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set down for a hearing, on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of February 1912, that being a Special Term and Session of this Court called and held for this purpose, and the Clerk of this Court is hereby ordered to, give notice of the date and place of said hearing, which is hereby ordered to be at the Court House of Jefferson County, Texas, on said 15<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1912, by posting a copy of said petition and of this order of the Court thereon, in five public places in Jefferson County, Texas, one of which shall be at the Court House Door of this County, and the other four of which shall, be within the limits of said proposed drainage district, said notices being ordered posted twenty days prior to the date of said public hearing.

Petition for Jefferson County Drainage District No. 3  
The State of Texas To the Honorable Commissioners  
County of Jefferson Court of Jefferson County Texas:  
We the undersigned free-holders, all of whom are resident tax payers of, and residing in the proposed Drainage District hereinafter described, and being more than one-third of the free-holding resident citizen tax payers in said proposed Drainage District, whose lands may be affected thereby, respectfully petition and show unto your Honors that there is a public necessity and public utility requiring the creating of a Drainage District out of a portion of Jefferson County, with boundaries hereinafter described, in that there is not within said District at present adequate drainage, and because the natural water courses are inadequate, and require cleaning out, deepening and widening, and because it is necessary to construct new and additional ditches to carry the water into said natural water courses, and without the creating of said additional drainage ditches the said district are and will be too wet, soggy and unproductive for vegetation to grow thereon, as it should and as it will after proper drainage is had, and for the further reason that the health of said community and district will be greatly improved by



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said drainage; and the breeding places of mosquitoes will be destroyed, and we and each of us respectively pray that your Honors set down at the earliest legal time convenient to the Court, this petition for hearing in accordance with the law; and after the legal notices are given as required by law, that upon said hearing that your Honors find that said drainage of said District is feasible and practicable and needed, and will so enter your finding of record, and we respectfully pray that you do, upon said hearing, appoint a competent Civil Engineer and have him survey such proposed District and report thereon, and after legal time, and after all legal steps are taken, that an election be ordered, and steps be taken thereafter in accordance with the law; Petitioners ask that said District be named and designated "Jefferson County Drainage District Number Three" and that the boundaries for the proposed Drainage District are as follows:

Beginning on the North line of the J. Valmore League at its intersection with the West line of Jefferson County,  
Thence South with the County line between Jefferson and Chambers Counties through the J. Valmore and E. Lopez Leagues and through T & N.O. Sections Nos. 159, 160, 179, 180, 187, and 188 to the intersection of said West line of Jefferson County with the South line of T & N.O. Section No. 188;  
Thence East along with the South lines of Sections Nos. 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 242, 241 and 240 to the Southeast corner of T & N.O. Section No. 240; Thence North with the East lines of T & N.O. Sections Nos. 240, 217, 218, 170, 169, 150, 149, 140 and B.B. and C. Company Survey No. 139 to the Southeast corner of the David Currell League;  
Thence West with the South line of said David Currell League to its Southwest corner;  
Thence in a straight line across the W.H. Smith League to the Southwest corner of the M. Bowes Survey, same being on the North line of the W. H. Smith League;  
Thence West with the North line of W. H. Smith League to its Northwest corner;

I CERTIFY THIS IS A TRUE COPY  
Witness my Hand and Seal of Office

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Thence South with the West line of said League to the Southeast corner of the W.D. Cotton Survey;  
Thence West with the South line of said Cotton Survey to its Southwest corner, same being on the East line of Christopher Teal Survey;  
Thence South with the East line of the C. Teal Survey to its Southeast corner;  
Thence West with the South line of said Teal Survey to its Southwest corner;  
Thence North with the West line of said C. Teal Survey to the Northeast corner of Tr. N.O. Survey No. 135;  
Thence West with the North lines of Tr. N.O. Survey No. 135 and the North line of the F. Valmore League to the place of beginning.

J. N. Field	Frank Fields,	R. M. Johnson
Lucas Holtrogs	P. A. Arceneaux	B. Hinganga
H. G. Aubey	J. Boersema,	Atto Puffenhagen
B. C. Curtis	Geo. E. Mathers,	G. A. Vandervoort
H. E. Vandermolen	W <sup>m</sup> Rauding,	Eggar Caruthers
Geo. Lorkness	Jeff Garrid	Martin Tulp
Tony Groeneweg	Carritt Hoffman,	Leon Boudreaux
David Arvidson,	A. Schipper	Anton Larson
L. Hamshire,	Charles Wittmann	John Meurs
W. Fischer	Geo. Gill,	J. W. Brenshaw
G. E. Wilber	J. E. McCall,	E. W. McCall
Geo. J. Spruietma	J. J. Craigen	Fraust Lormack
Earl C. Deaton	Ben Reukema	John Stob
Martin Colbenson	J. A. Arceneaux	Louis Obey
N. V. Erlanson	P. C. Wilson	Jacob Tulp
Mathew Van der Creek	W. H. Baldwin	P. P. Gallier
Valsin Coleman	H. L. Deaton	Lio. Gallier
Mitchel Bellar		

warrant  
# 8679

The County Clerk is ordered to issue duplicate warrant to J. P. Morgan for \$22<sup>70</sup>, the original warrant no. 8528 having been lost.

