

MINUTES OF THE
8TH MEETING
COLORADO RIVER COMMISSION

The Eighth meeting of the Colorado River Commission was held at the Federal Building, Phoenix, Arizona, Wednesday morning, March 15th, 1922 at 11:30 A.M. There were present:

Herbert Hoover	Representing the U. S.....	Chairman
R. E. Caldwell	"	Utah
Delph E. Carpenter	"	Colorado
Stephen B. Davis, Jr.	"	New Mexico
Frank C. Emerson	"	Wyoming
W. F. McClure	"	California
W. S. Norviel	"	Arizona
James G. Scrugham	"	Nevada
Clarence C. Stetson.	Executive Secretary

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 11:30 A. M.

The following program for hearings before the Colorado River Commission was on motion duly made and seconded unanimously adopted.

Program for Hearings

Before

COLORADO RIVER COMMISSION

Wednesday, March 15th: Phoenix, Arizona

2:00 P. M. - Public Hearing

Thursday, March 16th:

11:00 A. M. - Public Hearing

2:00 P. M. - Public Hearing

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Friday, March 17th:

10:00 A.M. Public Hearing
Leave for Las Vegas, Nevada in afternoon

Saturday, March 18th:

Las Vegas, Nevada

Day to be spent in inspection trip
to Boulder Canyon
10:00 P.M. - Leave for Imperial Valley.

Sunday, March 19th: Imperial Valley, Calif.

Day to be spent in inspection trip
of the Valley.
Leave for Los Angeles in the evening.

Monday, March 20th: Los Angeles, Calif.

Arrive at Los Angeles.

Tuesday, March 21st:

Afternoon - Public Hearing

Wednesday, March 22nd:

Morning - Public Hearing
Afternoon - Public Hearing

The Chairman submitted for the consideration of the Commission the following letter from Mr. O. C. Merrill, Executive Secretary of the Federal Power Commission, relative to the granting of a preliminary license to James B. Girand for the construction of a dam at Diamond Creek.

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Federal Power Commission
Washington

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Projects, Ariz. (No. 121).
Girand, James B.

March 3, 1922.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

On June 16, 1921, the Federal Power Commission issued a preliminary permit to James B. Girand, for power development in Colorado River, near Diamond Creek.

Several years ago Mr. Girand had secured a permit from the Interior Department under the Act of 1891, and claims to have expended about \$100,000 in collecting data and making preparations to take out a final permit, under the Interior Department. The Federal Water Power Act was passed before Mr. Girand was able to secure a final permit from the Interior Department, and he was, therefore, forced to proceed under the Federal Water Power Act.

The Federal Power Commission, in recognition of the equities in Mr. Girand's case and of the fact that his proposed project appeared desirable in the public interest issued him a preliminary permit. He has fully complied with the terms of the preliminary permit, and, as provided therein, has now made application for a license to construct his project.

The project proposed consists of a dam approximately 450 feet high, which will develop the full head available between Diamond Creek and the lower boundary of the Grand Canyon National Park. The dam will create a pool approximately 65 miles long, with a total capacity of about one million acre-feet. It is proposed to operate the project with a draw-down of about 40 feet, which makes available storage for approximately two hundred thousand acre-feet. This will not be sufficient to affect materially the flood flow of the river, but will increase, to some extent, the minimum low-water flow.

It is believed that Mr. Girand's project will fit in to any general scheme of development of Colorado River, and that there can be no objection to issuing the license and permitting him to proceed, provided proper conditions are introduced into the license, - first, to prevent his acquiring water rights that would interfere with future irrigation development above, and, second, to require him to pass a certain minimum flow of water at all times to take care of the irrigation interests below.

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The copper interests of the State of Arizona are behind this project, and express themselves as exceedingly anxious to have it put through with the least delay practicable, as they fear a shortage of power in Arizona, on account of diminishing fuel-oil supplies. It is estimated that construction of the project will require at least 5 years.

Information is requested as to whether the commission, of which you are Chairman, objects to the issuance of a license to Mr. Girard at this time and what conditions, if any, it considers necessary to have inserted in the license to protect the general interests along Colorado River.

Very truly yours,

Signed O. C. Merrill
Executive Secretary.

1 Inclosure--9124, viz:
Extra Carbon

The Honorable,
The Secretary of Commerce.

No definite decision was reached in regard thereto.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 Noon.

The above minutes were approved at the 27th meeting of the Commission held at Bishop's Lodge, Santa Fe, New Mexico, Friday afternoon November 27th, 1922.

Clarence C. Stetson,
Executive Secretary.

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