

At a regular meeting of the Federal Reserve Board held in the office of the Board on Wednesday, July 10, 1918, at 11 A.M.,

PRESENT: Mr. Harding, presiding
Mr. Warburg
Mr. Hamlin
Mr. Delano
Mr. Willis, Secretary

The minutes of the meeting of the Board held on June 27th were read and on motion approved.

The minutes of the meetings of the Executive Committee held on June 26th and 29th, and on July 2d, 3d, 6th and 8th were read and on motion approved and the action therein set forth ratified.

The minutes of the conference with Governors of Banks held on July 1st and 2d were presented and referred to Mr. Delano for report.

The minutes of the Gold Export Committee held June 28th to July 10th, inclusive, were presented and on motion approved and the action therein set forth ratified.

The Board having considered the status of Director Stern of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta who intends to enter the Navy, it was the sense of the Board that in view of his proposed absence for two years from the District he should withdraw from the directorate, notwithstanding the Board regrets the loss of his services.

Governor Harding read a letter from the Comptroller enclosing a letter from Darwin P. Kingsley re a site for the Federal

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Reserve Bank, Kansas City, and a draft of reply by the Governor addressed to Mr. Kingsley. The draft was approved for transmission.

Governor Harding stated the needs of the War Finance Corporation for space and it was agreed to give the temporary use of the office occupied by Assistant Counsel Harrison to the Counsel of the War Finance Corporation, subject to change at any time at the pleasure of the Board.

Discount rate sheets at Federal Reserve Banks (no changes requested) were presented and ordered passed to file.

A letter from Federal Reserve Agent Perrin re use of gold coin in California was read and referred to Counsel for report as to the point raised.

A letter from the Mercantile Bank of the Americas, transmitting a copy of its statement was read and referred to Counsel with question as to the Board's responsibility for examining the bank, if any.

A letter from Mr. Nelson Stuart submitting his resignation as Chief Clerk was read and on motion accepted, he to be released July 15th.

A letter from Federal Reserve Agent Ramsey re a bonus system at Dallas was read and referred to Governor Harding for reply, he to say that the Board is disposed to

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favor a 20% rate under certain conditions but requiring the submission of a definite plan.

A letter from Federal Reserve Agent Ramsey (Dallas) re salary increases at Dallas was read and referred to Committee No. 1

A letter from Federal Reserve Agent Ramsey (Dallas) re the expense of moving to El Paso incurred by Paul S. Miller was read and referred to Governor Harding with authority to grant approval of the account amounting to \$206.27.

On motion Mr. John DeLaMater was appointed Chief Clerk of the Board effective July 15th, at his present salary.

The question of reissuing the Board's regulations was discussed and on motion the Secretary was directed to order an additional supply of the present edition.

The question of larger quarters for the Statistics Division was referred to the Executive Committee for inquiry and report.

Reports of Committees were presented and acted upon as follows:

No. 1

Dated July 9th, recommending approval of appointment of Miss E. L. Schmehl (Board's staff) at \$75 per month, effective July 10th.

Dated July 9th, recommending appointment of Miss Lucia Meigs, Division of Foreign Exchange, at \$720 per annum, effective July 10th.

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Dated July 9th, recommending approval of a salary of \$2,700 per annum for L. O. Challmore, effective on assuming duty as National Bank Examiner.

Dated July 8th, recommending approval of \$5,000 per annum for Mr. A. E. Post at Philadelphia.

Dated July 10th, recommending that the Secretary be authorized to appoint a Librarian at \$1,200 to \$1,440 per annum.

Dated July 10th, recommending a salary of \$3,300 per annum for National Bank Examiner L. L. Gellerstedt, effective July 16th.

Dated July 10th, recommending appointment of Mrs. Genevieve Meacham (Board's staff) at \$75 per month, effective July 11th.

No. 2.

Dated July 10th (informal) reapproving admission of The Lodi Trust Company, Lodi, N. J., on terms already named.

No. 3.

Dated July 10th, recommending changes in stock at Federal Reserve Banks as set forth in the auxiliary minute book as of this date.

On motion of Mr. Delano it was voted to approve the employment of E. W. Kemmerer by the Federal Reserve Agent at New York at \$500 per month for not over four months to assist in organizing the Statistical work of the bank.

On motion at 3:50 P.M., the Board adjourned.

H. Parkes Willis

Secretary

Approved:

W. A. R. [Signature]
Governor.