

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE  
STATE WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Held in the Blue Room of the State Capitol Building, Bismarck, North Dakota,  
December 12, 1946

A meeting of the North Dakota State Water Conservation Commission was held in the Blue Room of the State Capitol Building, Bismarck, North Dakota, on December 12, 1946, with the following in attendance:

State Water Commission

Honorable Fred G. Aandahl - Governor & Ex Officio Chairman  
Kenneth W. Simons - Vice Chairman  
Einar Dahl - Commissioner from Watford City  
S. W. Thompson - Commissioner from Devils Lake  
J. J. Walsh - Secretary and Chief Engineer  
E. H. Berge - Publicity

Trail County Board of Commissioners

Andrew McSparron - Chairman  
Otto Moen  
Arthur Mehl  
Nels Lindaas

Bureau of Reclamation

Geo. W. Boyd - Unit Supervisor, Missouri Basin Project, Mandan, N. Dak.  
Attorney Davis - Regional Counsel Office, Billings, Mont.  
Attorney Desaul - " " " " "  
Bruce Johnson - Engineer, Bismarck, N. Dak.

North Dakota Reclamation Association

Harry E. Polk - Williston  
W. L. Gardner - Williston  
J. I. Rovig - Mandan

Others

A. J. Dexter - Agric. Development Agent, Northern Pacific Railway Co.  
Mr. Westergard - Williston  
Iver A. Acker - Asst. Attorney General

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Kenneth W. Simons, Vice Chairman, at 9:30 a.m., with the following present: S. W. Thompson, Einar Dahl, J. J. Walsh, E. H. Berge, and the Trail County Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Dahl moved that the minutes of the November 22 meeting be approved. Motion seconded by Commissioner Thompson. Motion carried.

The Trail County delegation was asked to present their case. Mr. Lindaas presented a recapitulation of the costs of work done on Trail County drains, which showed that the county had exceeded their allocation by about \$10,000, and requested additional funds from the State Water Commission. The Water Commission agreed that an additional \$4,000 would be allocated to Trail County, provided the Governor has not made any previous commitments for the money, especially with regard to the Tri-County Drain. Trail County to be notified after necessary information has been obtained.

Trail County Commissioners left the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

It was agreed that the donation from the City of Pembina for dam repair on the Pembina Dam Project No. 299 would be credited back into the Maintenance of Dams fund and not put into a special fund.

A discussion was had on donations from cities and towns for underground water surveys, and it was agreed that this money would be put into a special fund available for use by the State Geologist upon approval by the Water Commission for underground water surveys in the smaller cities and towns in the state.

Secretary Walsh called to the attention of the Commission the resignation of Robert L. Bard as secretary of the Tri-State Waters Commission.

The above session was terminated at 11:00 a.m., at which time the Commission took up the matter of the revision of the North Dakota Water Laws with the following individuals present:

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| Kenneth W. Simons | J. I. Rovig    |
| Einar Dahl        | Geo. W. Boyd   |
| S. W. Thompson    | A. J. Dexter   |
| J. J. Walsh       | Iver A. Acker  |
| Harry E. Polk     | Mr. Westergard |
| W. L. Gardner     | Einar Berge    |

Other matters discussed with the above delegation in the morning session as follows: The Commission discussed with the delegation the matter of appropriation for advertising purposes and promotion of display by the Water Commission and the State Highway Department. The Secretary was instructed to contact Mr. Pease of the Greater North Dakota Association and arrange for showing of films during the first week of the opening of the legislature and find out if these films could be made available during other times, especially church dinners.

Meeting recessed at 12:50 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

Discussion of the revision of the North Dakota State Water Laws was resumed, with the same individuals present as at the 11:00 a.m. session.

The Governor entered the meeting at 2:00 p.m.; Attorneys Davis, and Desmul, and Bruce Johnson, from the Bureau of Reclamation, arrived at 2:15 p.m.

After the close of the discussion on the revision of the State Water Laws, the members of the Water Commission went into executive session and discussed the request of the Traill County delegation for an increase in their allocation. The Commission felt that it would not be advisable at this time to increase allocations until after a complete report had been received of the needs of the counties who were originally allocated funds for drainage work, and until a later date when it could be determined if any additional counties needed assistance.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

ATTEST:

*Fred S. Caudahl*  
Chairman

*J. Walsh*  
Secretary

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

No.	Appropriations for	Available Funds 1945	Expenses July-Nov.	Dec. Expense	Balance 12-31-46
1	Commissioners Per Diem and Expenses, . . . . .	4,000.00	1,911.15	444.40	1,644.45
2	Administration, . . . . . Plus refunds and collections, . . . . .	25,000.00 5,723.69	13,227.29	688.31	16,808.09
3	Maintenance Existing Dams, . . . . . Donations and refunds on dam repairs, . . . . .	45,000.00 3,871.75	11,473.43	562.87	36,835.45
4	Tri-State Waters and Portion of Administration and Conference Expenses, . . . . .	5,500.00	3,513.24	119.35	1,867.41
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. Geological Survey, . . . . .	30,000.00	6,974.01	Nil.	23,025.99
7	Hydrographic Surveys, coop. with U.S.Geol. Survey,	15,000.00	10,419.79	1,151.81	3,428.40
8	State Engineer's Salary, . . . . .	5,000.00	3,541.61	208.33	1,250.06
9	Reconstruction Drains, or Irrigation, . . . . . Refund, . . . . .	240,000.00 59.56	75,991.48	Nil.	164,068.08
10	Underground Waters,coop. with U. S. Geol. Survey,	25,000.00	6,098.31	89.87	18,811.82
11	Postwar Projects, coop. with U. S. Departments, .	100,000.00	6,021.64	5,267.77	88,710.59
12	Other Investigations, surveys, . . . . .	75,000.00	68,765.11	2,536.08	3,698.81
13	Construction Bond Guarantee Fund balance, . . . . .	70,541.00	Nil.	Nil.	70,541.00
FGO		<u>654,696.00</u>	<u>211,641.96</u>	<u>11,068.79</u>	<u>431,985.25</u>

