

THE UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING
MINUTES OF THE TRUSTEES

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The special meeting of the Board of Trustees, called for the purpose of opening bids and awarding contracts for the completion of Hoyt Hall and for the erection and equipment of the Power Plant, was called to order this date at 2:30 P. M. The roll call was as follows:

Purpose of meeting

Present: Dr. A. B. Hamilton, Mr. Fred W. Geddes, Mr. C. S. Beach, Mr. Dean T. Prosser, Mr. J. A. Elliott and Mrs. Katharine A. Morton.

Roll call

Absent: Mr. W. C. Deming, Mr. L. H. Brooks, Mrs. B. B. Brooks and Dr. E. W. Croft.

There were also in attendance Dr. Nelson, Mr. Fuller and the secretary.

President Nelson presented the matter of conferring honorary degrees, and he stated that as yet the University of Wyoming had not awarded such degrees. He then presented the name of Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, and after some discussion, it was moved, seconded and carried that the University confer the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws (L. L. D.) on Mrs. Catt.

Honorary Degrees, C. C. C.

Upon motion regularly made, seconded and carried, the following appointments recommended by the President were approved for the academic year 1921-1922.

Appointments

Edwin B. Payson, Associate Professor of Botany	\$2520.00
Robert M. Smith, Professor of English	3000.00

Bishop N. S. Thomas was then admitted to the meeting, and spoke at some length of his intention to establish a girls' school in Laramie, making use of the Ivinson home which had been given to the Church for this purpose.

Girls' School

Mr. Fuller then spoke with reference to the contemplated law suit with the State Land Board over the jurisdiction of each board over University and Agricultural College lands. The following resolution, which had been adopted at the meeting of the Board of Trustees on July 17, 1920, was upon motion regularly

Land Board

made, seconded and carried, re-affirmed by the present Board of Trustees as so constituted:

WHEREAS, certain controversies have arisen from time to time over the jurisdiction of the Board of Trustees of the University of Wyoming, the State Board of Land Commissioners and the Commissioner of Public Lands, and

WHEREAS, it is desirable for the public interests that such questions should be authoritatively and finally determined,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that a friendly proceeding or proceedings in Court be taken to determine what, if any, power the Board of Trustees of the University of Wyoming has over lands, funds and other property of the University and its departments or lands, funds or other property granted or donated for its use: and what, if any, power the State Board of Land Commissioners and the Commissioner of Public Lands have over the same.

Mr. Fuller also reported that the New York Oil Company had certified their willingness to bid on all or part of University lands lying in Section 2, Township 33, Range 79.

There being in waiting many contractors interested in bids on the completion of Hoyt Hall and the Power Plant, it was decided that bids for the completion of Hoyt Hall be opened at this time, and all interested parties were invited to be in attendance. The following bids were then opened:

Archie Allison, Cheyenne, Wyoming.	\$101,900.00
John W. Howard, Cheyenne, Wyoming.	98,640.00
Southern Wyoming Lumber Company, Laramie, Wyoming.	105,600.00
Charles Shoblom, Casper, Wyoming.	99,523.00
R. N. LaFontaine, Cheyenne, Wyoming.	102,415.00

The meeting then adjourned at 6:00 P. M. to convene at 7:15.

8:15 P. M.

The Board again resumed its session with the same members present as at the afternoon meeting, with the addition of Mr. E. G. Hofer, and Mr. H. H. Fielding. The evening session of the Board was then devoted to a discussion of the proposed heating plant, the various types of equipment which

Resolution regarding management of University lands and proposed law suit

Casper lands

Bids on Hoyt Hall

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could be installed and the relative value of each.

May 3, 11:30 A. M.

The Board again resumed its session after inspecting the present heating plant and the proposed site for the new plant.

At this time the following combined bids for the completion of Hoyt Hall and the erection of the Power Plant were then opened:

Charles Shoblon	\$204,551.00
Archie Allison	207,496.00
Archie Allison (Proposal No. 2)	193,261.00

Note: The above bids based on plans and specifications prepared by E. G. Hoefer, and using the type of equipment as listed in each individual bid.

