

A meeting of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System was held in Washington on Thursday, February 4, 1943, at 11:00 a.m.

PRESENT: Mr. Eccles, Chairman
Mr. Ransom, Vice Chairman
Mr. Szymczak
Mr. Draper
Mr. Evans

Mr. Morrill, Secretary
Mr. Bethea, Assistant Secretary
Mr. Clayton, Assistant to the Chairman

The action stated with respect to each of the matters herein after referred to was taken by the Board:

The minutes of the meeting of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System held on February 3, 1943, were approved unanimously.

Bonds in the amount of \$10,000 each, executed under date of February 1, 1943, by Joseph H. P. Farnon and Edna K. Reynolds as Alternate Assistant Federal Reserve Agents at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

Approved unanimously.

Memorandum dated February 4, 1943, from Mr. Morrill, recommending that Mrs. Olga Dunlap and Miss Carlana Woods be appointed as kitchen helpers in the Secretary's Office on a temporary basis for a period of not to exceed 60 days, each with basic salary at the rate of \$1,080 per annum, effective today.

Approved unanimously.

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Letter to the "Haddonfield National Bank", Haddonfield, New Jersey, reading as follows:

"The Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System has given consideration to your application for fiduciary powers, and grants you authority to act, when not in contravention of State or local law, as trustee, executor, administrator, registrar of stocks and bonds, guardian of estates, assignee, receiver, committee of estates of lunatics, or in any other fiduciary capacity in which State banks, trust companies or other corporations which come into competition with national banks are permitted to act under the laws of the State of New Jersey, the exercise of all such rights to be subject to the provisions of the Federal Reserve Act and the regulations of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

"This letter will be your authority to exercise the fiduciary powers granted by the Board pending the preparation of a formal certificate covering such authorization, which will be forwarded to you in due course."

Approved unanimously.

Telegram to the Presidents of all the Federal Reserve Banks, reading as follows:

"Under section 8(e) of Regulation W, remodeling or rehabilitation projects are designed as 'defense housing' pursuant to procedure established by Administrator of National Housing Agency. We are informed that the Administrator has signed an order providing for a new procedure. As soon as we can obtain copies of the new order, we shall transmit a copy to you and that will be followed by a bulk shipment of as many copies as you received when the previous order was issued."

Approved unanimously.

Letter to Honorable D. W. Bell, Under Secretary of the Treasury, reading as follows:

"Pursuant to the request contained in your letter of January 9, 1943, to Chairman Eccles, which was acknowledged on January 12, we have obtained from each Federal Reserve Bank and have sent to your office statements showing, by States and counties, demand and time deposits of

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"individuals, partnerships, and corporations, as reported by State member banks as of December 31, 1941, and December 31, 1942.

"In this connection, we have received requests from several Federal Reserve Banks that corresponding figures covering national banks and nonmember banks in their respective Federal Reserve districts be furnished to them. It is understood that your office is making a compilation showing demand deposits and time deposits (each separately) of all banks in each county and that the data will be furnished the respective Federal Reserve Banks for the use of the Victory Fund Committees. The Board will appreciate it if at the same time you will furnish it with corresponding figures, by counties, covering all Federal Reserve districts."

Approved unanimously.

Since January 15, 1943, discussions had been in progress between Mr. Szymczak and representatives of the War Department in connection with an informal request by the Department that members of the staff of the Division of Research and Statistics undertake the preparation of material on currency and banking systems, Government credit agencies, stock and commodity exchanges, and insurance companies for inclusion in a chapter on money and banking in the Military Government Handbook being prepared by the War Department. Inasmuch as the task would involve some increase in the personnel of the Division of Research and Statistics, the matter had been discussed informally by Mr. Szymczak with the members of the Board, with the exception of Mr. McKee who was absent from the city, and they had concurred in the view that the Board should agree to do the work desired by the War Department.

By unanimous vote, it was understood that Mr. Szymczak would advise Major General Gullion of the War Department that the Board had considered the request of the Department and had agreed to undertake to do the job which had been the subject of the previous informal conversations.

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Memorandum dated February 3, 1943, from Mr. Paulger, Chief of the Division of Examinations, submitting the travel expense voucher of Willis G. Brown, a Federal Reserve Examiner, covering the period January 3-16, 1943, inclusive, in the amount of \$77.10, and recommending, for the reasons stated in the memorandum, that the voucher be approved as to per diem in lieu of subsistence during a period of illness from January 7-16, 1943, inclusive, and transportation charges claimed to his home station.

Approved unanimously.

Thereupon the meeting adjourned.

Chester Morrie
Secretary.

Approved:

W. E. Coates
Chairman.