

OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE.

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Topeka, Kansas, July 14th, 1922.

On June 28th, 1922, a meeting was held in the office of the Secretary of State for the purpose of determining whether the markings and registration of the Jefferson Highway Association should be changed from the original location of this line of highway through the State of Kansas.

The records show that an application for registration of highway under the name of the Jefferson Highway Association was approved on the 6th day of February, 1917.

This original application names explicitly the color combination or design used in the marking of said highway, and also gives the names of the towns in Kansas through which this highway shall pass.

An application has recently been presented to this office, requesting the Secretary of State to change the location of the Jefferson Highway to a line running from Fulton, north to Overland Park and Kansas City, Missouri.

The testimony offered at this hearing shows that the personnel of the Kansas officers of this line has been re-organized, and at a meeting held at Pittsburg, Kansas, March 23, 1922, a new board of directors was elected for the different counties through which this highway passes, which organization is requesting that the markings and location of said road be changed.

The testimony taken at the office of Secretary of State on June 28th shows that this meeting at Pittsburg was called by J. P. Clarkson, General Manager of the Jefferson Highway, who is a resident of the State of Missouri, and who stated that he had no

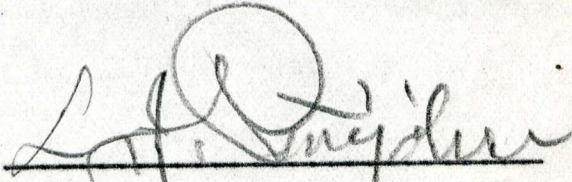
interest in this line of road in Kansas except as making it a part of the National Jefferson Highway.

The records further show that the old officers and subscribers who helped to establish this Jefferson Highway in Kansas at considerable cost to the communities through which the road is located, many of whom had paid up their subscriptions to date, and none of whom but that had been recently recognized by the Jefferson Highway Association, were not notified of the Pittsburg meeting. It was shown at the hearing that the original builders of this road have responded in the past to every request made by the general organization, and that the methods adopted by Mr. Clarkson in changing the route were arbitrary at the least.

As a matter of right and justice to the people of the different communities along the line of the Jefferson Highway, this office will hold that the original officers and subscribers of this highway should have been notified of any and all meetings held in Kansas which in any way concerned the Jefferson Highway,

The law makes it mandatory that before any association of this kind can modify or change the location, or cause the designs and emblems to be changed, that the Secretary of State must approve the same.

Since the original promoters of this line of highway had no notice of this important change being made until work had begun on the new line, and that this office had no notice of such change being in contemplation until after work had begun on the new location, the Secretary of State rules and forbids any change being made in the markings or location of the Jefferson Highway Association at this time.


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