

A meeting of the Federal Reserve Board was held in the office of the Board on Tuesday, November 9, 1920, at 11:10 a.m.

PRESENT: The Governor  
Mr. Platt  
Mr. Hamlin  
Mr. Miller  
Mr. Williams  
Mr. Hoxton, Secretary.

PRESENT ALSO:  
Mr. Logan, General Counsel.

Minutes of meeting of the Executive Committee held November 6th were read, and on motion the action therein set forth was ratified.

Minutes of meeting of the Board held November 8th were read, and on motion approved.

The Governor reported the reserve positions of the several Federal Reserve banks as at close of business November 6th, and the status of rediscounts between the Federal Reserve banks as of the same date.

The Governor reported rediscount transactions, member bank promissory notes secured by Government obligations; rate 7% and 7% on Commercial paper, as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Bank Redis-</u> <u>counting</u>	<u>With</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Maturities</u>
Nov. 5	Atlanta	Cleveland	\$3,030,750.	10-90 days
Nov. 5	Dallas	Cleveland	2,500,000.	11-15 "
Nov. 6	Dallas	Cleveland	2,000,000.	11-15 "
Nov. 6	Atlanta	Cleveland	3,253,000.	10-90 "
Nov. 8	Richmond	Boston	10,000,000.	11-15 "
Nov. 8	Minneapolis	Boston	3,000,000.	11-15 "
Nov. 8	Minneapolis	Boston	1,000,000.	1-90 "

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Memorandum dated November 6th, from the General Counsel, recommending that the Board purchase for the use of the Counsel's office law books aggregating \$46.50.

Approved.

Telegram dated November 8th, from Mr. Ramsey, Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, reporting a shortage of \$1,000. in shipment of currency from El Paso to Washington.

Noted.

Letter dated November 5th, from Mr. W. F. McLallen, of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, setting forth several matters not previously disposed of.

Approved.

Telegram dated November 5th, from Mr. Perrin, of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, advising the Board that arrangements have been made to join the State authorities in examinations of large Los Angeles banks during the next thirty days; also requesting the Board's approval to appointments of members of the Los Angeles branch to assist Examiner Loveland.

Approved.

(At this point Mr. Williams joined the meeting.)

Draft of letter by the Governor regarding payment of additional compensation to National Bank Examiner, Frank L. Norris.

Postponed, until the meeting of the Board next Thursday.

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

Application of Security National Bank, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, for authority to accept up to 100%.

Approved.

Letter dated November 8th, from Mr. F. J. Thiel, Deputy Assistant Treasurer of the United States, reporting that no applications for the sale of bonds under Section 18 of the Federal Reserve Act have been received by the Treasury Department from National Banks for the quarter ending September 30, 1920.

Noted.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE NO. 1:

Dated Nov. 9th, 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 the applications.

Approved.

Dated Nov. 6th, Recommending changes in stock at Federal Reserve Banks as set forth in the Auxiliary Minute Book as of this date.

Approved.

Dated Nov. 9th, Recommending approval of application of Mr. Robert D. Kent to serve at the same time as Director of the Stapleton National Bank of Stapleton, New York, and as Director of the Port Richmond National Bank, of Port Richmond, New York.

Approved.



Dated Nov. 9th, Recommending the appointment of Mr. C. W. Hanford as Clerk in the office of the Chief Clerk, at a salary of \$2,000. per annum, effective upon reporting for duty.

Approved.

Dated Nov. 9th, Recommending approval of appointment of Miss Mary Grace Keegin, as additional Comptometer Operator in the Division of Reports and Statistics, at a salary of \$1465., effective November 10th.

Approved.

Dated Nov. 8th, Recommending approval of appointment of Mr. Ralph Roby on the staff of the Division of Analysis and Research, at a salary of \$750. per annum, effective upon reporting for duty.

Approved.

Dated Nov. 6th, Recommending approval of appointment of Miss Emeline Happersberger as stenographer in the Division of Analysis and Research, at a salary of \$1440., effective upon appointment.

Approved.

Dated Nov. 4th, Submitting list of changes made in the National Bank Examining force during the month of September, 1920.

Noted.

Dated Nov. 5th, Submitting list of changes made in the National Bank Examining force during the month of October, 1920.

Noted.

Other business was presented and disposed of as follows:

Letter dated October 15, 1920, from Mr. Kenzel of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York to General Counsel, asking for a ruling in regard to the eligibility for acceptance by a member bank of certain drafts originating in Sweden, together with a draft of a proposed letter in reply thereto.

Upon motion the opinion was accepted and the dispatch of the reply to Mr. Kenzel authorized.

Letter from Mr. Jay, Chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, dated November 9th, suggesting that the Board send out to the several Federal Reserve Banks a letter along the lines of copy submitted by Mr. Jay, advocating that the Federal Reserve Banks use their efforts to broaden the market for bankers' acceptances.

Upon motion the transmittal of such a letter was authorized.

Letter dated November 5th, from Mr. Trowbridge, Consulting Architect, recommending a change in the building plans of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, involving an additional expenditure of \$2,032.

Approved.

Letter dated November 5th, from Mr. Zurlinden, Deputy Governor of the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland, addressed to Mr. D. C. Wills, questioning the propriety of certain bankers' acceptances covering domestic shipments of cottonseed oil.

Referred to Mr. Wills for report.

Letter dated November 8th, from Mr. Meredith, the Secretary of Agriculture, regarding the attitude of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City towards the receipts of warehouses established under the United States Warehouse Act.

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Upon motion the Governor was requested to reply to Mr. Meredith, and to send a copy of his letter to Governor Miller of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City.

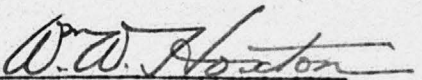
Memorandum dated November 9th, from Mr. Eddy, Assistant Secretary of the Board, inquiring if the Board wishes him to continue to act as Deputy Fiscal Agent.

The Governor stated that when Mr. Eddy was appointed Assistant Secretary no action was taken by the Board with respect to his continuing to hold the office of Deputy Fiscal Agent; and that if he were to continue in that office, it would be necessary to renew his bond this week. Upon motion, Mr. Eddy was continued in the position of Deputy Fiscal Agent, and his salary was fixed for the month of November 1920 at \$375.00; his salary after the month of November to revert to the former figure authorized by the Board, namely, \$350.00 per month.

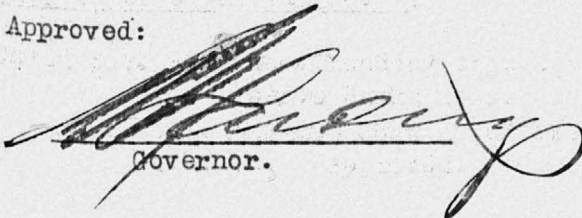
Letter dated November 9th, from Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Gilbert, outlining a plan for the prevention of shipments to the United States of Russian Bolshevik gold.

Upon motion Governor Harding was authorized to indicate to Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Gilbert the Board's approval of the proposed plan.

At 1:10 p.m. the meeting adjourned.

  
Secretary.

Approved:

  
Governor.