

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

Held in the office of the State Water Conservation Commission
and the Governor's Conference Room, Bismarck, N.D. August 24, 1945

A special meeting of the North Dakota State Water Conservation Commission was held in the office of the Water Commission and in the Governor's Conference Room on August 24, 1945. The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Kenneth W. Simons at 10:15 A.M. with Commissioners Simons, Orlady, Dahl and Thompson; J. J. Walsh; E. H. Berge; and J. W. Sturgeon and Frank Whitney of Dickinson present. Governor absent.

Commissioner Orlady moved that the July Financial Statement be approved. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Discussion on the Dickinson Water Supply by Messrs. Sturgeon and Whitney. Messrs. Sturgeon and Whitney left the meeting at 10:30

Commissioner Orlady moved that the July 31 minutes be approved. Commissioner Dahl seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Discussion on the meeting in Mott, September 8, relative to the Cannonball River. Matter to be taken up with the Bureau of Reclamation. Secretary instructed to send somebody to Mott to get the people of Mott and vicinity to present facts and figures as to the damages done in Mott.

Letter from J. A. Graham, State Examiner, and M. J. Kempf, Asst. Deputy Examiner, relative to the annual examination report was read by Commissioner Simons. Matter of bonding Mr. Orr to be taken up with Mr. Graham. Commissioner Thompson moved that the Report of the State Examiner be accepted and placed on file. Commissioner Dahl seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Orlady moved the adoption to the following Resolution with reference to the release of Lt. Tucker from the Navy. Commissioner Dahl seconded the motion. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Hostilities between the United States of America and enemy nations have now been terminated; and

WHEREAS, The State of North Dakota now is about to enter upon a program of public works of importance to it and to the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, many of the works in prospect have to do with the development of the water resources of the State of North Dakota; and

WHEREAS, The North Dakota Water Conservation Commission is charged by law with the supervision and construction of said works and with cooperating in behalf of the state with various agencies of the Federal government; and

WHEREAS, the Secretary and Chief Engineer of Said North Dakota Water Conservation Commission is John T. Tucker; and

WHEREAS, said John T. Tucker has been absent on leave from his duties with said Commission and is serving as a lieutenant in the United States Naval Reserve; and

WHEREAS, it is the judgment of this Commission that the services of said John T. Tucker are urgently needed by this Commission and the people of the State of North Dakota; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the North Dakota Water Conservation Commission that the Secretary of the Navy is hereby respectfully petitioned to order the immediate discharge from duty with the United States Navy of said John T. Tucker that he may return to the duties from which this Commission released him for the duration of the hostilities between the United States and America and enemy nations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution and petition be sent to the Senators and Representatives in Congress of the State of North Dakota for their information.

This resolution was unanimously adopted by the members of the North Dakota Water Conservation Commission at its regular meeting on August 24, 1945.

/s/ Fred G. Aandahl
Governor and Ex-officio Chairman

ATTEST

/s/ J. J. Walsh
Secretary

With reference to the letter and report of Lt. Tucker to the Governor, the Commissioners wish to read the report and report back to the next Commission Meeting.

Mr. Walsh reported on the International Boundary Drainage problems in Pembina County. Mr. Attwood, Director of Water Resources of Manitoba, Canada, is to report his findings to the Water Commission.

Letter from General Crawford re James River read by Commissioner Simons. No action taken.

Discussion on the Missouri Basin Inter-Agency Committee

Discussion on the hearing on the Missouri Valley Authority Bill to be held September 18. This matter to be taken up with the Governor.

Letter from Col. Barnes to Mr. Fredrickson relative to Park River Reservoir Project read by Commission Simons.

In view of the requirements of the War Department in connection with the construction of works for flood control and navigation and other improvements on the streams within the State of North Dakota, requiring in many cases local contributions, and further, in view of the Motion passed by this Commission at the Fargo Meeting on April 14, 1945, I, Commissioner Thompson, move that before any contract is executed by the State Water Conservation Commission with the

Federal Government for any such improvement, that it be required that all local contributions be made available whether in cash or otherwise, and deposited in such a manner that they are subject to the order of this Commission. Commissioner Simens seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Minnesota Division of Water Resources Board, the City of Moorhead and County of Clay, Minnesota, have deposited \$7500.00 for a cooperative investigation of the sub-surface waters in and about the area of Moorhead and Fargo.

Meeting recessed at 12:10 until 1:30 P.M.

The meeting reconvened at 1:30 in the Governor's Conference Room. All Commissioners; Governor; J. J. Walsh; E. H. Berge; J. W. Sturgeon; Frank Whitney; Fred Fredrickson; H. D. Constock, Asst. Commissioner Wm. E. Warne; and Bruce Johnson of the Bureau of Reclamation were present. Discussion on the Heart River Project and irrigation in North Dakota.

