MINUTES

North Dakota State Water Commission
Valley City, North Dakota

May 28, 1986

The North Dakota State Water Commission held a meeting on May 28, 1986, in the Eagles Lodge at Valley City, North Dakota. Governor-Chairman, George A. Sinner, called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m., and requested State Engineer and Secretary, Vernon Fahy, to present the agenda.

MEMBERS PRESENT:
Governor George A. Sinner, Chairman
Richard Backes, Member from Glenburn
Joyce Byerly, Member from Watford City
Jacob Gust, Member from West Fargo
William Guy, Member from Bismarck
Ray Hutton, Member from Oslo, Minnesota
William Lardy, Member from Dickinson
Jerome Spaeth, Member from Bismarck
Vernon Fahy, State Engineer and Secretary, North Dakota State Water Commission, Bismarck

MEMBER ABSENT:
Kent Jones, Commissioner, Department of Agriculture, Bismarck

OTHERS PRESENT:
State Water Commission Staff Members
Corps of Engineers, St. Paul District Staff Members
Approximately 125 persons interested in agenda items

The attendance register is on file in the State Water Commission offices (filed with official copy of minutes).

The meeting was recorded to assist in compilation of the minutes.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES OF APRIL 17, 1986 MEETING - APPROVED

The minutes of the April 17, 1986 meeting were approved by the following motion:

It was moved by Commissioner Lardy, seconded by Commissioner Byerly, and unanimously carried, that the minutes of April 17, 1986 be approved as circulated.
Secretary Fahy presented an updated report on the Southwest Pipeline Project. Kemper Construction from Minot had many rain delays and has completed 6200 feet of pipeline. Wanzek Construction from Fargo has just started on the pipeline reach nearest to the pumping station.

Governor Sinner reviewed the current status of the Resources Trust Fund, which is the major source of pipeline financing.

Governor-Chairman Sinner opened discussion regarding dam safety measures for Baldhill Dam and proposed flood control measures for Valley City by including a five-foot increase in the maximum reservoir pool level with the dam safety construction. A presentation was made by representatives of the Corps of Engineers regarding proposals, alternatives, flood protection, benefits and costs. Representing the Corps of Engineers were: Robert Post, Robert Penniman and Mark Ziemer.

Also discussed was a proposal by the Upper Sheyenne River Joint Water Resource District to construct a flood storage works on Baldhill Creek, tributary to the main reservoir.

The following persons testified against the raising of Baldhill Dam:

- Jim Wold, Association for Preservation of Sheyenne River Valley
- Dan Wogsland, State Senator, District 23
- Bruce Laughlin, State Representative, District 23
- Orville Tranby, Vice Chairman, Griggs County Commission
- Kermit Veland, Dakota Rural Water Users
- Jim Marsden, North Dakota Farm Bureau
- Keith Anderson, Superintendent, Cooperstown Bible Camp
- George Freadhoff, Lake Ashtabula Landowners & Users Association
- Keith Monson, Upper Sheyenne River Joint Water Res. District
- Robert Baker, Mayor, City of Cooperstown

Written testimony was filed by the following:

- Arvid Hedstrom, State Representative, District 23 (Letter from U.S. Senator, Quentin Burdick)
- Don Vigesaa, President, Cooperstown Commerical Club
- Allen Stokka, President, Griggs County Farm Bureau
- Kermit Veland, Dakota Rural Water Users (Impact statement and recommendations by KBM, Inc., who is the engineering consultant for Dakota Water Users)

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The following persons testified for the raising of Baldhill Dam:

Dale Olson Mayor, City of Valley City
George Gaukler Pres., Valley City Development Corporation
Harlan Opdahl Chairman, Barnes County Commission
Morris Peterson Chairman, Barnes County Water Resource District

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STATE WATER COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 18, 1986 IN LARIMORE

Secretary Fahy announced the date of the next State Water Commission meeting to be June 18, 1986 at Larimore, ND, and discussed travel arrangements for Commission members.

It was moved by Commissioner Spaeth, seconded by Commissioner Lardy, and unanimously carried, that the meeting adjourn at 4:30 p.m.

George A. Sinner
Governor-Chairman

ATTEST:

Vernon Fahy
State Engineer and Secretary

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