

MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE
STATE WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Held August 18, 1941, in the Office of the Commission

The regular meeting of the State Water Conservation Commission was called to order at 10 A. M., Monday, August 18, 1941, in the office of the Commission. On roll call Comms. Holt, Thompson, Dahl and Simons were present. Absent, Governor John Moses, Chairman. In the absence of the Chairman, Vice Chairman Holt presided.

Each member of the Commission having received a copy of the minutes of the last meeting of the Commission, held June 23, 1941, and the one error noted having been corrected, it was moved by Comm. Thompson, seconded by Comm. Simons, that the minutes of June 23, 1941, be approved as written. The motion carried, all Commissioners voting aye. Governor Moses, absent.

Each member was given a list of the outstanding pumps on individual projects. There was some discussion of the accounts not paid, and it was decided that in cases where the collector believes the person does not want to pay, he should take the pump. It was also suggested that the Commission should wait until after harvest is over and try to collect more money and then take in the pumps where no collections can be made. The Secretary reported that the State Highway Department would allow the Commission to use some of its storage space in Minot to store pumps and equipment reclaimed. It was moved by Comm. Simons, seconded by Comm. Dahl, that the Secretary be instructed to make an effort to collect the money due on these individual pumping projects. Where the contract holder is unwilling to pay, the Secretary is instructed to take the pumps forthwith, by legal action if necessary. In cases where the contract holder is unable to pay, the Secretary is directed to use his own judgment as to working out a satisfactory arrangement and to make a report to the Commission. On roll call the motion carried, Comms. Holt, Thompson, Dahl and Simons voting aye. Governor Moses, absent. It was suggested that Mr. Tucker discuss this matter with Comm. Simons before taking action.

Mr. Tucker explained to the Commission that E. J. Haslerud, Director of Extension, North Dakota Agricultural College, had written stating that he did not believe county agents would have the time or the ability to handle the irrigation assistance to farmers in their counties, and that the Extension Service would pay one half of the salary of an Extension Irrigationist. There was a discussion of the matter. No action was taken.

Vice Chairman Holt explained that Dean Holm, Executive Secretary of the Tri-State Waters Commission, had resigned his position but had been prevailed upon to work in a part time capacity. He also stated that \$100.00 per month could be charged to the North Dakota portion of the Tri-State Waters Commission's budget for E. J. Thomas' salary, as much of Mr. Thomas' work deals with the Tri-State Waters Commission.

It was moved by Comm. Dahl, seconded by Comm. Thompson, that the Commission approve the bookkeeping transfer in which Dean Holm, Secretary, Tri-State Waters Commission will remain "in a temporary capacity and spend one day a week in the Tri-State Waters Commission office, receiving as compensation \$50.00 per month and \$20.00 per day per diem and all necessary travel expenses when he is away from St. Paul on official business of the Commission", said compensation to be paid one-half from the Tri-State item of the State Water Conservation Commission budget, "and to place E. J. Thomas, one of the engineers of the North Dakota State Water Conservation Commission, on a part time payroll of the Tri-State Waters Commission at \$100.00 per month". On roll call the motion carried, Comms. Holt, Thompson, Dahl and Simons voting aye. Governor Moses, absent.

The Secretary gave a verbal report on his trip to Helena, Montana, to discuss a proposed Montana-North Dakota Compact with Governor Ford of Montana, and Fred Buck of the Montana Water Board. He also discussed the Yellowstone Pumping Project #214 with Mr. Buck and reported that the Montana Water Board is willing to give whatever assistance is possible. Mr. Tucker stated that Governor Ford had planned to discuss the proposed compact with Governor Moses when they are both in Missoula attending the Masonic convention.

The Secretary also gave a verbal report on his visit to South Dakota where he discussed a proposed North Dakota-South Dakota Compact with Mr. Dean Loucks, State Engineer of South Dakota. Mr. Loucks agreed to see the Governor of South Dakota and have legislation written to be put before the State Legislature of South Dakota, allowing that State to enter into a compact.

Mr. Tucker reported verbally on the visit of W. G. Sloan, Engineer, Bureau of Reclamation, from Denver, Colorado, to Bismarck.

