28th. day of December 1908. And it is hereby declared and certifi ed that all acts, conditions and things required to be done and to exist precedent to and in making said improvements and levying of said tax and the issuing of this bond have been properly done, happen ed and performed and do exist in regular and due form as required by the constitution and laws of Texas, and that the total amount of bonds issued on account of said improvements does not exceed any statutory or constitutional limitation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, said County Commissioners Court of Harris County has caused the seal of the County Court of said County to be hereunto affixed and this bond to be signed by the County Judge and attested by the County Clerk of said County, and the Coupons heret o annexed signed with the fac simile signatures of the County Judge and County Clerk as of the 1st. day of February 1909.

ATTEST

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County Judge of Harris County, Texas.

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Clerk of County Court Harris County, Texas.

Section 5. That the interest coupons to be attached to said bonds shall be in substantially the following form to-wit:

COUPON.

No._____ $50.00

On66_____, 19_____

THE HARRIS COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT No.1. will pay the bearer at the office of th County Treasurer in the City of Houston, Texas, the sum of Fifty Dollars, lawful money of the United States being annual interest due on its Drainage District Bond, dated February 1st.1908 No_____

_____
County Judge.

_____
County Clerk.

Section 6. It is further ordered by said County Commissioners Court that to pay the interest on said bonds as the same accrues and falls due and to create an additional amount to be annually placed in a sinking fund sufficient to discharge and redeem said bonds at their maturity, improvement taxes of One Dollar and Fifty five cents on the One Hundred Dollars valuation upon all property within said Harris County Drainage District No.1, whether real, personal, mixed or otherwise, be and the same is hereby levied for the year 1909, and shall be assessed and collected for said year, and sufficient taxes for such purposes for each succeeding year while said bonds are outstanding shall be annually levied, assessed and collected, and said taxes shall be applied to the purposes named.

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Section 7. The County Judge is hereby directed to have said bonds prepared according to the terms of this order and he and the County Clerk are directed to properly execute same by signing and affixing the seal theretom and the County Judge is authorized to take and have charge of said bonds pending their investigation by the attorney general and registration by the comptroller, and upon their approval and registration he shall, as required by law, proceed to negotiate their sale and receive for said Harris County Drainage District No.1 the proceeds thereof, and the same shall be paid by the County Judge to the County Treasurer and by him placed to the credit of said Harris County Drainage District No.1, all as provided by law.

Section 8. Former orders passed by this Court providing for the issuance of said bonds in conflict herewith, are hereby repealed

A.E.Amerman, County Judge.
Geo Kuhlman, Commissioner Precinct No 1
_____ Commissioner Precinct No. 2
J:W.Hall, Commissioner Precinct No.3
Theo Zube, Commissioner Precinct No.4.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
COUNTY OF HARRIS.

I, Geo Jones, Clerk of the County Court & Ex-officio Clerk of the Commissioners Court of Harris County, Texas, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of an order passed by the Commissioners Court amending the order authorizing the issuance of bonds in Harris County Drainage District No.1 and levy of taxes therefor.as the same appears of file in my office, and of record in Com. Mins. Vol O. pages 474-475-476. passed Dec. 28.1908. Witness my hand and seal of office on this the 28th. day of December A.D.1908.

Geo Jones
Clerk County Court & Ex-officio Clerk of the Commissioners Court in and for Harris Co., Texas.

BY Carl Dougherty
Deputy.

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Harris County Drainage District No. 1

Houston, Texas, Dec. 12th 1908.

We, the undersigned, Chairman and Secretary of the Drainage Commissioners for Harris County Drainage District No. I., duly and legally appointed according to law, and well qualified and acting as such official Commissioners, hereby certify that said Harris County Drainage District No. I., has no bonded indebtedness save and except the Drainage Bonds to be issued in the amount of about $60,000 Sixty Thousand Dollars for the purpose of making and mantaining the drainage improvements under and by virtue of the authroity granted by the laws of the State of Texas, and the more recent Orders of the County Commissioners Court of Harris County, Texas, in accordance with the vote of the people in said District, and that said District has no other nor further indebtedness of any kind or character, and none other is now in contemplation.

Given under our hands this 12th., day of December, A.D. 1908.

F. H. Liestman
Chairman.

A. H. Holland
Secretary.

J. D. Cook
Member.

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