

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., January 3, 1946.

A regular meeting of the North Dakota State Water Conservation Commission was held in the office of the Water Commission and the Governor's Conference Room on January 3, 1946. The meeting was called to order by Governor Aandahl, Chairman, at 9:45 A.M. with Commissioners Simons, Dahl and Orlady; J. J. Walsh present. Commissioner Thompson absent.

Mr. Walsh was appointed by the Governor to attend the meeting of the Missouri Basin Inter-Agency Committee to be held in Cheyenne, Wyoming on January 17.

Membership of Mr. Walsh and of the Water Commission in the National Rivers and Harbors was discussed. Commissioner Orlady moved that Mr. Walsh's membership in the amount of \$5.00 be paid. Commissioner Dahl seconded the motion. Roll call taken with Commissioners Dahl, Orlady and Simons and Governor voting aye.

Commissioner Simons moved that the bill of \$300.00 to T. G. Evensen of Minneapolis for services in connection with bond issues and sale of bonds be paid. Commissioner Orlady seconded the motion. Roll call taken with Commissioners Dahl, Simons and Orlady and Governor voting aye.

Commissioner Orlady moved that the November 30 minutes be approved. Commissioner Dahl seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Orlady moved that the November Financial Statements be approved. Commissioner Dahl seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Letters from the Bank of North Dakota with reference to the purchase of bonds was read by the Governor. Series "G" Bonds have been purchased. \$63,800.00.

Meeting adjourned to the Governor's Conference Room at 10:10 A.M. Present at the meeting were the following: Herman Zahl and Dr. John Bayne of Williston; Henry Westley, Halvor Halvorson, Wm. Smart of Minot; A. U. Anderson of Crosby; Fred Fredrickson of Valley City; Congressman C. R. Robertson of Bismarck; Senator Milton R. Young of Berlin; E. H. Berge of Bismarck; Governor Aandahl and Commissioners Simons, Orlady and Dahl; J. J. Walsh and Walter Mohn.

Governor Aandahl reviewed the position of the State Water Conservation Commission with reference to the Garrison Dam. Discussion followed. Mr. Zahl discussed the views of the people of Williston. Williston is willing to retreat and leave the matter of pool elevation in the hands of Congress.

Meeting recessed at 12:40 P.M.

Meeting reconvened at 2:00 P.M. Discussion continued on Garrison Dam. Congressman Robertson discussed the manner in which the matter of the height of the Dam was brought up in Congress.

Commissioner Orlady moved that the following Resolution be adopted. Commissioner Simons seconded the motion. Motion carried.

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, the Devils Lake Area and eastern North Dakota are in need of additional water supplies for sanitation and commercial purposes, and

WHEREAS, Congress has authorized diversion from the Fort Peck Reservoir on the Missouri River into the Souris River and the Sheyenne, James and Red River watersheds in connection with the Missouri-Souris Irrigation Project,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we urge Congress the immediate appropriation of adequate funds for the Bureau of Reclamation with which to provide the diversion facilities necessary to accomplish such diversion into the above named watersheds at the earliest possible moment. This is imperative because even with the past five normal rain seasons the water levels are gradually receding in the central and eastern parts of the State.

Representatives of Williston, Minot, Crosby, Valley City and Members of Congress left the meeting at 4 P.M.

The letters to Mr. DePuy from Mr. Acker and to Mr. Acker from Mr. DePuy with reference to the appropriations and agreements with the Cities of Park River and Grafton were discussed. No action taken.

Mr. Fredrickson's letter with reference to the Pembina River Project was discussed. No action taken.

The November Bureau of Reclamation Progress Reports were discussed. No action taken.

The above Resolution is to be sent to members of Congress, Members of the Bureau of Reclamation, Corps of Army Engineers, Missouri Basin Inter-Agency Committee, Missouri River States Committee and people in the northwestern part and the eastern part of the state.

Meeting adjourned at 4:25 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 NOV. 30, 1945
1945-1947 Appropriations

	Available Funds '45	Jul-Oct. Expenses	Nov. '45 Expenses	Balance in Fund	Appor- tioned Monthly
1 Commissioners Per Diem	4,000.00	301.00	Nil.	3,699.00	166.66
2 Administration	25,000.00	2,335.55	598.10	24,045.63	1,196.00
Refunds and collections added	1,979.28				
3 Maintenance Existing Dams	45,000.00	271.46	383.59	44,344.95	
4 Tri-State Waters and Portion of Administration and Conference Expenses	5,500.00	811.25	200.74	4,488.01	229.00
5 International and Interstate Compacts, Commissioner and Conference Expenses	5,000.00	1,093.53	31.32	3,875.15	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	1,840.79	918.60	12,240.61	625.00
8 State Engineer's Salary	5,000.00	833.32	208.33	3,958.35	208.33
9 Reconstruction Drains, or Irrigation	240,000.00	3,039.26	16,377.39	220,583.35	
10 Underground Waters, coop. with U.S.G.S.	25,000.00	143.55	14.52	24,841.93	
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	15,487.87	3,513.72	55,998.41	3,125.00
13 Construction Bond Guarantee Fund Bal.	70,541.00	Nil.	Nil.	70,541.00	
	<u>647,020.28</u>	<u>26,157.58</u>	<u>22,246.31</u>	<u>598,616.39</u>	

NORTH DAKOTA STATE WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION
BALANCES OF PRIOR FUNDS RECOVERED BY OPINION
OF ATTORNEY GENERAL, as of Nov. 30, 1945.

No. - Yr.	Appropriation	Balance 7-1-45	Paid Out	Balance 11-30-45	Total Balances
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, 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	37.04	659.83	
14 - '39	Independent Investigations and Reports	312.90	Nil.	312.90	9,043.84
1 - '41	Commissioners Per Dien	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	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>37.04</u>	<u>9,878.41</u>	<u>9,878.41</u>

NORTH DAKOTA STATE WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION
BALANCES PRIOR FUNDS AS OF NOV. 30, 1945
1943-1945 Appropriations

Appropriations	Balances July '43	To Sept. '45 Expended	Nov. '45 Expended	Fund Balance
1 - '43 Commissioners Per Diem	1,617.00	91.00		1,526.00
2 - '43 Administration Fund, refunds and collections . . .	15,849.09	10,955.33		4,893.76
3 - '43 Maintenance Existing Dams	3,377.20	3,307.96		69.24
4.- '43 Tri-State Waters & portion Adm. & Conf. expenses .	1,955.30	100.54		1,854.76
5 - '43 Internl. & Interstate Compacts, Car.-Conf. expenses -	4,586.99	114.83	Nil.	4,472.16
7 - '43 Hydrographic Surveys, coop. with U.S. Geol. Survey -	7.48	Nil.	Nil.	7.48
9 - '43 Secure Amend. Ft. Peck Dam Law, to release waters . .	400.00	300.00	Nil.	100.00
10 - '43 Promote Maintenance Drainage, Construct Channels -	15,413.11	11,725.71	2,747.60	939.80
11a- '43 Postwar Projects 50-50 with U.S. Departments . .	130,269.91	22,518.19	3,432.15	104,319.57
11b- '43 Other Post-war Projects	11,591.61	9,252.70	69.38	2,269.53
	<u>185,067.69</u>	<u>58,366.26</u>	<u>6,249.13</u>	<u>120,452.30</u>