Mr. Tucker showed the Commissioners various maps of the proposed Missouri-Souris Project and explained the project as planned by the Bureau of Reclamation. The Secretary suggested that the Governor should make the initial proposal for a water conservancy district for the Missouri-Souris project, and that the Water Commission lay claim to all return flow and surface waters. He explained additional diversion to the Goose, Turtle, Wild Rice and Maple Rivers, Lake Traverse, and diversion down a ridge in the Missouri-Devils Lake area, and irrigation in the area bounded by Bismarck, Jamestown, Devils Lake and Minot, all of which he believed should be added to the Bureau's report.

Comm. Simons suggested that the Commission's comments incorporate asking the Bureau to check the possibility or feasibility of additional power stations, one at the diversion dam below Fort Peck and one on the Sheyenne River, and that the Commission ask them to survey the possibilities of the great central quadrangle in North Dakota, and that they be asked further to survey additional diversions in the eastern part of the state including Lake Traverse, diversion from Sheyenne, diversion into the Wild Rice, diversion into the Maple, Turtle and Goose Rivers. Also that their engineers check the volume of water which will be allocated to the eastern part of the state to be sure they get enough over there. Vice Chairman Holt read a letter from J. W. Harty, County Engineer, Grand Forks County, Grand Forks, North Dakota, in which Mr. Harty stated that the Board of County Commissioners of Grand Forks County had authorized him to write in regard to having presented to the State Water Commission "the matter of including the Turtle River in Grand Forks County in the general project for the control of tributaries of the Red River of the North or as a part of the Missouri River Diversion Project."

Governor Moses came into the meeting.

The discussion of the Missouri-Souris project continued. Various questions from members of the Commission were answered by the Secretary.

At 12 o'clock noon, the Commission recessed until 1:30 P. M.

At 1:30 P.M. the meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Holt. Roll was called with Comms. Holt, Simons, Thompson and Dahl voting aye. Governor Moses, absent.

R. T. Andrews, representing the Wells-Dickey Company, Minneapolis, a bond firm, was

also present.

Mr. Tucker explained the Heart River Project to Mr. Andrews. Mr. Andrews asked Mr. Tucker how many years he thought would be necessary for the bonds to run, and Mr. Tucker stated he believed about 30 years. Comm. Simons asked what Mr. Andrews would suggest, and he replied that 20 years would be better, although it would be better to have a 30-year bond, if the Commission felt it could not be paid in 20 years, than to have a 20-year bond with heavy payments the last years and having to refinance.

Mr. Andrews explained various reasons for the failure of irrigation projects and the consequent default on their bonds, which causes irrigation bonds to be looked upon with distrust among investors.

Judge A. M. Christianson and Iver Acker, President and Treasurer respectively of the North Dakota Rural Rehabilitation Corporation, came into the meeting.

Mr. Andrews presented a letter from the law firm of Fletcher, Dorsey, Barker, Colman and Barber of Minneapolis, in which they raise many legal questions regarding bonds.

There was a general discussion as to whether it would be more advisable to organize a large conservancy district including a whole drainage area of a river within the state or have districts for each project and lump the district bonds behind one issue of bonds by the Commission. Several objections were raised regarding the large district, such as the difficulty of getting the people in the area to agree to it, it's legality, etc. There were also objections to the other plan, the principal one being that the interest on the bonds of a small district would be higher and bonds harder to sell than those of a large district. Mr. Andrews stated that there might be a spread of from 3% on the large district's bonds to $4\frac{1}{2}\%$ or 5% on bonds under the other plan.

Judge Christianson left the meeting.

Governor Moses came into the meeting, and the discussion continued. Mr. Andrews, at the request of the Commission, explained the main points of the discussion to Governor Moses. His statement follows:

"What we were discussing and what we have been trying to do is to find a type of irrigation bond which would be essentially marketable at a rate which would appeal to the Commission as being a reasonably low rate. The irrigation bond starts at a disadvantage because it has a bad history. It is not a popular bond with the investing public. In order to make it popular, you have to have something to set it apart from other bonds in years gone by. California has solved it by making a complete district obligation out of a territory suited for irrigation purposes and benefited by the proposed projects which are to be put in that district--not necessarily one project.

