

At a meeting of the Federal Reserve Board held in the office of the Board on March 5, 1919, at 11 A.M.,

PRESENT: The Governor
 Mr. Miller
 Mr. Hamlin
 Mr. Williams
 Mr. Broderick, Secretary.

Morning business was presented and disposed of as follows:

The Governor reported the following rediscount transactions pursuant to authority heretofore vested in him:

March 4th, by the Federal Reserve Banks of Chicago, St. Louis and Kansas City, for the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, \$10,000,000 eleven to fifteen day member bank collateral notes secured by Government obligations, rate 4%, as follows:

Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago,	\$5,000,000
Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis,	2,500,000
Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City,	2,500,000.

Noted.

Letter dated February 28th from Assistant Federal Reserve Agent Nevin, at Cleveland, re withdrawal from the System of the Exchange Bank of Kentucky, Mt. Sterling, Kentucky. The Governor submitted for approval draft of reply by him, dated March 4th.

Approved.

Memorandum by General Counsel dated February 28th, re opposition of State authorities in New York to exercise of trust powers by National banks.

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Referred to the Chairman of the Law
Committee for report.

Memorandum by General Counsel dated February 28th,
re eligibility for membership in the Federal Reserve System
of banks organized under bill pending before the North
Dakota Legislature.

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Committee for report.

Memorandum by General Counsel dated February 28th,
in re policy as to publication in the Federal Reserve Bulletin
of opinions of Counsel.

After discussion (during the course of
which Mr. Williams joined the meeting), it
was voted that, effective with the March 1st
issue of the Bulletin, the practice shall be
pursued of publishing decisions of the Board
under the heading "Rulings of the Board";
and that in any case where it be deemed de-
sirable, reference shall be made at the foot
of ruling to the opinion of Counsel upon which
the decision is based, in which event such
opinion, or parts thereof, shall be published
under the heading "Law Department".

Memorandum by the Secretary dated March 4th, recom-
mending, (1) that General Counsel be instructed to prepare
letters in response to inquiries addressed to the Board when
responses are based on opinions of Counsel; and (2) that
General Counsel be instructed to prepare and submit before
publication forms of rulings of the Board to be published in
the Bulletin and in the public press.

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Approved.

Mr. Hamlin stated that he had discussed with General Counsel Harrison the question of the appointment of an Assistant General Counsel, and after reviewing the situation with respect to compensation paid to junior counsel by other departments, he recommended that General Counsel be authorized to employ an assistant at a salary of \$5,000 per annum.

Voted that the question of the appointment of an Assistant General Counsel be referred to the Executive Committee with full power, upon the condition that the salary fixed shall be at a rate not in excess of \$5,000 per annum.

The minutes of the meeting of the Board held on March 3d, were read and on motion approved as amended.

The minutes of the meetings of the Gold Export Committee held on March 3d, 4th and 5th were presented and approved, and the action therein set forth ratified.

Memorandum by General Counsel dated March 5th, in re amendment of March 3, 1919, of the Federal Reserve Act, affecting the rediscount of paper secured by Government obligations.

Voted that General Counsel be instructed to prepare and submit for approval by five members of the Board, in accordance with the provisions of the amendment, a regulation in line with the recommendations made in his memorandum to the Board under date of March 5th.

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(At this point Mr. Williams withdrew from the meeting).

The Governor stated that he had not as yet received a response to his letter of February 19th addressed to Mr. Richard H. Malone, inquiring as to his responsibility for certain announcements made regarding the stock of the Western Oil Fields Corporation.

Voted that the Governor be authorized to telegraph Mr. Malone, requesting immediate reply to the Governor's letter to him under date of February 19th.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE NO. 1:

Dated March 5th, recommending admission of State institutions as set forth in the auxiliary minute book as of this date, subject to the conditions stated in the individual reports attached to each application.

Approved.

Dated March 4th, recommending approval of application of P. R. McPhail for permission to serve at the same time as director of the First National Bank, East Rochester, New York, and as director and president of the Merchants Bank, Rochester, New York.

Approved.

Dated March 4th, recommending approval of application of Alexander C. Brown for permission to serve at same time as director of the Union Commerce National Bank, the Garfield Savings Bank Company, and the Morris Plan Bank, all of Cleveland, Ohio.

Approved.

Dated February 26th, recommending approval of a salary of \$200 per month, effective March 1, 1919,

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for Mr. E. H. Tucker, Assistant to the
Federal Reserve Agent at San Francisco.
Approved.

Other business was presented and disposed of as
follows:

The Governor reported the reserve positions of the
several Federal Reserve banks.

The Secretary reported that all Federal Reserve banks
had agreed to make no change in the schedule affecting avail-
ability of proceeds of acceptances, except upon thirty days'
advance notice.

On motion duly seconded it was voted that the
Secretary be instructed to purchase for the use of the
Board "United States Compiled Statutes" in twelve volumes,
at a net cost to the Board of \$62.50.

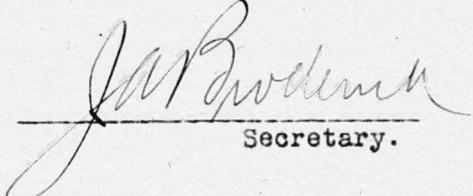
The Governor stated that he had conferred with the
Secretary of the Treasury respecting the forthcoming con-
ference with Governors of Federal Reserve banks, to be held
during the three days beginning March 20th, and that the
Secretary had concurred with him in the belief that, in
view of the importance of the questions coming before the
Conference, it would be well to invite the Executive Com-
mittee of the Advisory Council to attend such Conference, for
the discussion of questions affecting discount rates and

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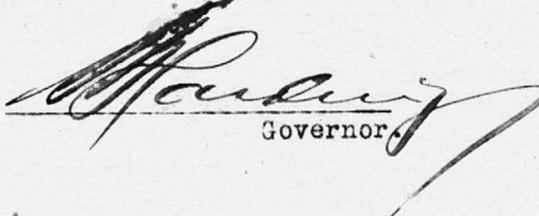
policies of Federal Reserve banks.

Voted that the Governor be authorized to invite the Executive Committee of the Federal Advisory Council, and such other members of the Council as may care to attend, to be present at the Conference with Governors of Federal Reserve banks on Thursday, March 20th, for the discussion of questions affecting discount rates and policies of Federal Reserve banks.

At 12:30 P.M., the meeting adjourned.


Secretary.

Approved:


Governor.