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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, August 14, 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 August 14, 1947, with the following Members present:

Kenneth W. Simons--Vice Chairman
Einar H. Dahl--Commissioner from Watford City
Sivert W. Thompson--Commissioner from Devils Lake
J. J. Walsh--Secretary and Chief Engineer.

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Kenneth W. Simons at 2 o'clock p.m. with the above mentioned members of the Water Commission present.

Commissioner Dahl moved that the minutes of the June 30 meeting be approved. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson. Motion carried.

The financial statements for July were examined and approved by the Commissioners. Commissioner Thompson moved that the 1939 and 1941 appropriation balances should be left in the fund, to be used as needed. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dahl. Motion carried.

Commissioner Simons recommended that hereafter a monthly statement, or report, be sent to the Commissioners showing activities of the Water Commission staff, including surveys, repairs of dams, and any other activities with which they are working.

Bonds for Secretary J. J. Walsh and Mr. F. G. Orr, from the State Bonding Department, were presented to the members of the Commission for their acceptance. Commissioner Dahl moved that these bonds be accepted and placed on file. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson. Motion carried.

The continuance of the Tri-State Waters Commission and their program for the Red River was also under consideration by the Commissioners.

A request for allocation of funds for drainage work by Grand Forks County was brought before the Commission. Commissioner Dahl made this motion: "I move that \$10,000 be allocated to Grand Forks County from the Drainage appropriation for the current biennium, the said \$10,000 to be considered as an advance on the allocation to Grand Forks County from said fund and to be taken from the allocation to be made to Grand Forks from the fund."

Commissioner Thompson seconded this motion. Commissioner Simons called roll, with Commissioner Thompson voting aye, Commissioner Dahl voting aye, and Commissioner Simons voting aye. Motion carried.

The Secretary was requested by the Commission to write to the various county drainage boards notifying them of the allocations for the current biennium, and asking them to submit approximate statements of what they are going to use during the next year and what they expect to need for drainage purposes during the next biennium.

The water right application of Alois Klandl of Sidney, Montana, was presented to the Commission for their approval at this meeting. Commissioner Thompson moved that his application be approved. Commissioner Dahl seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Commissioners reviewed the water development program of the Bureau of Reclamation, and it was recommended that Commissioner Dahl write a personal letter to Mr. Kenneth F. Vernon, Regional Director, Bureau of Reclamation, Billings, Montana, telling him that the Commission is very pleased with the progress of the work, and inquiring about the present status of the surveys and investigations on the Lower Yellowstone Pumping and the Cartwright Irrigation Project; and if there is anything that the Commission can do to assist the Bureau of Reclamation, we will be only too glad to do so.

A summary of the topographic surveys that have been completed by the State Water Conservation Commission on the Heart and Cannonball rivers, and the number of acres covered, was presented to the Commissioners for their consideration at this time.

In regard to the Association of Western State Engineers Convention at Boise, Idaho, Commissioner Thompson made the motion: "I move that the Chief Engineer be authorized to attend the Western State Engineers Convention at Boise, Idaho." The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dahl. Motion carried.

The meeting recessed at 3:15 until the morning of the 22nd of August, to convene at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Secretary

ATTEST:


Chairman