"I was suggesting that you might establish a district, taking the Missouri River watershed, and take in a substantial amount of territory, including a large number of the projects which you are, from an engineering and economic point of view, considering, and have that as a district obligation for that territory, payable by assessments, water rentals, and from a tax levy in case of deficiencies."

Discussing bonds of a large district further, Mr. Andrews stated, "There you would have a bond that would be different from the bonds that we have had and would be saleable at a rate which would appeal as being a fair rate. Take small district bonds and try to float them and you will have to be penalized".

Mr. Tucker asked Mr. Andrews to explain the spread in interest rate to the Governor. Mr. Andrews stated, "It is hard to guess without knowing how big a district it would be, but I would say about 1% or 1½% spread between the two plans. Probably a small district would be 5% or 5½% as against 3% or 3½% on a larger district."

Mr. Andrews then suggested that the Commission should talk the matter over and he would come again whenever it is suitable to the Commission. He stated that he would also be willing to bring Mr. Barber of Fletcher, Dorsey, Barker, Colman and Barber, lawyers. He stated, "Frankly, I do not want to go too far without feeling we are getting together on some plan."

There was a discussion of the possibility of inducing the government to help build the reservoir on the Heart River Project.

Mr. Tucker asked Mr. Andrews what rates he could use in explaining the two plans to the district, and Mr. Andrews suggested 5% and 3½%.

Mr. Andrews left the meeting.

Vice Chairman Holt read a letter from Judge A. M. Christianson and another from Mr. Nygaard regarding bonds.

The discussion again turned to the Bureau of Reclamation confidential report and it was moved by Comm. Simons, seconded by Comm. Thompson, that the Secretary be directed to prepare for the Bureau of Reclamation a statement covering the Water Commission's position on the proposed developments on the Missouri River. The motion carried, all Commissioners voting aye.

Judge Christianson again came into the meeting.

Comm. Simons explained the proposed purchase of the Claude Turner and M. J. O'Connor land by the Commission. He stated that the Penitentiary would be willing to lease and clear the land, and also provide labor for riprapping the banks of the Missouri River on this land. He explained that the proposed cost of the property would be \$9,000.00 and that he would suggest that the Commission issue bonds, which the Workmen's Compensation Bureau would purchase, for a larger amount to allow money to purchase materials needed for riprapping the bank of the river. The riprapping is necessary as a good deal of this land is accretion and riprapping would prevent washing away of the banks. The land is a part of the proposed Bismarck project. Comm. Simons stated that there was about 334 acres of deeded land and approximately 486 acres of accretion land.

Mr. Tucker suggested that the Penitentiary build a cabin on the land for the storing of Commission pumps and equipment, and that they be asked to buy Commission pumps for the irrigation work they would plan to do on the land.

It was moved by Comm. Simons, seconded by Comm. Thompson, that the Chairman and Secretary of the Commission be authorized and directed to purchase approximately 820 acres, more or less, of lands now owned in Sections 18, 19, 30, Township 138 North, Range 80 West, in Burleigh County, North Dakota, owned by Jennie M. Turner and/or Claude C. Turner and

Mrs. Michael J. O'Connor and/or L. R. Baird, receiver of closed banks, at a price for said land not to exceed \$9,000.00. On roll call the motion carried, Comms. Holt, Simons, Thompson and Dahl, ~~and Dahl~~, and Governor Moses, voting aye.

The following resolution was presented by Comm. Simons who moved its adoption, which motion was seconded by Comm. Thompson:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the State Water Conservation Commission has decided to purchase the following described lands situated in the proposed Bismarck Irrigation Project, designated as Project No. 215 in the files of the State Water Conservation Commission, for the purpose of clearing such lands from trees and brush and for the purpose of fully preparing and developing such lands for irrigated farming, to-wit:

The West Half of the Northeast Quarter ($W\frac{1}{2}$ of $NE\frac{1}{4}$) of Section Nineteen (19), Township One Hundred Thirty-eight (138) North, of Range Eighty (80) West of the 5th P.M., excepting therefrom approximately Seven (7) acres in the Northwest Quarter ($NW\frac{1}{4}$) of the said Northeast Quarter ($NE\frac{1}{4}$) heretofore deeded to Jessie B. Harris, by deed dated May 17, 1934; and

