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The Board of Regents met in the Office of the President at 10 o'clock Friday morning, July 29, 1921. There were present Mrs. Hood, Mr. Pratt, Judge Curler and Judge Talbot, Vice President Lewers and Comptroller Gorman.

On motion of Judge Talbot the minutes of June 30th, 1921 meeting of the Board were approved by the following vote:

Mr. Pratt	Aye
Judge Talbot	Aye
Judge Curler	Aye
Mrs. Hood	Aye

List No. 11 of State Claims Nos. 87 to 97 inclusive, for the net sum of \$16,001.56, and List No. 8, covering Regents Checks Nos. 1058 to 1063, for the net sum of \$28,647.84, were approved. Mr. Pratt made the motion. Vote:

Mr. Pratt	Aye
Judge Talbot	Aye
Judge Curler	Aye
Mrs. Hood	Aye

Mr. Fisher, the Government Auditor of the Smith-Lever funds, appeared before the Board. On being asked by Judge Curler how our University system of accounting compared with the systems in other states, Mr. Fisher said that he and Mr. Graham had the entire territory of the United States with the exception of the 15 southern states, that Mr. Graham, who last year covered the territory stated that the University of Nevada system of accounting was the best he had ever found. Mr. Fisher told the Board that he wished Mr. Gorman might be borrowed for a month or 6 weeks to instruct other institutions in a like system of book-keeping and the handling of their cash. Mr. Fisher was authorized by the Board to suggest to any institution which might wish to adopt our system that we would be willing to lend Mr. Gorman for this purpose at any time which would not seriously interfere

with the work of this office. Mr. Fisher said that they have always looked forward with pleasure to coming to Nevada, not only on account of the fine climate but because they never have to disallow anything; also, this is one of the very few institutions whose books are closed and really ready to be audited prior to September 1st. He stated that they were well pleased with Mr. Creel as Director of the Extension Division.

Comptroller Gorman reported that a City ordinance prohibited the use of a larger oil storage tank than a 1500-gallon capacity tank and that such tank, according to the ordinance, should be 4 feet underground. At the last City Council meeting, Councilman Smith brought before the Council the University's request that the ordinance be so amended that State Institutions might use a larger storage tank. After considerable discussion of the details of the oil storage tank question, Mrs. Hood moved that Comptroller Gorman be authorized to appear before City Council at its meeting this evening and ask that the ordinance be further amended to allow us to place our storage tank above ground. The tank, according to suggestion of Fire Chief Hawcroft, should be 100 feet removed from any building in order to meet with his approval. Vote:

Mr. Pratt	Aye
Judge Talbot	Aye
Judge Curler	Aye
Mrs. Hood	Aye

Mr. Pratt reported on his trip to the Hercules Powder Company's plant to inspect their second-hand 30,000-gallon tank. After seeing the tank, he went on to the San Francisco office of the Company and asked them for their best bid on this tank. They made a price of \$900 on the tank and finally offered it for \$800. It is easily worth twice this amount. This tank weighs about 8 tons and the rate from San Francisco to Reno is 92 1/2 cents per hundred; therefore, the freight would be about \$148. Followed discussion as to wisdom of getting a second-hand tank and having to furnish our own man to erect the tank on the Campus as against a new tank to be purchased from the Ocean Shore or Western Pipe and Steel Company, either of whom would send a competent man along to erect the tank on the Campus.

It was finally moved by Judge Talbot that it is the sense of the Board of Regents that the tank which the Hercules Powder Company offered to the University at the price of \$800 f. o. b. Hercules, should be purchased and that Regent Pratt and Comptroller Gorman are authorized to make the necessary contracts to purchase the tank; and they are further authorized to take

such steps as they deem necessary to have the tank properly erected on the grounds. Vote:

Mr. Pratt	Aye
Judge Talbot	Aye
Judge Curler	Aye
Mrs. Hood	Aye

Judge Curler suggested that Comptroller Gorman should see to it that a proper resolution re. sale of land by the Evans Estate Company should appear on the records of the Company or be made a part of the deed to this property to the University. This Mr. Gorman said he would attend to.

Mr. Gorman asked to be authorized to purchase a centrifugal oil pump for the transference of the oil in the storage tank. Dean Sibley recommended the Kinney Centrifugal Oil Pump but did not have a price on this pump; the price probably would not exceed \$350. On motion of Regent Talbot Mr. Gorman was authorized to purchase such a pump at cost not to exceed \$400. Vote:

Mr. Pratt	Aye
Judge Talbot	Aye
Judge Curler	Aye
Mrs. Hood	Aye

Comptroller Gorman stated to the Board that the cost of paving the roadway from the University gates to the upper side of the bridge would be in the neighborhood of \$950 - 5,000 square feet at 19 cents per sq. ft. The Regents were of the opinion that there were no funds available for this purpose. Mr. Gorman suggested that out of the appropriation made by the State Legislature to the City Council of Reno for the purpose of paving "University property", there might be sufficient balance to take care of this piece of paving and stated that he would inquire into the matter. It seems that the cost of the work has decreased since the appropriation was made and that good foundations were found for the paving on Virginia Street so the entire amount appropriated has not been needed for University paving.

After some discussion regarding the changed position of the gate posts authorized at the June 30th meeting of the Board, Mr. Pratt moved that the distance between the large and small posts on either side of the driveway be placed somewhat further apart than they now are, sufficiently far apart that the space between them may equal the width of the sidewalk for pedestrians if it can be done for not to exceed an additional \$100 to the sum already decided upon for this purpose. Vote:

Mr. Pratt	Aye
Judge Talbot	Aye
Mrs. Hood	Aye
Judge Curler	No; on the question of additional expense, though he saw no objection if the change could be made without additional cost.

Comptroller Gorman was of opinion that the change could be made without additional cost.

No further business appearing, the Board moved to adjourn. It was understood that unless matters of general interest should develop in the meantime, the members of the Finance Committee only should be called for the meeting at the end of August.

Carolyn M. Beckwith
Secretary