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NORTH DAKOTA STATE WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
 BALANCE PRIOR FUNDS AS OF DEC. 31, 1946  
 1943-1945 Appropriations

No.	Yr.	Appropriations for	Balances July '45	Expended To. Nov.	Expended Dec. '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	15,336.67	128.45	383.97
3 -	'43	Maintenance Existing Dams, . . . . . Plus refund, . . . . .	3,377.20 500.00	3,814.53	Nil.	62.67
4 -	'43	Tri-State Waters, portion of conference expense,	1,955.30	100.54	Nil.	1,854.76
5 -	'43	International and Interstate Compacts, Commissioners and Conference Expense, . . . . .	4,586.99	114.83	Nil.	4,472.16
7 -	'43	Hydrographic Surveys, coop. with 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, Plus refund, . . . . .	15,413.11 98.88	15,511.99	Nil.	Nil.
11a-	'43	Postwar Projects, 50-50 with U. S. Departments, .	130,269.91	130,266.13	1.52	2.26
11b-	'43	Other Postwar Projects, . . . . .	11,591.61	9,322.08	Nil.	2,269.53
FGO-			<u>785,666.52</u>	<u>174,862.64</u>	<u>129.97</u>	<u>10,673.96</u>

NORTH DAKOTA  
STATE WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
BALANCES OF PRIOR FUNDS RECOVERED BY OPINION  
OF ATTORNEY GENERAL, -AS OF DEC. 31, 1946

No.	Yr.	Appropriation for	Balance 7-1-45	Paid Out	Balance 12-31-46	Yearly Balance
1	'39	Commissioners Per Diem, . . . . .	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 Diem, . . . . .	395.00	Nil.	395.00	
4	'41	Maintenance Existing Dams, Plus \$51. refund, . . . . .	53.86	Nil.	53.85	
12	'41	Tri-State Waters, Administration Conferences, . . . . .	8.61	Nil.	8.61	
15	'41	Topographic Surveys, . . . . .	.13	Nil.	.13	457.00
FGO-			<u>9,538.48</u>	<u>48.17</u>	<u>9,490.31</u>	<u>9,490.31</u>

NORTH DAKOTA STATE WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION

DEPOSITS IN THE BANK OF NORTH DAKOTA

As of December 31, 1946

Contributions	Deposited	Expended To Nov.	Expended Dec. '46	Balance
Contribution on dam repairs on Hebgøn, Jung, Apple Creek, Beaver Lake, Meissner and Gedar dams - Transit #501-86 Balance transferred to State Treasurer Dec. 13, 1946	7,442.16	5,365.19	2,076.97	0.00
Yellowstone Pumping Irrigation District paid accrued inter- est on \$3,500. advance, to 10-1-44, Transit #501-118	366.36	Nil.	Nil.	366.36
Special cooperative groundwater contributions by City Fargo, Cass County and Water Commission, each \$2,500. #501-119	7,500.00	2,098.55	Nil.	5,401.45
Contributions on groundwater curves by Cities of Fessenden, \$1,000.; Mountain, \$100.; and Maddock, \$750. #501-126	1,850.00	Nil.	Nil.	1,850.00
Total of all Bank of North Dakota deposits as of December 31, 1946.				<u>\$ 7,617.81</u>

PAYROLL OF  
STATE WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
as of December 31, 1946

Employees	Duties	Monthly	Tax Withh.	Net	Remarks
J. J. Walsh	Secretary & State Engineer	325.00	40.40	284.60	Increased \$25 7-1-46
Allan, Robert V.	Rodman	135.00	7.10	127.90	Quit 12-31-46
Anderson, Albin S.	Asst. Engineer	200.00	10.10	189.90	Increased \$15 12-1-44
Berge, Minar	Tech. Assistant	65.00	Nil.	65.00	Increased \$15 3-1-46
Burton, Winfred G.	Engineer	235.00	8.30	226.70	Increased from \$150.00
Dockter, Harold	Rodman	135.00	15.00	120.00	Quit 12-31-46
Dodd, Harold H.	Engineer	200.00	18.00	182.00	Retd. after leave
King, Robert E.	Rodman	140.00	7.80	132.20	Quit 12-31-46
Larimer, Owen J.	Engineer	235.00	16.30	218.70	Increased \$10 9-1-46
Miller, Clarence J.	Rodman	135.00	15.00	120.00	Quit 12-31-46
Nichols, Don H.	Engineer -Asst. Secy.	250.00	35.50	219.50	Retd/2-15-46 from army
Orr, F. G.	Bookkeeper	250.00	27.30	222.70	Increased from \$233.33
Peterson, Winifred L.	Stenographer	135.00	15.00	120.00	New June 18, 1946
Schmidt, Edward G.	Rodman	135.00	Nil.	135.00	Quit 12-31-46
Schmidt, Frank W.	Rodman	135.00	7.10	127.90	Quit 12-31-46
Tyson, Roy	Asst. Engineer	235.00	16.30	218.70	Increased from \$175
Wagner, Virgil J.	Rodman	135.00	7.10	127.90	Quit 12-31-46
Wing, Helen A.	Stenographer	145.00	25.00	120.00	New August 1, 1946
		3,225.00			