

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE  
STATE WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Held in the Conference Room of the Governor's Office in the State Capitol,  
Bismarck, North Dakota, August 14, 1946

A meeting of the North Dakota State Water Conservation Commission was held in the Conference Room of the Governor's Office in the State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota, on August 14, 1946. The meeting was called to order by the Honorable Fred G. Aandahl, Governor and ex officio Chairman of the Water Commission, at 9:00 o' clock a.m.

Members present in addition to Governor Aandahl: Commissioners E. H. Dahl and K. W. Simons.

The Governor stated that the meeting had been called for the purpose of meeting with representatives of the U. S. Fish and Wild Life Service and discussing the progress of the resurvey and restudy of the Pembina River and its tributaries authorized by the Congress in February 1945.

The following representatives of the Fish and Wild Life Service were in attendance: D. H. Janzen, Regional Director, Arthur Huey, Regional Engineer, 828 Plymouth Bldg., Minneapolis, Minnesota, and R. W. Dougall, Civil Engineer, Post Office Bldg., Minot, North Dakota.

Also present was Fred J. Frederickson, the Commission's Washington, D. C. representative, who has been active in connection with promoting the proposed improvements in that river basin.

A general discussion of the status of the proposed projects for dams and reservoirs on the Pembina and Tongue Rivers as approved in House Document No. 565, 78th Congress, and authorized by the Flood Control Act of 1944, Public Law 534, 78th Congress, was had. The representatives of the Fish and Wild Life Service reported on the restudies soon to be made by the Corps of Engineers and the Fish and Wild Life Service, indicating that no final report can possibly be made until sometime in 1947.

Summarizing, Mr. Janzen said that his Service first had the Pembina Project called to its attention about a year or so ago at which time it was requested that a study be made to determine if sufficient benefits would accrue to fish and wildlife to warrant a contribution from the Fish and Wildlife Service, in order that the sponsors' contribution might be reduced. A reconnaissance of the area was made by Service representatives and a decision made then that a more detailed study of fish and wildlife benefits would be undertaken as soon as the Army Engineers had completed the resurvey of the area. At that time it was thought that this review by the Army Engineers should be accomplished within a relatively short time. A recent contact with the Army Engineers disclosed that they have just received funds to conduct this resurvey and that such survey will be undertaken within a relatively short time, but the report probably will not be completed until early next year. Mr. Janzen promised that his office would make a study of the fish and wildlife features of this project as soon as the pressure of work would permit, but that in any event such

study would be made immediately following the completion of the review report by the engineers. He stated that he would contact the Army Engineers upon his return to Minneapolis and that if their plans for the resurvey indicate that no changes in the reservoir construction are contemplated, it might be possible to make this fish and wildlife study this fall so that an indication of whether or not the Fish and Wildlife Service could participate, would be available before the Army Engineers complete the report.

A further discussion was had on the work of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service in connection with the Missouri River development program.

Mr. Janzen explained the organizational setup of the Fish and Wildlife Service, showing that the Service at the present time is attempting to make a study of the fish and wildlife benefits and damages that will result from the many water projects now being planned or under construction by the United States Army Engineers and the Reclamation Service. He stated that all of these studies being carried on in the Missouri River Valley are under the direction of Mr. Harrel Mosbough, Billings, Montana, and that all studies carried on in North Dakota outside of the Missouri Valley Basin come under the immediate direction of the Regional Office in Minneapolis.

Mr. Simons brought up the question of certain complaints the Water Commission had received from landowners adjoining Lake Alice and Lake Irvine in Ramsey County. Considerable discussion followed in which it was brought up that the Fish and Wildlife Service has recently given considerable study to the question and certain field surveys have just been completed and the engineering results show that the chief difficulty centers around the restricted outlet from Lake Irvine. In order that the water levels can be lowered which would result in lowering the water level around the agricultural lands, it would be necessary to deepen the Lake Irvine outlet ditch for some distance downstream. Because of legal and other difficulties it was decided that further study must be given by the Water Commission and that it will probably be necessary to have a general conference by the landowners, State Water Commission and the Fish and Wildlife Service before anything can be done.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 o'clock noon.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Secretary

ATTEST:

  
Chairman

NORTH DAKOTA STATE WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
MONTHLY REPORT OF ACCOUNTS, AS OF AUGUST 31, 1946  
1945-1947 Appropriations

