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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE  
STATE WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Held in the office of the State Water Conservation Commission  
Bismarck, North Dakota, January 13, 1947

A meeting of the North Dakota State Water Conservation Commission was held in the office of the Water Conservation Commission in the State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota, on January 13, 1947, with the following individuals present:

State Water Commission

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

Others

Bruce Johnson - Bureau of Reclamation  
Colonel W. W. Wanamaker - Army Engineers  
Harry Polk - North Dakota Reclamation Assn.

The meeting was called to order by Governor Aandahl at 9:30 a.m., with the following present: Kenneth W. Simons, Einar Dahl, J. J. Walsh, Einar Berge, and Bruce Johnson.

Commissioner Simons moved that the minutes of the December 12, 1946, meeting be approved. Motion seconded by commissioner Dahl. Motion carried.

A discussion was had on the Victory Gardens as to whether the Commission should turn the operation of the gardens over to one man and let him run them on his own initiative, or whether the former policy should be continued of the commission's hiring each person by the hour. It was agreed that the decision in the matter should be left up to the discretion of the secretary.

The matter of cooperation with the State Game & Fish Department on surveys for supplemental fish and game reserve to replace the area flooded by the proposed Baldhill and Sheyenne reservoirs was discussed, and the Commission approved expenditures for such cooperative surveys, and the secretary was instructed to make an engineer from the Commission available to cooperate with the Game and Fish Department.

The Governor read a letter which he wrote to General Lewis A. Pick, regarding the reports of the Corps of Army Engineers and the Bureau of Reclamation given at the State Water Conservation Commission meeting at Fargo on December 4, regarding the proposed Baldhill and Sheyenne reservoirs.

With regard to the Sioux Irrigation Project, Commissioner Dahl was appointed to take up this matter with Judge Christianson.

Mr. Simons read a letter from Attorney Albert Lundberg of Grafton, North Dakota, with which were enclosed petitions signed by landowners in Pembina County objecting to the assessments under the Walsh-Pembina Drain No. 50, and appealing to the State Engineer to make an investigation and study of the situation. The secretary explained that under Section 61-2121 R.C. 1943 he is required to proceed with an examination and investigation as requested. No action was taken by the Commission, pending report of investigation by the State Engineer.

The lease on the land owned by the State Water Conservation Commission Southeast of Bismarck was brought under discussion. The land is now leased to Leo Morris, who, it appears, is not living up to his part of the contract, and the commission has received a bid for lease of the land from Edward Taix. Before any decision is made in the matter, the secretary was instructed to go into the matter further and see if the contract has been violated and if the Commission is within its rights to terminate their contract with Leo Morris.

Colonel Wanamaker was a guest at the meeting, coming in at noon. He informed the group that plans have been made for a trip of the legislators to Garrison damsite on Sunday, January 26.

Meeting recessed at 1:00 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 1:30 p.m., with the following present: Kenneth W. Simons, Einar Dahl, J. J. Walsh, and Einar Berge.

The secretary brought to the attention of the commission an opinion by the Attorney General's Office with regard to the continued payment of taxes by the Northern Pacific Railroad to Oliver and Mercer Counties if the present proposed relocation of the Indians is brought about.

The commission reviewed the expenditures of the Water Commission with regard to water development and drainage in North Dakota.

Commissioner Simons read letters of January 9 and 10 from State Geologist Dr. Laird with regard to possible legislation on underground water, and informing the Commission, that he, Dr. Laird, had been appointed a member of the board to be elected by the North Dakota Well Drillers Association for writing a code of procedure for the water well drillers in the state.

Mr. Harry E. Polk of Williston was a guest at the meeting, coming in at 2:00 p.m., and discussing the Missouri-Souris Project and legislative matters.

Mr. Simons read a letter from Attorney Obert C. Teigen, Devils Lake, with regard to Lake Alice and Lake Irvine drainage in Ramsey County. The Secretary was instructed to do whatever he could to assist in getting a survey made of the area.

The secretary informed the Commission that the Universal Motor Company of Bismarck was high bidder at \$1175 for the 1937 Chevrolet and the 1942 Plymouth, which amount will be applied on the purchase of a new Ford.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectively Submitted,

ATTEST:

  
Chairman

  
Secretary

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

No.	Appropriations for	Available Funds 1945	Expenses July-Dec.	Jan. Expenses	Balance 1-31-47
1	Commissioners Per Diem and Expenses, . . . . .	4,000.00	2,355.00	142.87	1,501.58 <sup>1</sup>
2	Administration, . . . . .	25,000.00			
	Plus refunds and collections, . . . . .	4,577.69	13,915.60	786.02	14,876.07 <sup>2</sup>
3	Maintenance Existing Dams, . . . . .	45,000.00			
	Donations and refunds on dam repairs, . . . . .	5,595.35	12,036.30	273.47	38,285.58 <sup>2</sup>
4	Tri-State Waters and Portion of Administration and Conference Expenses, . . . . .	5,500.00	3,632.59	100.00	1,767.41 <sup>2</sup>
5	International and Interstate Compacts, Commissioner and Conference Expenses, . . . . .	5,000.00	3,704.90	Nil.	1,295.10 <sup>2</sup>
6	Topographic and Conservation Branches, In coop. with U. S. Geological Survey, . . . . .	30,000.00	6,974.01	Nil.	23,025.99 <sup>2</sup>
7	Hydrographic Surveys, coop. with U.S.Geol. Survey, . .	15,000.00	11,571.60	268.50	3,159.90 <sup>2</sup>
8	State Engineer's Salary, . . . . .	5,000.00	3,749.94	208.33	1,041.73 <sup>2</sup>
9	Reconstruction Drains, or Irrigation, . . . . .	240,000.00	75,991.48	55,326.65	108,741.43 <sup>2</sup>
	Refund, . . . . .	59.56			
10	Underground Waters, coop. with U.S.Geol. Survey, . . .	25,000.00	6,188.18	728.45	18,083.37 <sup>2</sup>
11	Postwar Projects, coop. with U. S. Departments, . . . .	100,000.00	11,289.41	3,425.70	85,284.89 <sup>2</sup>
12	Other Investigations, surveys, etc. . . . .	75,000.00	71,301.19	1,747.92	1,950.89 <sup>2</sup>
13	Construction Bond Guarantee Fund balance, . . . . .	70,541.00	Nil.	Nil.	70,541.00 <sup>2</sup>
FGO-		<u>655,273.60</u>	<u>222,710.75</u>	<u>63,007.91</u>	<u>369,554.94</u>