County Clerk is ordered to draw warrants for freight bills when said bills are "OK'd" by Fred Blanchette, Road Engineer or Superintendent.

Johnnie Euclid is ordered placed on the Pauper Roll at \$5<sup>00</sup> per month.



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Int'l Sinking Fund. 75000	Road Bonds	
Balance		4408.93
To amt recd during quarter		4743.54
By amt pd " " Int. coupons		1875.00
Am't to balance		<u>7277.47</u>
		9152.47
Balance		<u>7277.47</u>
		9152.47

Respectfully submitted

W. A. Howard County Treasurer

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 13th day of  
May AD. 1912, H. L. Williams Notary Public  
Jefferson Co. Texas.

In Re Jefferson County } In the Commissioners Court of  
Drainage District No. 3 } Jefferson County Texas  
May 13, 1912

At a regular session of the Commissioners Court,  
held at the Court House at Beaumont, Texas, on  
May 13, 1912, the following members of the Court  
were present:

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| R. W. Wilson   | County Judge                |
| George Caswell | Commissioner Precinct No. 1 |
| J. P. Cook     | " " 2                       |
| B. J. Johnson  | " " 3                       |
| Will Burrell   | " " 4                       |

at which meeting the following proceedings were  
had, and the following order was unanimously  
passed and entered by said Court:

On this, the said 13th day of May AD. 1912  
the County Commissioners of Jefferson County,  
Texas, being in regular session, came on to the  
considered the returns of an election held in  
Jefferson County District No. 3, and the Court  
proceeded to canvass the said returns of an  
election held in Jefferson County Drainage  
District No. 3, at which election the following  
matters were submitted; "For the Drainage  
District, and issuance of bonds and levy of  
Tax in payment therefor" and "Against the  
Drainage District, and issuance of bonds and  
levy of tax in payment therefor", and it  
appearing to the Court that the said election  
has been duly had in accordance with the

Results of Election  
Dist No 3  
Drainage Dist  
Drainage Bonds



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order of this Court, and has been lawfully and regularly held, and the proceedings have been legal in all particulars, and the returns of said election duly made, and that at said election fifty three legally qualified voters cast their votes upon the aforesaid matters submitted to them, of which number forty seven voted "For the Drainage District, and issuance of bonds, and levy of tax in payment therefor" and four of said voters voted "Against the Drainage District, and issuance of bonds and levy of tax in payment therefor," and two of said voters mutilated their ballots, and voted neither for or against the said proposition, at which said election, and the Court, therefore, finds that more than two-thirds of the legally qualified voters, entitled by law to participate in said election, voted "For the Drainage District, and issuance of bonds and levy of tax in payment therefor," and it is therefore ordered by the Commissioners County at said meeting as follows:

In the matter of the petition of L. Hampshire and fifty one others, praying for the establishment of a drainage district in said petition described, and designated as Jefferson County Drainage District No. Three, be it known that an election called for that purpose in said district, held on the 13th day of May A.D. 1912, a two thirds majority of the resident property tax payers voting thereon, voted in favor of the creation of said drainage district, and the issuance of bonds and levy of tax, now therefore, it is considered and ordered by the Court that said Drainage District be, and the same is hereby established by the name of Jefferson County Drainage District No. Three, within the following limits and bounds:

Beginning on the North line of the F. Valmor League at its intersection with the West line of Jefferson County;  
thence South with the County line, between Jefferson and Chambers Counties, through the F. Valmor and E. Lopez Leagues, and through T. & N. O. R.R. Co's Sections No. 159, 160 and 179 to the intersection of the said West line of



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Jefferson County, with the South line of T. & N. O. R. R. Co's  
Section No. 179;

Thence East along the South lines of T. & N. O. R. R. Co's  
Sections Nos. 179, 178, 177, 176, 175, 174, 173 and 172,  
to the Southeast corner of T. & N. O. R. R. Co's Section  
No. 172;

Thence North with the East line of T. & N. O. R. R. Co's  
Section No. 172 to its Northeast corner;

Thence East with the South line of T. & N. O. R. R. Co's  
Sections 168 and 169 to S.E. corner of said Section 169;

Thence North with the East line of T. & N. O. R. R. Co's,  
Sections Nos. 169, 150 and 149, to the N.E. corner  
of said Section No. 149;

Thence West with the North line of said Section 149,  
to the S.E. corner of T. & N. O. R. R. Co's Section 140;

Thence North along the East line of said Section  
140 T. & N. O. R. R. Co's Section No. 129 and B. B. & C.  
R. R. Co's Survey to the S.E. corner of the David  
Burrell League; said line being also along the  
West lines of T. & N. O. R. R. Co's Sections 198,  
197 and the Stephen Eaton League;

Thence West with the South line of said  
David Burrell League, to its S.W. corner;

Thence in a straight line across the W. N. Smith  
League to the Southwest corner of the M. Bowes  
Survey, same being on the North line of the  
W. N. Smith League, said line from the S.W. corner  
of said David Burrell League to the said S.E.  
corner of M. Bowes Survey having a course  
of North 57 deg. and 30 min. West, and a  
distance of 10400 feet;

Thence West with the North line of said  
W. N. Smith League to its Northwest corner;

Thence South with the West line of said W. N.  
Smith League, to the S.E. corner of the W. D. Cotton  
Survey.