Meeting adjourned at 3 P.M. to the call of the chair.

Respectfully submitted


Secretary

ATTEST


Chairman

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

Appropriation for	Available July '45	July '45 Expenses	Aug. '45 Expenses	Balance in Fund	Appor- tioned Monthly
1 Commissioners Per Dien.	4,000.00	Nil	91.00	3,909.00	166.66
2 Administration.	25,000.00	545.39	676.49	25,283.25	1,196.00
Refunds and collections added	1,505.13				
3 Maintenance Existing Dams	45,000.00	Nil	102.26	44,897.74	
4 Tri-State Waters and Portion of Administration and Conference Expenses.	5,500.00	197.50	214.25	5,088.25	229.00
5 International and Interstate Compacts, Commissioner and Conference Expenses.	5,000.00	Nil	402.39	4,597.61	208.00
6 Topographic and Conservation Branches, in Cooperation with U. S. G. S. on 50-50 Basis	30,000.00	Nil	Nil	30,000.00	1,250.00
7 Hydrographic Surveys, coop. with U.S.G.S.	15,000.00	Nil	620.00	14,380.00	625.00
8 State Engineer's Salary.	5,000.00	208.33	208.33	4,583.34	208.33
9 Reconstruction Drains, or Irrigation.	240,000.00	Nil	466.90	239,533.10	
10 Underground Waters, coop. with U.S.G.S.	25,000.00	64.52	Nil	24,935.48	
11 Post-war Projects 50-50 with U. S. Depts.	100,000.00	Nil	Nil	100,000.00	
12 Other Investigations, Surveys, etc.	75,000.00	3,584.21	3,998.71	67,417.08	3,125.00
13 Construction Bond Guarantee Fund, bal.	<u>70,541.00</u>	<u>Nil</u>	<u>Nil</u>	<u>70,541.00</u>	
	<u>646,546.13</u>	<u>4,599.95</u>	<u>6,780.33</u>	<u>635,165.85</u>	

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NORTH DAKOTA STATE WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION
BALANCES OF PRIOR FUNDS RECOVERED BY OPINION
OF ATTORNEY GENERAL, as of Aug. 31, 1945

No. - Yr.	Appropriation	Balance 7-1-45	July Expense	Balance 7-31-45
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, plus warrants cancelled	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 and 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 and Conferences, Congressional Agencies.	272.07	Nil	272.07
13 - '39	Tri-State Waters, Commission Cooperation	696.87	Nil	696.87
14 - '39	Independent Investigations and Reports	312.90	Nil	312.90
		<u>9,080.88</u>		
1 - '41	Commissioners Per Diem	395.00	Nil	395.00
4 - '41	Maintenance Existing Dams, plus \$51.00 returned.	53.86	Nil	53.86
12 - '41	Tri-State Waters, Administration Conferences	8.61	Nil	8.61
15 - '41	Topographic Surveys13	Nil	.13
	OTHER FUNDS - Bank of North Dakota Deposits			
	Bal. Contributions Hebron, Jung, Apple Creek Dams.	376.97	Nil	376.97
		<u>9,915.45</u>		<u>9,915.45</u>

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

Appropriation for		Balance July '45	July '45 Expended	Aug. '45 Expended	Balance in Fund
1 - '43	Commissioners Per Diem.	1,617.00	49.00		1,568.00
2 - '43	Administration fund, refunds and collections. .	15,849.09	9,653.10	970.23	5,225.76
3 - '43	Maintenance Existing Dams	3,377.20	3,086.96		290.24
4 - '43	Tri-State Waters & Portion Adm. & Conf. Expenses	1,955.30	100.54		1,854.76
5 - '43	Interl. & Interstate Compacts, Comr-Conf. "	4,586.99	114.83		4,472.16
7 - '43	Hydrographic Surveys, coop with U.S.Geol.Survey	7.48	Nil		7.48
9 - '43	Secure Amend, Ft. Peck Dam to release waters	400.00	300.00		100.00
10 - '43	Promote Maintenance Drainage & Construct channels	15,413.11	5,156.64	2,215.24	8,041.23
11a- '43	Post-war projects 50-50 with U.S.Departments	130,269.91	2,862.29	2,539.37	124,868.25
11b- '43	Other Post-War Projects	<u>11,591.61</u>	<u>2,053.76</u>	<u>7.95</u>	<u>9,529.90</u>
		185,067.69	23,377.12	5,732.79	155,957.78