

MINUTES

**North Dakota State Water Commission
Telephone Conference Call Meeting
Bismarck, North Dakota**

March 16, 1995

The North Dakota State Water Commission held a telephone conference call meeting in the Governor's Conference Room, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota, on March 16, 1995. Chairman, Governor Edward T. Schafer, called the meeting to order at 5:15 PM, and requested State Engineer and Chief Engineer-Secretary, David Sprynczynatyk, to call the roll. The Chairman declared a quorum was present.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Governor Edward T. Schafer, Chairman
Sarah Vogel, Commissioner, Department of Agriculture, Bismarck
Mike Ames, Member from Williston
Florenz Bjornson, Member from West Fargo
Jack Olin, Member from Dickinson
Robert Thompson, Member from Page
David Sprynczynatyk, State Engineer and Chief Engineer-Secretary, North Dakota State Water Commission, Bismarck

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Judith DeWitz, Member from Tappen
Elmer Hillesland, Member from Grand Forks
Harley Swenson, Member from Bismarck

OTHERS PRESENT:

State Water Commission Staff Members

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

Since this was a special meeting of the State Water Commission, Secretary Sprynczynatyk made reference to the North Dakota Century Code chapter 61-02-08 relating to meetings of the Commission. Chapter 61-02 states, in part:

Notice of any meeting of the commission shall be given by written notice sent to each member of the commission at least three days before the meeting. No notice shall be necessary for any member who has personally signed an admission of notice and consent to holding the meeting.

Because written notice was not provided three days prior to March 16, 1995, Chairman Schafer asked each member to consent verbally, and in writing, that prior to the meeting he or she was verbally notified of the meeting and consented to holding the meeting. (The Commission members consented verbally, and written consent forms are on file with the official minutes of this meeting for each Commission member.)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

There being no additional items for the agenda, the Chairman declared the agenda approved and requested Secretary Sprynczynatyk to present the agenda.

**SOUTHWEST PIPELINE PROJECT -
CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF
AWARD OF CONTRACT 2-5A/7-2A
TO ABBOTT, ARNE, SCHWINDT, INC.,
MOORHEAD, MN
(SWC Project No. 1736)**

On February 22, 1995, bids were opened for Southwest Pipeline Contract 2-5A/7-2A. This contract is for the construction of the transmission line from Dickinson to Belfield and the rural distribution system for the surrounding area.

Tim Fay, Manager of the Southwest Pipeline Project, said four bids were received for the project, and the low bid was from Abbott, Arne, Schwindt, Inc., of Moorhead, Minnesota, whose bid was \$1,968,983. Mr. Fay said although this contractor has not done any previous work on the Southwest Pipeline Project, they are well experienced in rural water construction and have a good reputation.

It was the recommendation of the State Engineer that the State Water Commission approve the award of Southwest Pipeline Contract 2-5A/7-2A to Abbott, Arne, Schwindt, Inc., of Moorhead, Minnesota.

It was moved by Commissioner Olin and seconded by Commissioner Thompson that the State Water Commission approve the award of Southwest Pipeline Contract 2-5A/7-2A to Abbott, Arne, Schwindt, Inc., of Moorhead, Minnesota.

Commissioners Ames, Bjornson, Olin, Thompson, Vogel, and Chairman Schafer voted aye. There were no nay votes. The Chairman declared the motion unanimously carried.


**CORN WET MILLING
PROJECT TO BE LOCATED
AT WAHPETON, ND**

ProGold has announced its site location for a corn wet milling plant at Wahpeton, North Dakota.


Secretary Sprynczynatyk explained that under the authority granted to the State Water Commission in chapter 61-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, the Commission can provide funds and engineering assistance for water supply development. He said this has been done in the past on several occasions, including the water supplies for the sugar beet processing plants at Wahpeton, Hillsboro, and Drayton.

When the state's proposal was developed in June, 1994, for locating the corn wet milling project in North Dakota, Secretary Sprynczynatyk indicated \$2 million was included for developing the water supply for the project based on discussions with Chairman Schafer. He said this amount would include engineering assistance and funds from available resources. He discussed options that are being considered by the Legislature for funding the development of the water supply for the corn wet milling project.

There being no further business to come before the State Water Commission, it was moved by Commissioner Vogel, seconded by Commissioner Thompson, and unanimously carried, that the State Water Commission telephone conference call meeting adjourn at 5:30 PM.


Edward T. Schafer
Governor-Chairman

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David A. Sprynczynatyk
State Engineer and
Chief Engineer-Secretary