INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY COMMISSION
UNITED STATES AND MEXICO

MINUTE NO. 157

Juárez, Chihuahua, May 10, 1937.

ACTION ON PARCELS NO. 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48, 49 and 50, RIO GRANDE RECTIFICATION PROJECT, EL PASO-JUAREZ VALLEY.

The Commission met in the offices of the Mexican Section in Juárez, Chihuahua, at 10:00 A.M., May 10, 1937, for the purpose of taking action with respect to Parcels Nos. 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48, 49 and 50, required by the completion of those portions of the rectified channel adjacent to the above-mentioned parcels, all as contemplated in the Convention of February 1, 1933, and Minute No. 145, dated June 11, 1935.

The lands within the rectified channel including the corresponding rights of way on both sides, as well as those lands segregated from the territory of each country, all as shown on the attached maps of Parcels Nos. 37 to 48 and 47 to 50, inclusive, having been acquired in accordance with Article VII of the Convention, the Commission received, studied and approved the Joint Report of the Consulting Engineers, dated May 10, 1937, and signed in duplicate the thirteen (13) maps attached hereto, which report and maps are attached hereto and made a part hereof.

In compliance with the provisions of the Convention of February 1, 1933, the Commission now finds and determines:

1. That the rectified channel has been completed along Parcels Nos. 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48, 49 and 50, and that the channel cuts as described in the Consulting Engineers’ report and as shown on the parcel maps attached hereto have been accomplished.

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2. That effective one month from the time of execution of this Minute, neither government having within this period disapproved this Minute, or immediately upon the affirmative concurrent approval of both governments having been communicated to this Commission, the middle of the deepest channel of the river within the rectified river channel through Cuts Nos. 37 to 45 and 47 to 50, inclusive, shall become the international boundary line, both in the normal and constructed sections thereof.

3. That the tracts of land as shown on the maps designated, respectively, as Parcelas Nos. 37, 39, 41, 43, 45, 47 and 49, which as a result of said cuts have been segregated from Mexico and now lie on the left or northerly side of the middle of the deepest channel of the rectified river, shall be the territory and property in absolute sovereignty of the United States of America.

4. That the tracts of land as shown on the maps and designated, respectively, as Parcelas Nos. 38, 40, 42, 44, 46 and 50, which as a result of said cuts have been segregated from the United States of America and now lie on the right or southerly side of the middle of the deepest channel of the rectified river, shall be the territory and property in absolute sovereignty of the United States Mexican.

5. That the tracts of land as shown on the map attached and designated as Parcelas Nos. 47-A and 47-B correspond to the parcel designated as No. 47 on the rectification project maps attached to Minute No. 144 dated June 14, 1934.

The meeting then adjourned.

R.M. Paiz
Commissioner of the United States.

I. Pedrero Cordova
Commissioner of Mexico.

(Over)

Se levantó la sesión.

I. Pedrero Cordova
Comisionado de México.

D. M. Rancour
Comisionado de los Estados Unidos.

(A la vuelta)
M. A. Moore
Acting Secretary of the United States Section.

M. D. Moore
Secretary of the Mexican Section.

M. D. Moore
Secretario de la Sección Mexicana.

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Secretario Interino de la Sección de los Estados Unidos.
The work involved in the rectification of the Río Grande from the beginning of the cut along Parcel No. 37 to the lower end of the cut along Parcel No. 45 and from the beginning of the cut along Parcel No. 47 to the lower end of the cut along Parcel No. 50 has been completed in compliance with the provisions of the Convention of February 1, 1933, and its annexes.

The channel cuts completed in carrying out this work have resulted in the segregation of Parcels Nos. 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48, 49 and 50. These parcels are shown on Sheets Nos. 6 and 7 of the series of maps of the rectified channel location which accompanied International Boundary Commission Minute No. 144, dated June 14, 1934.

In accordance with the procedure outlined in International Boundary Commission Minute No. 148, dated June 11, 1935, we have caused the boundaries of these segregated parcels to be marked on the ground, both with respect to the area used as right of way for the rectified channel and the area segregated as a result of the cuts, and submit herewith thirteen (13) duplicate maps, two for each parcel, one copy in English and one copy in Spanish, which show the boundary line in the new channel of the river through the cut, the right of way lines, and the abandoned channel in which are indicated the positions of the posts which have been set to mark the limits of the parcels. Upon each map are also given the positions of the reference monuments and the year of the completion of the cut.

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As the position of the constructed pilot channel along Parcel No. 47 lies forty-five meters north of the axis line of the rectified channel, this parcel has been divided into two parts which are shown on the attached map as Nos. 47-A and 47-B.

There are also shown upon these maps the right of way lines of the rectified channel and the international boundary line following the middle of the deepest channel of the river.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]

Consulting Engineer, United States Section.

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Consulting Engineer, Mexican Section.

(De la Hoja No. 1)

Como la posición del cauce piloto a través de la Parcela No. 47 queda a cuarenta y cinco metros al norte del eje del cauce rectificado, esta Parcela ha quedado dividida en dos partes que muestra el plano anexo como Nos. 47-A y 47-B.

También se muestran en estos planos el derecho de vía del cauce rectificado y la línea divisoria internacional que sigue el centro del cauce más profundo del río.

Con todo respeto,

[Signature]

Ingeniero Consultor de la Sección Mexicana.

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Ingeniero Consultor de la Sección de los Estados Unidos.