

A meeting of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System was held in Washington on Monday, April 2, 1945, at 10:30 a.m.

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

Mr. Morrill, Secretary
Mr. Hammond, Assistant Secretary
Mr. Thurston, 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 March 31, 1945, were approved unanimously.

Memorandum dated March 30, 1945, from Mr. Thomas, Director of the Division of Research and Statistics, recommending that Mrs. Inez H. Joynt be appointed as a clerk-typist in that Division on a temporary basis for an indefinite period, with basic salary at the rate of \$1,620 per annum, effective as of the date upon which she enters upon the performance of her duties after having passed satisfactorily the usual physical examination and subject to a satisfactory check of her references. The memorandum stated that Mrs. Joynt was a member of the Civil Service Retirement System and, therefore, would not become a member of the Board's retirement system.

Approved unanimously.

Memorandum dated March 28, 1945, from Mr. Thomas, Director

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of the Division of Research and Statistics, submitting the resignation of W. C. Haraldson as an economist in that Division, to become effective as of the close of business on April 15, 1945, and recommending that the resignation be accepted as of that date.

The resignation was accepted as recommended, with the understanding that proper payment would be made to Mr. Haraldson for the accrued annual leave remaining to his credit on April 15, 1945.

Letter to Mr. Peyton, President of the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, reading as follows:

"The Board of Governors approves the payment of salaries to the following officers of the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis for the year beginning June 1, 1945, at the rates indicated, which are the rates fixed by the Board of Directors as reported in your letter of March 9, 1945:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Annual Salary</u>
Maurice G. Strothman, Jr.	Assistant Counsel	\$5,500
O. W. Ohnstad	Auditor	5,500
M. E. Lysen	Operating Research Officer	5,250
E. B. Larson	Assistant Vice President	7,000
Otis R. Preston	Vice President	9,000
A. W. Mills	Cashier	8,000

"In the light of the informal discussion with Mr. Powell, the Board of Governors also approves the payment of salary to Harold G. McConnell, who has been promoted to the position of Vice President, at the rate of \$8,000 per annum, for the period March 16, 1945, to May 31, 1946, inclusive, if fixed by your Board of Directors for that period.

"It is understood that it was contemplated that the salaries of the other officers would be continued without change. Accordingly, the Board of Governors approves the payment of salaries to the following officers at their present rates, as indicated, for the year beginning June 1, 1945, if fixed by your Board of Directors at those rates:

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<u>"Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Annual Salary</u>
J. N. Peyton	President	\$25,000
O. S. Powell	First Vice President	15,000
Sigurd Ueland	Vice President and Counsel	12,000
A. R. Upgren	Vice President and Economist	8,500
E. W. Swanson	Vice President	10,000
Harry I. Ziemer	Vice President	9,000
R. D. Baker	Assistant Cashier	4,500
A. R. Larsen	Assistant Cashier	6,000
Wm. E. Peterson	Assistant Cashier	5,500
W. H. Turner	Assistant Cashier	5,000
H. C. Core	Personnel Officer	7,500
<u>Helena Branch</u>		
R. E. Towle	Managing Director	8,000
C. J. Larson	Assistant Manager	5,000

"While approval of salaries is given at the rates shown above for the period ending May 31, 1946, the approval is subject in each case to the reappointment of the officer upon the expiration of his term, which is February 28, 1946, in the case of the President and First Vice President, and, as indicated in the bylaws of your Bank, the first meeting of the directors of the Bank in January 1946 in the case of the other officers."

Approved unanimously, together with a letter to the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, Salary Stabilization Unit, transmitting a certificate of the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis with respect to a salary increase at the Bank.

Letter to the board of directors of "The First State Bank of Malta", Malta, Montana, stating that, subject to conditions of membership numbered 1 to 3 contained in the Board's Regulation H, the Board approves the bank's application for membership in the Federal Reserve System and for the appropriate amount of stock in the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis. The letter also contained the following special comment:

"In view of the fact that Northwest Bancorporation will become a holding company affiliate of your bank upon its admission to membership, the Federal Reserve Bank of

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"Minneapolis has been informed that before stock in the Federal Reserve Bank is issued to your bank it will be necessary for Northwest Bancorporation to comply with any conditions to the issuance of a general voting permit entitling it to vote the stock which it owns or controls of your bank."

Approved unanimously, together with a letter to Mr. Peyton, President of the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, reading as follows:

"The Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System approves the application of 'The First State Bank of Malta', Malta, Montana, for membership in the Federal Reserve System, subject to the conditions prescribed in the enclosed letter which you are requested to forward to the Board of Directors of the institution. Two copies of such letter are also enclosed, one of which is for your files and the other of which you are requested to forward to the Superintendent of Banks for the State of Montana, for his information.

"Before issuing stock in the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis to The First State Bank of Malta, you are requested to satisfy yourself that the Northwest Bancorporation has complied with any conditions to the issuance of a general voting permit entitling it to vote the stock which it owns or controls of such bank."

Telegram to Mr. Coffey, Federal Reserve Agent at the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, stating that, subject to the condition set forth in the telegram, the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System authorizes the issuance of a general voting permit, under the provisions of section 5144 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, to the "Northwest Bancorporation", Minneapolis, Minnesota, entitling such organization to vote the stock which it owns or controls of "The First State Bank of Malta", Malta, Montana, at all meetings of shareholders of such bank, and that the period within which a permit may

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be issued pursuant to the authorization contained in the telegram is limited to 30 days from the date of the telegram unless an extension of time is granted by the Board. The condition contained in the telegram upon which the permit was authorized was that, prior to issuance of the general voting permit authorized therein, applicant should execute and deliver to the Federal Reserve Bank in duplicate an agreement in the same form as that which applicant executed on April 19, 1943, as a condition to issuance of permit dated May 10, 1943. The telegram also contained the following statement:

"Although Board has approved application of The First State Bank of Malta for membership subject to conditions set forth in letter which is in mail, general voting permit authorized herein should not be issued until bank is admitted to membership in the Federal Reserve System."

Approved unanimously.

Letter to Mr. McLarin, President of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, reading as follows:

"Referring to your letter of March 21 and telegram of March 29, 1945, the Board will interpose no objection to the purchase of the parcel of property immediately adjoining the New Orleans Branch building on Carondelet Street at a cost not to exceed \$75,000.

"It will be appreciated if you will advise the Board the date of the consummation of the proposed purchase."

Approved unanimously.

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Thereupon the meeting adjourned.

Chester Morrie
Secretary.

Approved:

Ronald Ransom
Vice Chairman.