All of Lots One (1), Two (2), Three (3) and Four (4), in said Section Nineteen (19); and

That certain tract which is described by metes and bounds as follows, to-wit: Beginning at the Northeast corner of Lot Five (5), in said Section Nineteen (19), Township One Hundred Thirty-eight (138) North, of Range Eighty (80) West, thence West 1320 Feet, thence South 33 feet, thence East 1320 feet, thence North 33 feet to the point of beginning, containing 1 acre, more or less, according to government lines.

The foregoing grants include all accreted lands caused by the changes in the channel and course of the Missouri River and contain in the aggregate thereof 680 acres, more or less.

WHEREAS, it is necessary in order to raise the necessary funds with which to purchase said lands, to prepare same for irrigation and to pay any other expenses incurred by the Commission in connection therewith, to issue and sell Water Conservation Commission Revenue Bonds in the aggregate principal amount of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the State Water Conservation Commission:

That State Water Conservation Commission Revenue Bonds, Series J, be issued and sold in the aggregate principal amount of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) and that the proceeds from the sale of said bonds to be used to purchase the said lands, and to clear timber and brush therefrom, to prepare and develop said lands for irrigated farming and to pay any other expenses incurred by the Commission in connection with

said lands, including expenses incurred in connection with the sale or lease thereof.

That State Water Conservation Commission Revenue Bonds, Series J, be issued in denominations of \$100.00 or multiples thereof, and that such bonds shall be payable serially over a period of _____ years as follows, to-wit:

\$ _____ on or before January 31, 19____.

\$ _____ on or before January 31, in each of the year 19____
to 19____ inclusive.

That each of the bonds shall be numbered consecutively, beginning with Bond No. 1 and shall bear interest at the rate of _____ per cent per annum, provided, however, that interest up to and including January 1, 194____ shall be accrued and shall be payable on or before January 31, 19____.

That said bonds shall be callable at the option of the State Water Conservation Commission upon any interest payment date, upon thirty (30) days prior notice which shall be given by publication once in a newspaper of general circulation in Burleigh County, North Dakota, and by mailing a copy of such notice to the last known postoffice address of the holders of said bonds. If thus called for redemption, such bonds shall cease to bear interest after the date fixed for redemption.

That such bonds shall be substantially in the following form, to-wit:

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

STATE WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION REVENUE BOND

No. _____

\$ _____

SERIES _____

The State Water Conservation Commission, a body corporate, created, organized and existing under and by virtue of Chapter 256 of the Session Laws of North Dakota for the year 1939, for value received, hereby undertakes and promises to pay from the special fund herein mentioned to the bearer hereof, or if this bond be registered, to the registered owner hereof, on or before the 31st day of January, 19____, the principal sum of \$ _____ and interest, as evidenced by interest coupons attached, payable annually thereon from the date hereof at the rate of _____ per cent per annum. Principal and interest on this bond shall be payable at the office of the State Treasurer of North Dakota in any coin or currency of the United States of America, which on the date of payment of principal or interest on this bond is legal tender for the payment of public and private debts.

This bond is one of a duly authorized issue of bonds known as State Water Conservation Commission Revenue Bonds, Series J, limited in the aggregate principal amount of Fifteen Thousand dollars (\$15,000.00), (except for bonds issued in substitution for bonds lost, stolen or destroyed), all of like tenure. Said bonds are issued to provide funds for the purchase and development for irrigation of approximately 820 acres of land situated in Township 138, North of Range 80, West of the Fifth Principal Meridian, Burleigh County, North Dakota, which lands are described in a Trust Indenture entered into between the State Water Conservation Commission and the Bank of North Dakota securing the payment of said bonds.

