

At a regular meeting of the Federal Reserve Board held in the office of the Board on Thursday, April 19, at 11 a.m.,

PRESENT:

Mr. Harding, presiding,	Mr. Miller,
Mr. Warburg,	Mr. Williams,
Mr. Delano,	Mr. Willis, Secretary.

The minutes of the meetings of the Board held on April 16th and 18th were read and, on motion, approved.

The minutes of the joint session of the Board and the Advisory Council held on April 17 were reported by Mr. Delano and, on motion, passed to file.

Mr. Miller read a telegram from Federal Reserve Agent Perrin with reference to the position of the Board of directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco as to the establishment of a branch in the Pacific Northwest. He proposed that the Board telegraph Mr. Perrin in favor of the original proposal outlined by him (Mr. Miller) upon his return to San Francisco, provided that the banks at Spokane would fulfill the conditions originally offered by them, and further disapprove the designation of Seattle as the location of the branch, authorizing him to continue

negotiations further. Discussion ensued, and Mr. Delano offered a substitute, accepted by Mr. Miller, to refer the whole matter back to the Committee on Operation of the San Francisco Bank for further negotiation and investigation, the matter to be made a special order for the meeting of Wednesday, April 25. On being put to a vote the substitute prevailed.

Governor Harding reported he had consulted informally with the various members of the Board with reference to methods of facilitating a Treasury short time loan of \$200,000,000 due July 1, 1917, at the rate of 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ %, and that the matter was in process of investigation.

Governor Harding read a telegram from Mr. J. H. Puelicher, President of the State Bankers Association, approving the amendments to the Reserve Act proposed by the Board, and now pending in Congress, and stating that he should move to have his own bank (The Marshall and Ilsley) make application for admission to the system.

Governor Harding mentioned the fact that owing to pressure of work it seemed unwise that he should attend the meeting of the Arkansas Bankers Association during the week

beginning April 22. It was informally agreed that he inform the Association of his inability to attend.

A letter from Federal Reserve Agent Perrin suggesting an amendment permitting the holding of a stock of notes by Federal Reserve Banks at their branch offices in trust for the Comptroller of the Currency, was taken up for consideration and, on motion, referred to the Committee on Issue and Redemption.

A proposed form of reprint of the State bank regulations of the Board was presented by the Secretary of the Board and, on motion, approved for publication.

A letter from Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Crosby informing the Board of the approval by the Treasury Department of forms for use in the transportation of Federal reserve notes to subtreasuries and Federal reserve agents, was read and noted.

On motion it was voted that the Board authorize the acceptance of State examinations in the case of the following banks recently admitted to the Federal reserve system:

Peoples Bank of St. Paul	St. Paul, Minn.
Cleveland Trust Company	Cleveland, Ohio
St. Louis Union Bank	St. Louis, Mo.
Farmers State Bank	Kasson, Minn.

An opinion prepared by Counsel with reference to the question of business relations with alien enemies was presented to the Board, together with a letter from Assistant Attorney General Warren suggesting the form of a proclamation relating to the matter. The matter was referred to the Governor of the Board with the understanding that he would write Mr. Warren on the subject.

A telegram from Mr. Edgar H. Sensenich of Portland, Oregon, relative to financial information for use in connection with the war, was referred to the Governor for reply.

A recommendation from the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis raising the rates on 15 day paper from $3\frac{1}{2}\%$ to 4% was presented, and on motion, it was agreed to disapprove the proposed advance.

The Committee on Staff reported in favor of the employment of Mr. Paul Bausch as draughtsman at \$1.00 per hour, in the preparation of diagrams for use in the Federal Reserve Bulletin whenever authorized by the Secretary of the Board.

The Board temporarily suspended its session; and, sitting as the Committee on Member and State Banks considered

the application of the Atlantic National Bank of New York for trustee powers, favorably reported by the Federal Reserve Agent at New York in so far as relates to the exercise of the functions of registrar of stocks and bonds. On motion it was agreed to recommend the granting of these powers.

Formal session having been resumed, it was, on motion, voted to approve the report of the Committee on Member and State Banks in favor of granting the application of the Atlantic National Bank in so far as relates to the exercise of the power of registrar of stocks and bonds.

Changes in stock at Federal reserve banks, duly recommended by the Committee on Member and State Banks, were, on motion, approved as follows:

Applications for Original Stock.

<u>District No. 6.</u>		Shares	
National City Bank	Tampa, Fla.	<u>108</u>	108
<u>District No. 9.</u>			
First National Bank	Faulkton, S. Dak.	<u>17</u>	17
<u>District No. 10.</u>			
First National Bank	Hershey, Nebr.	<u>15</u>	15

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<u>District No. 11.</u>		Shares.	
Tenison National Bank	Dallas, Tex.	360	
State National Bank	Carlsbad, N. Mex.	<u>60</u>	420
Total.....			560

Applications for Surrender of Stock.

<u>District No. 3.</u>		Shares.	
First National Bank	Hollidaysburg, Pa.	<u>108</u>	108

<u>District No. 5.</u>		Shares.	
Farmers National Bank	Hertford, N.C.	<u>15</u>	15

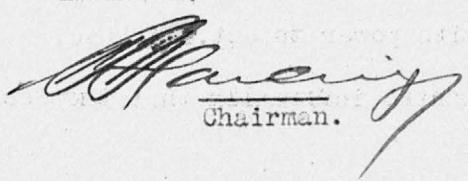
<u>District No. 6.</u>		Shares.	
Cohen National Bank	Sandersville, Ga.	<u>45</u>	45

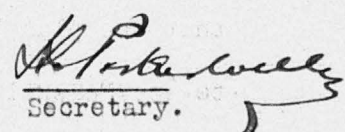
<u>District No. 10.</u>		Shares.	
El Paso National Bank	Colorado Springs, Col.	180	
Peoples National Bank	Kiowa, Okla.	<u>17</u>	197

<u>District No. 11.</u>		Shares.	
First State Bank	Wolfe City, Tex.	<u>31</u>	31
Total			396

On motion at 12.50 p.m. the Board adjourned to meet at 11 a.m. on Friday, April 20.

APPROVED:


 Chairman.


 Secretary.