Appropriations for	Available Funds '45	Expenses July-July	Expenses August	Balance 8-31-46
1 Commissioners Per Dien and Expenses . . . . .	4,000.00	1,197.70	182.31	2,619.99
2 Administration . . . . .	25,000.00			
Refunds and collections added. . . . .	4,329.09	8,368.10	1,543.14	19,917.85
3 Maintenance Existing Dams . . . . .	45,000.00	5,773.96	1,761.04	38,465.00
4 Tri-State Waters and Portion of Administration and Conference Expenses. . . . .	5,500.00	2,635.32	262.31	2,602.37
5 International and Interstate Compacts, Commissioner and Conference Expenses . . . . .	5,000.00	3,704.90	Nil.	1,295.10
6 Topographic and Conservation Branches, in coop. with U. S. Geol. Survey 50-50 . . . . .	30,000.00	6,974.01	Nil.	23,025.99
7 Hydrographic Surveys, coop. with U. S. Geol. Survey	15,000.00	7,500.00	360.02	7,139.98
8 State Engineer's Salary . . . . .	5,000.00	2,708.29	208.33	2,083.38
9 Reconstruction Drains, or Irrigation . . . . .	240,000.00			
Plus refund . . . . .	59.56	63,712.11	2,340.00	174,007.45
10 Underground waters, coop. with U. S. Geol. Survey .	25,000.00	1,823.53	3,111.36	20,065.11
11 Postwar Projects, coop with U. S. Departments . . .	100,000.00	Nil.	Nil.	100,000.00
12 Other Investigations, surveys, etc. . . . .	75,000.00	53,225.31	5,007.31	16,767.38
13 Construction Bond Guarantee Fund Balance . . . . .	70,541.00	Nil.	Nil.	70,541.00
	<u>649,429.65</u>	<u>157,623.23</u>	<u>6,822.82</u>	<u>477,990.66</u>

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NORTH DAKOTA STATE WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
BALANCES PRIOR FUNDS AS OF AUGUST 31, 1946  
1943-1945 Appropriations

Appropriations for	Y	Balances July '45	Expended to July	Expended Aug. '46	Balance Funds
1 - '43 Commissioners Per Diem . . . . .		1,617.00	91.00	Nil.	1,526.00
2 - '43 Administration Fund, refunds and collections . . . . .		15,849.09	10,955.33	4,160.80	732.96
3 - '43 Maintenance Existing Dams . . . . .		3,377.20			
Plus refund . . . . .		500.00	3,814.53	Nil.	62.67
4 - '43 Tri-State Waters, portion of conference expenses . . . . .		1,955.30	100.54	Nil.	1,854.76
5 - '43 Internl. & Interstate compacts, conference expenses . . . . .		4,586.99	114.83	Nil.	4,472.16
7 - '43 Hydrographic Surveys, coop. with U. S. Geol. Survey . . . . .		7.48	4.87	Nil.	2.61
9 - '43 Secure Amendment Ft. Peck Law, to release waters . . . . .		400.00	300.00	Nil.	100.00
10 - '43 Promote Maintenance Drainage, construct channels . . . . .		15,413.11			
Plus refund . . . . .		98.88	15,466.02	Nil.	45.97
11a- '43 Postwar Projects, 50-50 with U. S. Departments . . . . .		130,269.91	110,029.47	6,422.99	13,818.95
11b- '43 Other Postwar Projects . . . . .		11,591.61	9,322.08	Nil.	2,269.53
		<u>185,666.57</u>	<u>150,198.67</u>	<u>10,582.89</u>	<u>24,885.01</u>

NORTH DAKOTA STATE WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
BALANCES OF PRIOR FUNDS RECOVERED BY OPINIONS  
OF ATTORNEY GENERAL, as of AUGUST 31, 1946

No.	Yr.	Appropriation for	Balance 7-1-45	Paid Out	Balance 8-31-46	Yearly Balance
1 -	'39	Commissioners Per Dien . . . . .	1,757.00	Nil	1,757.00	
4 -	'39	Lewis & Clark Experimental Farm . . . . .	109.76	Nil	109.76	
5 -	'39	Sponsor's share Dam Repairs . . . . .	2,088.08	Nil	2,088.08	
6 -	'39	Engineering and Soil Survey . . . . .	180.00	Nil	180.00	
7 -	'39	Missouri River Diversion and Reports . . . . .	300.00	Nil	300.00	
8 -	'39	Goose River Diversion . . . . .	125.00	Nil	125.00	
9 -	'39	James River & Lake Traverse Diversions . . . . .	751.20	Nil	751.20	
10 -	'39	Missouri River Diversion . . . . .	2,000.00	Nil	2,000.00	
11 -	'39	Evaluation Economic Benefits . . . . .	488.00	Nil	488.00	
12 -	'39	Reports, Conferences, Congress agencies. . . . .	272.07	Nil	272.07	
13 -	'39	Tri-State Waters, Commission Cooperation . . . . .	696.87	48.17	648.70	
14 -	'39	Independent Investigations and Reports . . . . .	312.90	Nil	312.90	9,032.71
1 -	'41	Commissioners Per Dien . . . . .	395.00	Nil	395.00	
4 -	'41	Maintenance Existing Dams, plus \$51. retd. . . . .	53.86	Nil	53.86	
12 -	'41	Tri-State Waters, Administration conferences . . . . .	8.61	Nil	8.61	
15 -	'41	Topographic Surveys . . . . .	.13	Nil	.13	457.60
OTHER FUNDS - Bank of N. D. Deposit:						
Bal. contributions Hebron, Jung, Apple Creek Dams			376.97	Nil	376.97	376.97
			<u>9,915.45</u>	<u>48.17</u>	<u>9,867.23</u>	<u>9,867.23</u>