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NORTH DAKOTA STATE WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
BALANCE PRICE FUNDS AS OF JAN 31, 1947  
1943-1945 Appropriations

No.	Yr.	Appropriations for	Balances July '45	Expended To Dec.	Expended Jan '47	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	465.12		383.97
3 -	'43	Maintenance Existing Dams.....	3,377.20			
		Plus refunds.....	680.00	3,814.53	Nil.	242.67
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 Expenses.....	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	<del>2.52</del>	2.26
11b-	'43	Other Postwar Projects.....	11,591.61	9,322.08	Nil.	2,269.53
			<u>185,846.57</u>	<u>174,992.61</u>	<u>Nil.</u>	<u>10,853.96</u>

NORTH DAKOTA STATE WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
BALANCES OF PRIOR FUNDS RECOVERED BY OPINION OF  
ATTORNEY GENERAL, - AS OF JAN. 31, 1947

No.	Yr.	Appropriation for	Balance 7-1-45	Paid Out	Balance 1-31-47	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 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, 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.	53.86	
12 -	'41	Tri-State Waters, Administration Conferences, . . . . .	8.61	Nil.	8.61	
15 -	'41	Topographic Surveys, . . . . .	.13	Nil.	.13	457.60
			<u>9,538.48</u>	<u>48.17</u>	<u>9,490.31</u>	<u>9,490.31</u>
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NORTH DAKOTA STATE WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION

DEPOSITS IN THE BANK OF NORTH DAKOTA

As of January 31, 1947

Contributions	Deposited	Expended To Ser.	Expended Jan. '47	Balance
Yellowstone Pumping Irrigation District paid accrued interest on \$3,500.00. 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	15.07	5,386.38
Contributions on groundwater surveys by City 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 January 31, 1947				<u>\$7,602.74</u>

PAYROLL OF  
STATE WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
as of January 31, 1947

Employees	Duties	Monthly	Tax Withh.	Net	Remarks
J. J. Walsh	Secretary&State Eng.	325.00	40.40	284.60	Increased \$25 7-1-46
Anderson, Albin S.	Asst. Engineer	200.00	18.10	189.90	Increased \$15 12-1-44
Berge, Einar	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
Dodd, Harold E.	Engineer	200.00	18.00	182.00	Retd. after leave
Gillette, Geraldine L.	Stenographer	120.00	12.90	107.10	New Jan. 16, 1947
Larimer, Owen J.	Engineer	235.00	16.30	218.70	Increased \$10 9-1-46
Nichols, Don E.	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
Tyson, Roy	Asst. Engineer	235.00	16.30	218.70	Increased from \$175
Wing, Helen A.	Stenographer	145.00	25.00	120.00	Quit Jan. 18, 1947
		<u>2,395.00</u>			

NORTH DAKOTA STATE WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
MONTHLY REPORT OF ACCOUNTS, AS OF FEB. 28, 1947  
1945-1947 Appropriations

No.	Appropriations for	Available Funds 1945	Expenses July-Jan.	Expenses Feb. 1947	Balance 2-28-47
1	Commissioners Per Diem and Expenses, . . . . .	4,000.00	2,498.42	128.62	1,372.96
2	Administration, . . . . .	25,000.00			
	Plus refunds and collections, . . . . .	4,601.91	14,701.62	1,304.74	13,595.55
3	Maintenance Existing Dams, . . . . .	45,000.00			
	Donations and refunds on dam repairs, . . . . .	5,702.60	12,309.77	254.00	38,138.83
4	Tri-State Waters and Portion of Administration and Conference Expenses, . . . . .	5,500.00	3,732.59	159.60	1,607.81
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	11,840.10	268.50	2,891.40 ✓
8	State Engineer's Salary, . . . . .	5,000.00	3,958.27	208.33	833.40 ✓
9	Reconstruction Drains, or irrigation, . . . . .	240,000.00	131,318.13	8,955.28	99,786.15 ✓
	Refund, . . . . .	59.56			
10	Underground Waters, coop. with U. S. Geol. Survey, . . .	25,000.00	6,916.63	254.03	17,829.34 ✓
11	Postwar Projects, coop. with U. S. Departments, . . . .	100,000.00	14,715.11	4,350.00	80,934.89 ✓
12	Other Investigations, surveys, etc. . . . .	75,000.00	73,049.11	844.95	1,105.94 ✓
13	Construction Bond Guarantee Fund balance, . . . . .	70,541.00	Nil.	Nil.	70,541.00
		<u>655,405.07</u>	<u>285,718.66</u>	<u>16,728.05</u>	<u>352,958.36</u>

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		<u>\$2,410.00</u>			