The principal and interest of this bond will be payable from a special fund created by payments to the State Water Conservation Commission, or Trustee, from rent received for the use of said lands or from the sale of said lands, or parts thereof, State Water Conservation Commission Revenue Bonds, Series J, are secured by a trust indenture to said lands made and delivered to the Bank of North Dakota as trustee and by the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00), irrevocably pledged and hypothecated to the Bank of North Dakota as such Trustee, guaranteeing the payment of principal and interest of said bonds to that extent under and by virtue of Subdivision 4 of Section 2 of Chapter 300 of the Session Laws of North Dakota for the year 1941.

The State Water Conservation Commission covenants that revenues derived from the sale of said lands, or any part or portion thereof, and from rents received for the use of said lands, will be paid to the Bank of North Dakota as Trustee and deposited by said trustee in the office of the State Treasurer of North Dakota in a fund known as State Water Conservation Commission Revenue Bond Payment Fund, Series J, that a mortgage and Trust Indenture has been delivered to the Bank of North Dakota under which Indenture the said bank will hold said mortgage in trust for the owners of State Water Conservation Commission Revenue Bonds, Series J, and that the Commission has, under and by virtue of Subdivision 4 of Section 2 of Chapter 300, Laws 1941, irrevocably pledged and hypothecated Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) to insure and guarantee

to the extent of twenty per cent (20%) the payment of the principal of and the interest on said bonds.

The State Water Conservation Commission reserves and shall have the right to redeem this bond on any interest paying date upon thirty (30) days prior notice by publication once in a newspaper of general circulation in Burleigh County, North Dakota, by payment of the par value thereof and interest thereon to date of redemption. If thus called for redemption, this bond shall cease to bear interest after the date fixed for redemption.

This bond is issued and delivered under and by virtue of, and in strict compliance with, Chapter 256 of the Session Laws of North Dakota for 1939 and acts amendatory thereof. The State Water Conservation Commission hereby certifies and declares that all acts, conditions and things required to be done, have been done and happened and do exist and have been performed in accordance with law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the State Water Conservation Commission has caused this bond to be signed by the Governor of the State of North Dakota, as its ex-officio Chairman, and the seal of the State Water Conservation Commission to be affixed, all duly attested to by the Secretary of the Commission.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 1941, at Bismarck, North Dakota

(SEAL)

Governor of the State of North Dakota as
Ex-Officio Chairman of the State Water
Conservation Commission.

ATTEST:

Secretary, State Water Conservation
Commission.

C O U P O N

NO. _____ of Bond No. _____, Series J.

On the 31st day of January, 19____, unless the bond to which this coupon is attached shall have been called for redemption, as provided therein, the State Water Conservation Commission of North Dakota will pay to the bearer at the office of the State Treasurer in the City of Bismarck, North Dakota, the sum of \$_____ in any coin or currency of the United States of America which on said date of payment is legal tender for the payment of public and private debts, solely from the State Water Conservation Commission Bond Payment Fund, Series J.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 1941.

STATE WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION

ATTEST:

By _____
Governor of the State of North
Dakota, Ex-Officio Chairman.

Secretary

REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE

The within bond is registered, as to principal, at the office of the Bank of North Dakota, as Trustee, in the City of Bismarck, North Dakota, in the name of the owner and the principal of this bond shall be payable only upon the written order of such registered owner or duly authorized attorney.

<u>Date of Registration</u>	<u>Name of Owner</u>	<u>Signature of Bond Registrar</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Chairman and Secretary of the Commission be, and they are hereby, authorized and directed, for and on behalf of the Commission to enter into a Trust Indenture with the Bank of North Dakota as Trustee for the benefit and security of owners of State Water Conservation Commission Revenue Bonds, Series J and under such Trust Indenture, to make, execute and deliver to the Bank of North Dakota a trust deed to the lands hereinbefore mentioned and described, and any other lands subsequently acquired by the Commission under the terms of such Trust Indenture, and, under and by virtue of Subdivision 4 of Section 2 of Chapter 300 of the Session Laws of 1941, to deposit, pledge and hypothecate to the Bank of North Dakota, as Trustee, twenty per cent (20%) of the aggregate par value of such bonds, namely, \$3,000.00 to guarantee and to insure to that extent the payment, when due, of the principal of and interest on State Water Conservation Commission Revenue Bonds, Series J, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Chairman and the Secretary of the Commission be, and they are hereby, authorized and directed, for and on behalf of the Commission, to sell, and to deliver to the purchaser or purchasers, at not less than the par value thereof, State Water Conservation Commission Revenue Bonds, Series J, of the aggregate par value of \$15,000.00 to evidence the amount received from the purchaser or purchasers of said bonds.

