MINUTE No. 133 - General Map, El Paso-Juárez Valley

The Commission met in the office of the Mexican Section, in the City of Juárez, Chih., at 10:00 a.m. March 21, 1931, to consider the river movements within that part of the Río Grande comprised between the east end of the Cordova tract and Monument No. 1 of the San Elizario Island, and between Monument No. 21 of the San Elizario Island and the beginning of the Box Canyon below Fort Quitman; and to receive a general map of the Río Grande through the El Paso-Juárez Valley as surveyed in 1925 and revised in 1930.

The Commission again reviewed the studies and maps on record in its offices which depict all known changes of the river since the original Emory-Salazar survey in 1852, including the extensive surveys made by the Commission in 1907, 1925, and 1930, and all other surveys available which might bear on river changes; and again perused the files of the Commission covering all claims to lands as bancos, and all other claims within the El Paso-Juárez Valley which had been presented to the Commission.

The Commissioners concurred in the opinion that a careful, diligent and comprehensive search for additional river changes has been made, and, considering the intense publicity given to the banco question in the El Paso-Juárez Valley in recent years, and especially within the past several months, that all private claims had been presented and settled by the Commission. The Commission then approved and signed in duplicate the attached general map of the El Paso-Juárez Valley, drawn to a scale of 1:25000, surveyed in 1925 and revised in 1930. on which is shown...
the nineteen bancos, numbered from 301 to 319 inclusive, which were recently acted upon by the Commission.

The following resolution was adopted:

The Commission, having eliminated the aforementioned nineteen bancos, and acted upon all other pending claims, as a result of its labors, declares:

That the boundary line between the two countries within that part of the Rio Grande comprised between the east end of the Cordova tract and Monument No. 1 of the San Elizario Island and between Monument 21 of the San Elizario Island and the beginning of the Box Canyon below Fort Quitman, shall be the broken red line shown on the map attached hereto, that is, it shall follow the center of the deepest channel of the stream, and Mexico has the dominion and jurisdiction of all lands lying on the right or south bank of the Rio Grande, and the United States has the dominion and jurisdiction of all lands lying on the left or north bank of said river, within the aforementioned sections.

Meeting adjourned to meet again at the call of either Commissioner.

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