Thence West with the South line of said W. D. Cotton  
Survey to its S.W. corner; said corner being on  
the East line of the Christopher Teal Survey;

Thence South with the East line of the said  
C. Teal Survey, to its S.E. corner;

Thence West with the South line of the said  
C. Teal Survey to its S.W. corner;

Thence North with the West line of the said



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6. Trial Survey, to the N. E. corner of T. N. O. P. R. Cos. Section No. 135, Thence West with its North line of T. N. O. Survey No. 135, and the North line of the J. Valmore League to place of beginning -

And the Commission's Court further considering the matters of said Drainage District, and the fact that Drainage Commissioners should be appointed in accordance with law, and the consideration of the appointment of said drainage Commissioners having been taken up and fully considered by the Court, and it appearing to the Court that the following named parties are duly qualified under the law to act as said Commissioners, and it appearing that said parties should be appointed, it is therefore ordered and decreed that George Bell and George Sorkness and E. A. Englin, all of whom are residents of said drainage district, and are freehold tax payers and legal voters of said Jefferson County, are hereby appointed drainage Commissioners for the said Jefferson County Drainage District No. Three, and that said drainage Commissioners shall hold their office for the term of two years, and until their successors are qualified, unless sooner removed by a majority vote of the County Commissioners for malfeasance or nonfeasance in office, and the said drainage Commissioners shall qualify and be installed in said office by the taking and subscribing before the County Judge and oath to faithfully discharge the duties of their office, without favor or partiality, and render a true account of their doings to this Court, by which they are appointed, whenever requested to do so, which oath shall be filed by the Clerk of the Commission's Court, and preserved as a part of the records of said Drainage District, and before entering upon their duties each of the drainage Commissioners shall make and enter into a good and sufficient bond in the sum of \$1000.00, payable to the County Judge, for the use and benefit of said Drainage District, conditioned upon the faithful performance of their several duties, which



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all the powers, rights duties and obligations prescribed by the Statutes of the State of Texas, and each of them shall receive for their services the sum of \$2.50 per day for the time actually engaged in the work of said district; and before any amount shall be paid to said Commissioners, or either of them, they shall make a detailed report to the Commissioners Court of the time actually <sup>consumed</sup> engaged in the work of said district, and ~~before any amount shall be paid to said Commissioners~~, of the work done, and such report shall be audited and approved by the Commissioners Court.

The Drainage Commissioners, so appointed, shall organize as soon as practicable, by electing one of their number chairman and one Secretary, and two of whom shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of all business and a concurrence of two shall be sufficient in all matters pertaining to said district, except the letting of contracts and the drawing of warrants on the treasury, which shall require the concurrence of all of said Commissioners, and when so organized, shall employ a competent civil Engineer upon a salary not to exceed ten (\$1000) dollars per day for the time actually engaged in work, and whose term of office shall be at the will of said drainage Commissioners, which civil engineer shall proceed to make a map of such district, showing the boundary lines thereof, with the original surveys therein, and also to make maps and profiles of the several canals, drains, ditches and levees located in such district, which maps and profiles shall show the relation that each canal, drain, ditch or levee bears to each tract of land through which it passes, and the shape into which it divides each tract and where the canal, drain, ditch or levee cuts off any tract of less than twenty acres of land, the maps shall show the number of acres so divided therefrom and the number of acres



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in the whole tract, showing the shape of such small tract and its relation to the canal, drain, ditch or levee. And such profile map shall also show the number of cubic yards necessary to be excavated in order to make such canal drain or ditch and to build any levees located in such district, and give the estimated cost of each, and when said maps, profiles and estimates shall have been completed by said engineer, as herein provided, he shall sign the same in his official capacity and file them with the clerk of this Court.

Done at regular session of Commissioners Court of Jefferson County Texas, on this the 13<sup>th</sup> day of May A.D. 1912.

Be it remembered that on this the 15 day of May, 1912, came on to be heard the petition of the Post Arthur Water Company filed on the 15 day of May 1912, praying that it be granted certain rights and franchises by Jefferson County; and said petition having been considered by the Court, and it appearing that the same ought to be granted with the restrictions herein stated, It is therefore considered by the Court and so ordered, adjudged and decreed that the Post Arthur Water Company, a Texas Corporation, domiciled at Post Arthur, Twp Jefferson County, Texas, its successors and assigns, be, and they are hereby granted by Jefferson County, the right, privilege and franchise to supply electric lights, electric power and similar service to the public and to the private citizens of Jefferson County, as may be contracted for from time to time, and to this end said Post Arthur Water Company, its successors and assigns, are hereby authorized and empowered to construct, erect, maintain and operate in, upon, and along and across the public roads, streets, alleys, thoroughfares or other highways of Jefferson County Texas, for the period of fifty (50) years from and after the date hereof, such electric wires, poles, lamp posts, lamps or lights thereon, and other appliances as may