

Minutes of Afternoon Session,

Jefferson Highway Meeting. Paola, Kansas.

Tuesday, April, 18, 1922.

H. A. Russell of Fort Scott called the meeting to order.

After making a brief statement of the history of the Jefferson Highway, and stating that this meeting had been called for the purpose of discussing matters affecting the Highway, Mr. Russell ask that a temporary secretary of the meeting be named. Parker Bailey, of Girard, Kansas, was then named temporary secretary.

Messrs. Marion Coulter of Girard, Paul Russell of Paola, and John Morris of Mound City, each gave a short talk with reference to the many difficulties which had always surrounded the Jefferson Highway in Kansas.

O. W. Schaeffer, of Girard, then spoke on the early history of the Jefferson Highway, intimating that some federal aid had been granted on the road running north from Pittsburg to the Bourbon County line under the assumption that this road was a prt of the Jefferson Highway, whereas only seven (7) of this road, or that part from Pittsburg to Franklin, was a part of the Jefferson Highway and the balance of the road north was the Commercial Highway.

It was explained by W. L. Ringo, of Girard, that this procedure was made in accordance with the law.

Short talks were then made by Messrs. Dallas, of Mound City; Yoeman, of Osawatomie; and Barker of Girard; Mr. Barker stating that the Girard delegation would be glad to abide by the recommendation of Messrs. Coulter and Ringo.

Upon motion of Mr. John Morris, duly seconded, it was voted that the sense of the meeting was; that a protest be made to the national Board of Directors of the Jefferson Highway against the action of a group of people headed by A. H. Shafer of Pittsburg, who met at Pittsburg on or about March 24, and who had declared an intention of changing the present route of the Jefferson Highway so that it would run from Kansas City, south through Louisburg, Pleasanton, Fulton, Ft. Scott, and then south through the eastern edge of Crawford County to Pittsburg and Baxter Springs. The motion included the recommendation that a protest be made to the Secretary of State against anyone purporting to represent the Jefferson Highway marking any other road than the one now marked from Kansas City through Olathe, Paola, Osawatomie, Mound City, Ft. Scott, Farlington, Girard, Franklin, and Pittsburg.

It was then decided to ask each county through which the line passes to have a county meeting that each county organize and elect three delegates to attend a state meeting to be held at Paola within the next few days.

After a series of short talks relative to the general conditions of the Highway the meeting adjourned subject to the call of the chair.

Parker Bailey,  
Temporary Secretary.