INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY COMMISSION
UNITED STATES AND MEXICO

MINUTE NO. 145

El Paso, Texas,
June 11, 1935.

Regulations pertaining to elimination of tracts segregated by the Rio Grande Rectification Works, pursuant to Convention of February 1, 1933.

The Commission met in the office of the American Section, in the City of El Paso, Texas, at 10:00 o'clock a.m., June 11, 1935, for the purpose of considering the adoption of appropriate regulations by the International Boundary Commission for the approval of the two Governments, in order to carry out the material execution of the works in accordance with the terms of the Convention for the Rectification of the Rio Grande concluded February 1, 1933, as contemplated by Article I of such Convention, in so far as concerns the provisions of Articles V, VI and VII thereof, in relation to the elimination of segregated tracts.

The Commission considered the matter of existing boundary conventions between the two countries, and particularly the provisions of Articles V, VI and VII of the Convention of February 1, 1933, and adopted the following procedure with reference thereto:

1. As soon as the same may conveniently be accomplished, and in any event within thirty days after a cut has been made, the Consulting Engineers shall cause the boundaries to be marked on the ground, both with respect to that area to be used as right of way for the rectified channel, and the area segregated as a result of such cut.

2. Immediately thereafter the Consulting Engineers shall submit to the Commission a joint report concerning such cut, accompanied by the corresponding map or maps.

3. The Commission shall thereupon forthwith convene and proceed to the elimination of such areas, as surveyed and mapped, from the provisions of Article II of the Convention of November 12, 1884, in a manner similar to that adopted in the Convention of March 20, 1905, for the elimination of

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bancos, that is to say, such action shall be evidenced by minutes of the Commission in which reference shall be made to the report of the Consulting Engineers and its accompanying map or maps and shall contain, with any others that may be appropriate, the following recitals: (a) that such channel cut has been accomplished and that the rectified river channel has been completed to the extent thereof; (b) that effective one month from the time of execution of any such minute, neither Government having, within such period, disapproved such minute, or immediately upon the affirmative concurrent approval of both Governments having been communicated to the commissioners, the middle of the deepest channel of the river within such rectified channel shall become the international boundary throughout the length of such cut, and in the case of a tract of land which as a result of any such cut lies upon the right side of the middle of the deepest channel of the river within such rectified river channel, such tract shall become the property and territory in absolute sovereignty of the United Mexican States and similarly in the case of a tract of land which as a result of any such cut lies upon the left side of the middle of the deepest channel of the river within such rectified channel, such tract shall become the property and territory in absolute sovereignty of the United States of America, as prescribed by the provisions of the Convention of February 1, 1933.

4. That forthwith upon execution of any such minute as is herein provided for copies thereof shall be transmitted by the commissioners to their respective Governments.

5. That as soon as any such minute shall have become final as provided in paragraph 3 hereof, certified copies thereof shall be furnished by each Commissioner to the local Immigration, Customs and all of such local and other authorities of their respective Governments as may be necessary and desirable in order that the fullest information shall be made available to such authorities with respect to the international boundary as a result of the execution of the works or any completed portion thereof provided for in the Convention of February 1, 1933.

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6. That the instant minute and regulations embraced herein shall, pursuant to Article I of the Convention of February 1, 1933, be, forthwith, transmitted to, and shall become effective when the same have been approved by the two Governments. A copy hereof shall be furnished to the Consulting Engineers.

The meeting then adjourned.

[Signatures]

L. M. Larue
Commissioner of the United States.

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Commissioner of Mexico.

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Acting Secretary of the United States Section.

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Secretary of the Mexican Section.