The following bid of Mr. John W. Howard for the heating plant was also opened

92,068.00

(The above bid does not include oil storage and supply tanks, coal and ash handling equipment and coal crusher, piping in tunnels, steam and oil piping in boiler room, changing Science Hall and Normal Building to Webster Vacuum system)

The Board then adjourned at noon to convene in the afternoon after a comparison of the bids could be made by Mr. Hoefer and Mr. Fielding.

4:30 P. M.

The Board again resumed its session, and the matter of accepting combined-bids was brought up. Dr. Hamilton stated that he would confer with our attorney relative to the option of the Board in accepting a combined proposal.

Mr. Allison's bid was then taken up for consideration, and Mr. Allison and Mr. Bernzen were invited to sit with the Board and explain certain details in their various proposals.

The Board then adjourned at 6:00 o'clock to meet at 8:30 P. M.

Bids. Combined on Hoyt Hall and Power Plant

Power Plant Bid.

Consideration of bid

8:30 P. M.

This session of the Board was devoted to a discussion of the bids submitted by Mr. Allison and Mr. Shoblom. Mr. Shoblom was also called into the meeting, and explained certain points in his bid which were not clear to the Board. Mr. Fielding was also in attendance, and his advice was frequently asked.

The Board then adjourned at 11:30 P. M. to convene at 9:00 A. M. on May 4.

May 4, 9:00 A. M.

The Board again resumed its session with the same members present as at the previous session. Before proceeding with further consideration of business, Dr. Nelson recommended that Dr. C. T. Jones be appointed as Lecturer in connection with Teacher Training work for Special Classes (without compensation except necessary traveling expenses). Upon motion regularly made, seconded and carried, this appointment was approved.

Dr. Nelson also mentioned to the Board the possible sequence of the various buildings after the completion of Hoyt Hall and the Power Plant, but it was thought best to defer this matter until the June meeting of the Board.

Mr. William Dubois was also present at this session of the Board, and desired to know the intention of the Board in accepting a bid for Hoyt Hall.

Mr. Howard was also given audience with the Board, and he explained his reasons for failure to submit a complete bid on the Power Plant.

Mr. Elliott then reported that the University attorney had informed him it was within the rights of the Board to accept or reject any and all bids, and to make any combination which was deemed advisable by them. Mr. Prosser also reported that he had made inquiry relative to Mr. Shoblom's responsibility in Casper, and the report received by him was favorable to Mr. Shoblom.

The bids on the Power Plant being in excess of the amount available

Power Plant
discussion of
Bids

Resumed Session
Appointment

Building
Program.

Mr. Dubois.

John Howard

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Business

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for this purpose, a motion was made and carried requesting Messrs. Hoefler, Fielding and Dubois to prepare a set of deductions to be submitted to the bidders, and they to report to the Board the amounts to be deducted for the various kinds of equipment which might not be installed at this time.

Power Plant Bid

The Board then adjourned to meet at 1:30 P. M.

1:30 P. M.

This session of the Board opened with a discussion on the proposition of awarding one contract for the two buildings or two contracts. A ballot was taken and the result was as follows:

Awarding of Contracts

To award two separate contracts, one for each building 3 votes

To award a combined contract 2 votes

It having been decided to award two separate contracts, a ballot was then taken on awarding the contract for Hoyt Hall. The secretary read the bids that had been submitted, and the ballot taken was as follows:

Bid on Hoyt Hall.

John W. Howard 5 votes

John W. Howard

The contract for the completion of Hoyt Hall was therefore awarded to John W. Howard for the sum of \$98,640.00. The President of the Board of Trustees was authorized to enter into a contract with Mr. Howard.

Acceptance of Bid

Bids on the Power Plant were then discussed, and the following motion was made and seconded:

Power Plant Discussion

MOVED, that all proposals be rejected and the architects be instructed to prepare new plans and specifications for the Power Plant.

This motion, however, was lost.

