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VORUZ, ALBERT A. PURCHASE OF IMPROVEMENTS FORNITILLO CANAL (2221)

0023-0087-0036

21-(30) Texas

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
UNITED STATES RECLAMATION SERVICE

Rio Grande Project, El Paso, Texas, FEB 13 1923
Project Manager to District Counsel
Subject: Forwarding for approval as to form, execution, and legal sufficiency of contract dated January 18, 1923

With Albert A. Voruz
Estimated amount involved, \$315.00 Authority No. 14-I
Accompanied by bond and copies. No bond or Clearing Acct. of this form.

Purpose: Purchase of improvements on 0.434 acre of land granted for canal purposes by stock-subscription contract with water users' association. Land required for Tornillo Canal. 2-room adobe house \$200.00; 2 jacals (Mexican dwellings) \$100.00; corral \$15.00.

Advise Project Manager at El Paso, Texas (Post-office address)

of approval as to form, execution, and legal sufficiency of the above, using extra copies hereof.

NOTE.—Before submitting contract see that the instructions on reverse hereof have been FULLY complied with.

Inclosures as follows:

- Original and 4 copies of contract
- " " 2 " certificate of recommendation
- " " 2 " possessory certificate
- " " 3 " f.l.t.
- " " 2 " certificate as to title

3 blueprints

NOTE: Contract executed by Project Manager, January 18, 1923. Delay in transmitting occasioned by original contract being held for recordation.

A. W. Lawson
Project Manager.
(Signature)

El Paso, Texas, FEB 13 1923
(Place) (Date)

The above-described contract and bond, if any, approved as to form, execution, and legal sufficiency by

on FEB 13 1923

J. A. Hamilton
Clerk District Counsel

Inclosures as follows returned to Project Manager:

(Same as above)

Remarks:

INSTRUCTIONS.

1. This form shall be used by project managers and others duly authorized in transmitting to district counsel for approval as to form, execution, and legal sufficiency contracts listed under paragraph 4 of C. L. 969—February 24, 1921; with the exception of those under (d) of said paragraph.

2. The office in which the contract originates will transmit to the district counsel, (a) the original contract, (b) the director's copy, (c) chief engineer's copy, (d) returns office copy, and (e) district counsel's copy of the contract. There should accompany the contract when transmitted to the district counsel, original and three (3) copies (4 in all) of this form.

3. When the district counsel approves the contract as to form, execution, and legal sufficiency, he will indorse such approval on the director's and the chief engineer's copies of the contract. The original, director's, chief engineer's, and returns office copies of the contract will then be returned by the district counsel, with three (3) copies of this form letter, to the project manager, who will handle the contract as provided in paragraph 5 of C. L. 969.

4. With every contract submitted involving an expenditure the authority number (Form 7-681) or clearing account to which charges will be made must be given in the space provided on this form letter (see paragraph 41, page 213, Volume 1 of Manual). The amount of probable expenditure or collection must also be shown (see paragraph 11, page 204, Volume 1 of Manual). Where it is necessary for the Government to perform work as a part of the consideration, an estimate of the cost of such work should be given above under "Remarks" (see paragraph 61, page 219, Volume 1 of Manual). Any other special matter or information relative to the contract too long to write on this form should be set out in a statement or certificate submitted with the contract.

5. Reference should be made to previous correspondence of importance, especially if form of contract was approved in advance, giving dates, stating whether a telegram or letter, and from and to whom.

6. The office in which the contract originates should list all inclosures in the space provided.

CERTIFICATE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the land described in the agreement dated January 16, 1923, with Albert A. Verus, is required for purposes authorized by the Act of June 17, 1902 (32 Stat. 389), namely, as right of way for the Tornillo Canal, a part of the Rio Grande Project; that the consideration to be paid thereunder, \$315.00, is reasonable and the lowest that could be obtained; and I recommend that the contract be approved.

L. M. Lawson
Project Manager.

El Paso, Texas, January 18, 1923.

POSSESSORY CERTIFICATE

I, Geo. W. Headley, Assistant Engineer, United States Reclamation Service, certify that I have personally examined the land sought to be acquired by the United States from Albert A. Veruz, in the West half of the Southeast quarter (W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$) of Section 4, Township 34 South, Range 8 East, N.M.P.M., United States Reclamation Service survey, El Paso County, Texas, for the Rio Grande Project, and that the said proposed Vendor was in actual, sole and exclusive possession of the land, claiming to be the owner thereof and of the improvements thereon, and no person claiming a right in such land adverse to the Vendor is in possession of any part of it.

Geo. W. Headley
Assistant Engineer.

El Paso, Texas, January 18, 1925.

CERTIFICATE AS TO TITLE

I HEREBY CERTIFY, with reference to the following described land:

A tract of land containing 0.434 of an acre, more or less, in the West half of the Southeast quarter ($W\frac{1}{2}SE\frac{1}{4}$) of Section 4, Township 34 South, Range 8 East, N.M.P.M., United States Reclamation Service survey, El Paso County, Texas, and more particularly described in agreement with Albert A. Vorus, Vendor, dated January 18, 1923:

That I have made personal examination of the tax and title records of El Paso County, Texas, and find that the said Vendor, who is the reputed owner, is the actual owner, and that there are no unpaid taxes, unsatisfied mortgages, or other liens, outstanding against the said land.

J. H. Hamilton
Clerk.

El Paso, Texas, January 18, 1923.