MESA DRAIN

780, EL PASO VALLEY RIGHT OF WAY PRIMARY FILE

MISCELLANEOUS CLAS - CO

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR UNITED STATES RECLAMATION SERVICE

OFFICE OF DISTRICT COUNSEL

El Paso, Texas, May 15, 1916.

Memo. re contracts for right of way for Mesa Drain.

1. The status of contracts for the first 3 miles of this drain is as follows:

M. H. Webb. He and his wife have signed.

Loomis Farm Co., Inc. Signed, but engineering department thinks may have to change description.

Charles E. Kelly. Signed.

H. D. Camp. Signed.

I. G. Gaal. Not yet signed. Contract given Pres. Smith of Water Users' Asso. at Smith's request, to see if he could get Gaal to sign.

Maximo Madrid. Signed.

<u>W. E. U. Krause.</u> Signed, but engineering department thinks may have to change description of land.

El Paso County. I understand from Mr. Perkins that the County Commissioners have authorized the execution of this contract. Contract has been prepared and is now being checked as to engineering data by engineering department.

will have to secure some information from Mr. Hough for Reports on Land Agreement before the contracts are sent to resping to Copy to P.M.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR UNITED STATES RECLAMATION SERVICE

OFFICE OF DISTRICT COUNSEL El Paso, Texas, April 21, 1916.

Memo. re contracts for right of way for Mesa Drain.

1. In company with Messrs. Richard Burgess, C. N. Bassett, J. A. Smith, Mr. Kellogg and C. L. Wolfe, a notary, I visited the owners of land in the vicinity of Clint and Fabens today with a view to securing right of way for the Mesa Drain (about 3 miles) beginning on the place of M. H. Webb and extending south to the Franklin canal. The following is the result of our visit:

M. H. Webb. Mr. Webb signed a donation contract, but we were not able to secure his wife's signature, as she was in El Paso, but Mr. Bassett said he knew where she was and volunteered to get her signature. Mr. Webb made no request for a bridge or inlets, so none of such conditions were inserted in the contract. After discussing the matter with Mr. Kellogg he thought Webb might need a bridge, and he (Kellogg) thought that if Webb requested later that a bridge be built, also some drain inlets, these should be given him.

Loomis Farm Co. Inc. We only saw Mrs. Loomis and because of the large acreage it is necessary to secure from this company (14.03 acres), she stated she would see their attorney on April 22 and let Mr. Burgess or Mr. Smith know what they proposed doing in the matter. Looks as if this would be no donation.

C. E. Kelly. Didn't see.

H. D. Camp. We could not find Camp on his place and after a search about El Paso he could not be found there. Mr. Bassett volunteered to take the contract and see if he could get Camp to sign it.

I. G. Gaal. Didn't see. Bassett has the contract and is getting his signature.

Maximo Madrid. He and his wife signed the contract in consideration of receiving \$225.00. The area to be taken is 2.79 acres.

Mr. Kellogg made the agreement.

W. E. A. Kraus. Didn't see.

Copy to Project Manager.