After putting the bids of Mr. Allison and Mr. Shoblom on a comparable basis, using the same class of equipment, it was found that Mr. Allison's bid was lower. The following resolution was then presented, and adopted:

Bids

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RESOLVED, that the contract for the erection of the Power Plant according to the plans and specifications prepared by E. G. Hoefer and W. A. Hitchcock, be awarded to the lowest bidder, and the Board of Trustees of the University of Wyoming reserves the right to make additions or deductions and selection of apparatus according to written proposal of contractor.

*Power Plant.
Awarding of
Contract.*

A ballot was then cast for awarding the contract for the heating plant, and the result was as follows:

Archie Allison 5 votes \$92,467.00

Archie Allison

(The above price based on Babcock & Wilcox equipment.)

Dr. Nelson then presented the matter of a new athletic field which the A. S. U. W. were desirous of establishing on the south-eastern part of the campus, and upon motion regularly made, seconded and carried, the Board authorized the payment of bills for the necessary expenditures in extending the water supply to the new field.

*Athletic
field.*

The Board then adjourned at 6 o'clock to meet at 8:00 P. M. to select the equipment to be used in the new heating plant to be erected by Mr. Archie Allison.

Adjournment

8:00 P. M.

The evening session of the Board was resumed with the same members present as at the previous session, and Mr. Howard, Mr. Allison, Mr. Bernzen and Mr. Fielding also in attendance.

The various propositions, namely Proposal No. 1 and No. 2, submitted by Archie Allison, were then discussed, and the relative value and cost of Babcock & Wilcox (Sterling type) and Casey-Hedges boilers was discussed.

*Power Plant.
Discussing
Boilers.*

Mr. Hoefer at this point expressed his opinions upon the relative value of the different classes of equipment, and boilers, and wished to go on record as being opposed to Casey-Hedges boilers.

Mr. Hoefer

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It was decided to cast a ballot for the selection of a boiler, and the result was as follows:

Babcock & Wilcox (Sterling type)	2 votes
Casey-Hedges	3 votes

A further discussion of Proposal No. 2 was then indulged in, and upon motion by Mr. Elliott, seconded by Mr. Geddes, this bid of Mr. Allison's was accepted, and Dr. Hamilton was authorized to sign the contract for the completion of the work of installing such equipment as available funds would permit.

The secretary then presented a surety bond for Mr. Fred W. Geddes as Treasurer of the Board of Trustees, and for the First National Bank of Laramie as depository for University funds, each in the penal sum of \$25,000.00. Upon motion regularly made, seconded and carried, the above bonds perviously approved by the University attorney, were accepted, and the bonds of the Albany National Bank, former depository and of Mr. Spalding former Treasurer, were likewise cancelled.

Dean Faville then gave a review on the drainage proposition on the upper and lower farms, and spoke with reference to the possible cooperation of the State Highway Commission and Mr. Daniel C. Buntin in draining the lands adjoining the State highway. Upon motion regularly made, seconded and carried, the sum of \$1,500.00 for tiling University lands and \$500.00 as the University's proportion of the cost of the highway drainage ditch was appropriated, and made available in the budget for 1921-1922.

The matter of commissions to be paid the architects for the supervision of the work done under the plans and specifications prepared by them was taken up, and a commission of five per cent (5%) was awarded to Mr. Dubois for his plans and specifications for Hoyt Hall. Upon motion by Mr. Beach, seconded by Mr. Elliott, the commissions to be paid Mr. Hoesfer and Mr. Hitchcock was

*Power Plant
Selection of
Boiler*

*Power Plant
Acceptance of
Contract.*

*Bond of
Treasurer
and Depository*

*Drainage
work at farm*

*Commission
Hoyt Hall.
Mr. Dubois*

Power Plant

referred to the Executive Committee for their action.

The possible change in the location of the Power Plant and the necessary changes in the tunnel were also referred to the Executive Committee for their action.

Power plant

It was also decided to hold the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees on Monday, June 13, 1921, at 9:00 A. M.

Annual meeting

Upon motion regularly made, seconded and carried, the Board adjourned.



Secretary.