Upon roll call the motion carried, Commissioners Holt, Thompson, Dahl, Simons and Governor Moses voting "aye".

The Secretary requested authorization to issue material for the use of the American Legion District officers and L. T. Orlady, Chairman of the Irrigation Committee. Mr. Tucker was instructed to give the American Legion any material they wanted which is not of a confidential nature. Vice Chairman Holt suggested that Mr. Orlady be asked to instruct his officers to state that this is a program as outlined by the State Water Conservation Commission.

In discussing the proposed "shelf of projects", Governor Moses stated that Lee O. Hughes, who is in charge of the Public Works Reserve of Projects, had visited his office and that letters were being written to interested departments regarding this shelf of projects.

Governor Moses left the meeting.

Mr. Tucker read to the Commissioners the Governor's suggestion that Dean Holm's travel authorizations be approved by Vice Chairman Holt before they are sent to the Water Commission and the Governor for approval.

It was moved by Comm. Simons, seconded by Comm. Thompson, that the Vice Chairman be authorized to recommend to the Governor, on behalf of the Commission, such travel authorizations as may be necessary for Dean Holm, Executive Secretary of the Tri-State Waters Commission. On roll call, the motion carried, Comms. Holt, Thompson, Dahl and Simons voting aye. Governor Moses, absent.

Mr. Tucker reported that the Commission has four new employees--Harriet Nupen, stenographer; Ray Jones, draftsman, Melvin Miller, Junior engineer; and Ronald Nelson, instrumentman-draftsman.

Mr. Tucker reported that he had received no reply from the Bureau of Reclamation as to when Fort Peck power could be expected and for that reason no action had been taken on the letter from W. L. Hayes, Montana Dakota Utilities Company, regarding a new power contract for the Lewis and Clark Project.

The Secretary stated that there would be a meeting of the North Dakota Reclamation Association in Minot on September 22 and 23, 1941. It was moved by Comm. Thompson, seconded by Comm. Dahl, that Governor Moses, Vice Chairman Holt, and Comm. Simons go to Minot to attend the meeting of the North Dakota Reclamation Association. On roll call the motion carried, Comms. Holt, Thompson, Dahl and Simons voting aye. Governor Moses, absent.

The meeting of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress in Miami, Florida, on November 13-14, 1941, was discussed. It was moved by Comm. Thompson, seconded by Comm. Simons, that it be recommended to Governor Moses that travel authorizations be granted to Vice Chairman Henry Holt to go to the National Rivers and Harbors meeting in Miami, Florida, on November 13-14, 1941. On roll call the motion carried, Comms. Holt, Thompson, Dahl and Simons voting aye. Governor Moses, absent.

There was a discussion of the National Reclamation Association meeting at Phoenix, Arizona, October 15-16-17, 1941. It was moved by Comm. Thompson, seconded by Comm. Dahl, that Governor Moses be requested to attend the National Reclamation Association meeting at Phoenix, Arizona, October 15-16-17, 1941, and that travel authorizations also be granted to Comm. Simons, and Mr. Tucker, Secretary, so that they may also attend this meeting. On roll call the motion carried, Comms. Holt, Thompson, Simons and Dahl voting aye. Governor Moses, absent.

Mr. Tucker read a letter from Matt Crowley, Hebron, regarding the possibility of getting cooperation from various organizations on irrigation work. The Secretary was instructed to advise Mr. Crowley that his letter had been received and the Commission is working upon the suggestions and with Congressman Charles Robertson.

The Secretary reported that he had been appointed to the Advisory Committee of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress for North Dakota.

Mr. Tucker read a letter from the Secretary of State in which he requested information concerning the Water Commission and the State Engineer, to be published in a North

Dakota Blue Book. It was suggested that the Secretary see the Secretary of State and find out what information he wants.

The Secretary presented an application from Oscar Becker for a position with the Commission. It was moved by Comm. Simons, seconded by Comm. Thompson, that the matter be referred to the Secretary with power to act. The motion carried, all Commissioners voting aye. Governor Moses, absent.

The Secretary also reported that shelves will be built in the vault to take care of the old Planning Board material that will have to be moved from the 18th floor into the Water Commission's office.

The Secretary read a letter from R. O. Foss, Brinsmade, North Dakota, in which Mr. Foss stated that he had been informed by the WPA that the repair of dams had been turned over to the Water Commission, and his reply to Mr. Foss stating that this statement was in error and that the sponsor of the dam, whether it be township, county, etc., would be responsible and the Commission could only give a limited amount of help. It was suggested that the Secretary send letter to Chairmen of the Board of County Commissioners regarding this matter and that a copy of the letter be sent to Thomas H. Moodie, State Administrator, Work Projects Administration.

Vice Chairman Holt extended an invitation to Mr. Tucker and all members of the Commission, to attend the Tri-State Waters Commission meeting at Grand Forks, September 19-20, 1941.

The Secretary reported that he had asked for another extension of time in which to file an appeal on the unfavorable War Department report on the Little Missouri River and tributaries.

The Secretary presented each member with copies of the July 31, 1941 financial statements, copies of which are herewith attached. It was moved by Comm. Simons, seconded by Comm. Thompson, that the financial statements as of July 31, 1941 be received and placed on file. The motion carried, all Commissioners voting aye. Governor Moses, absent.

There was further discussion of the sale of the Commission's bonds. It was decided that the Chairman of the Irrigation Committee and the Secretary work out the details of a bond issue that will be saleable.

There being no further business, at 5:30 P.M., the meeting was adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Respectfully submitted,


Secretary

ATTEST:


Chairman

(SEAL)

NORTH DAKOTA STATE WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MONTHLY REPORT July 1 to 31, 1941
1939-1941 APPROPRIATION

	Total Appropriation	Transfer of Funds	Expended to July 31, 1941	Balance July 31, 1941	Agreed Reduction	Overrun or Underun
1. Commissioner's Per Diem	4,200.00	-700.00	1,743.00	1,757.00	1,200.00	557.00 U
2. Administration	30,000.00		28,783.90	1,216.10	1,000.00	216.10 U
3. Construction Bond Guarantee	50,000.00		14,700.00	35,300.00	10,000.00	25,300.00 U
4. Lewis & Clark Experiment Farm	4,000.00		3,748.17	251.83	250.00	1.83 U
5. Sponsor's Share-Maint. Dams	7,000.00	+700.00	5,795.98	1,904.02	2,000.00	-95.98 0
6. Engineering & Soil Survey's	1,000.00		820.00	180.00	180.00	
7. Designs & Reports	500.00		200.00	300.00	300.00	
8. Goose River Diversion	500.00		375.00	125.00	100.00	25.00 U
9. James River-Lake Traverse	1,600.00		848.80	751.20	750.00	1.20 U
10. Investigations & Survey	3,000.00		1,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	
11. Evaluation Economic Benefits	1,000.00		300.00	700.00	700.00	
12. Reports & Conferences	1,000.00		727.93	272.07	300.00	-27.93 0
13. Tri-State Water Conference	5,600.00		4,736.63	863.37	600.00	263.37 U
14. Independent Invest. & Reports	1,600.00		1,073.88	526.12	600.00	-73.88 0
Totals	111,000.00		64,853.29	46,146.71	19,980.00	26,166.71

"Revolving Fund"

Cost of work on projects (To July 31)	60,139.80
Collections received	57,994.00

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12. Reports & Conferences	1,000.00		727.93	272.07	300.00	-27.93	0
13. Tri-State Water Conference	5,600.00		4,736.63	863.37	600.00	263.37	U
14. Independent Invest. & Reports	1,600.00		1,073.88	526.12	600.00	-73.88	0
Totals	111,000.00		64,853.29	46,146.71	19,980.00	26,166.71	
"Revolving Fund"							
Cost of work on projects (To July 31)			60,139.80				
Collections received			57,994.00				