

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
STATE WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Held in the office of the State Water Conservation Commission
Bismarck, North Dakota, October 15, 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 October 15, 1947, with the following individuals present:

Members of State Water Commission

Governor Fred G. Aandahl, Governor & Ex Officio Chairman
Kenneth W. Simons, Vice Chairman
S. W. Thompson, Commissioner from Devils Lake
Einar H. Dahl, Commissioner from Watford City
J. J. Walsh, Secretary and Chief Engineer
Einar Berge, Publicity Manager

Others

Fred J. Fredrickson, Washington D.C. representative
Delegation from Foster County:
E. R. Bradley, President of the Water Conservation Ass'n, Grace City
A. R. Kistler, Grace City
G. C. Black, Juanita
Dean White, McHenry
Homer Grove, Bordulac
Mr. J. E. Campbell, State Game and Fish Department
Mr. Albert Reimer, Bismarck
Ed Taix, Bismarck

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Kenneth W. Simons at 2:10 p.m. with the following persons present: Vice Chairman Kenneth W. Simons, S. W. Thompson, Einar H. Dahl, Secretary J. J. Walsh, Einar Berge, Fred J. Fredrickson, E. R. Bradley, A. R. Kistler, G. C. Black, Dean White and Homer Grove.

Mr. Fredrickson, at this time, introduced the delegation from Foster County, who were present at this meeting for the purpose of requesting permission to construct a dam in the James River downstream from Grace City. E. R. Bradley, President of the Water Conservation Association of Grace City, outlined their proposed plan to the members of the Commission, stating that their intention was to establish a Veteran's Memorial Park. He said they had in mind creating a large lake at this point which could be used primarily for fishing and as a recreation center. They requested that the Water Commission assist them by sending out an Engineer and survey crew to do some preliminary survey work to determine elevations, and also that an inspection be made at this point in the James River, and also in the vicinity of Lake Jaunita, by an Engineer from the Water Commission, in company with a representative from the Army Engineers and the Bureau of Reclamation, to see what possibilities this project might have, and whether or not it would be feasible.

Motion was made by Commissioner Dahl to approve the minutes of the September 18, 1947, meeting of the Water Commission. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson, Motion carried.

Commissioner Simons moved that the financial statements for August and September, 1947, be approved, which motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson. Motion carried.

Attorneys Jim Hyland and C. F. Kelsch, representing J. B. Satterthwaite and Hadden and Schule, requested the State Water Conservation Commission to postpone the Hearing on the application of J. B. Satterthwaite for a water right from Gibb Springs, Sanish, North Dakota, until 2:00 p.m. on November 17, 1947, when it was agreed the next Water Commission meeting will be held.

Regarding the National Reclamation Association meeting at Phoenix, Arizona, October 29, 30 and 31, Commissioner Simons recommended that they ask Governor Aandahl to appoint Sec. Walsh and Einar H. Dahl to represent the Water Commission at this meeting.

Governor Aandahl invited all the members of the State Water Conservation Commission to attend the hearing of the Missouri Basin Inter-Agency Committee, to be held in the Hearing Room of the State Capitol building October 16, 1947, and also to join with the members of the Committee on a trip of inspection to Riverdale and the Garrison Dam.

The Commission suggested the Secretary contact General Edwards to find out whether the State National Guard had any storage space available at Camp Grafton, Devils Lake or at any other place.

A discussion was entered into by the Commissioners concerning the rental of 100 acres of land in the Bismarck "bottoms" known as the Dullam land, and purchased by the Commission some years ago, which term of lease would expire the 1st of November, 1947. Applications for rental of the Dullam land for the coming year have been filed with the Water Commission by the following:

- Ed Taix, Bismarck
- T. W. Asbridge, Bismarck
- Albert Reimer, Bismarck

The Commissioners were agreed that the Dullam land should be rented on a "cash in advance" basis and that the contract be awarded on sealed bids to the highest bidder, these bids to be received by the Water Commission on or before the 17 of November, 1947, when the Water Commission meets. They also agreed that the one awarded the contract be limited to cropping the land, about 60 acres to be placed under cultivation, but that no timber be removed for fence posts or otherwise.

In respect to the Woodie Watson contract with the Water Commission, Commissioner Dahl moved: "That Woodie Watson having paid the principal amount of his contract in full, to the Water Commission, that the interest be remitted and the account be closed." Commissioner Simons called roll, with Commissioners Thompson, Dahl and Simons all voting aye. Motion carried.

Request has been received from the Corps of Army Engineers at Fort Lincoln to dispose of any surplus cement we have stored in their warehouse, for their immediate use. The State Water Conservation Commission members agreed to make available, to the Engineers, all the extra cement that would likely be held over during the winter, with instructions to reserve enough for carrying on dam repair work this season. The method of transaction is to be determined by the Secretary of the Water Commission.

Mr. Albert Reimer, Bismarck, entered the meeting at 3 :00 p.m. concerning rental of the Dullam land, and the decision by the Commissioners regarding this land was then explained to him by Commissioner Simons. Mr. Reimer left the meeting at 3:10 p.m.

The Commissioners discussed the "Resolutions" adopted by the North Dakota Reclamation Association meeting at New Rockford regarding the development of the Missouri Basin. They were of the opinion that the Resolutions adopted by the Reclamation Association were very commendable.

Regarding a letter received from the United States Department of the Interior Fish and Wildlife Service, Chicago, Illinois, as to the operation of a development farm near Bowbells, North Dakota, action of the Bureau of Reclamation in setting up such a farm for demonstrating irrigation has long had the approval of the State Water Conservation Commission.

Governor Aandahl entered the meeting at 3:30 p.m.

A letter was read by Kenneth Simons in regard to Wool Processing Plants for North Dakota, from Jerome Svore, which received favorable comments from the Commissioners.

Mr. Taix entered the meeting at 3:40 p.m. regarding rental of the Dullam land, and Commissioner Simons again notified him of the Commissioners' decision regarding this land. Mr. Taix left the meeting at 3:50 p.m.

A letter from Elmer L. Worthington, District Conservationist, Bottineau, North Dakota, regarding the construction of a dam in the Mouse River, was read by Commissioner Simons. It was the opinion of the Commissioners that they did not have jurisdiction over this matter, and that the Secretary should write Mr. Worthington to contact the International Joint Commission, sending a copy of the letter to the International Joint Commission. The Secretary was also instructed to write Mr. A. O. Stanley, Chairman of the International Joint Commission, Washington, D.C., for information regarding their activities, etc.

Mr. Berge left the meeting at 4:20 p.m.

The allocation of drainage funds to the various counties for the 1947 and 1949 biennium was then reviewed by the Commission. On Governor Aandahl's recommendation, Commissioner Simons made the following motion: "I move that we allocate 50% of the appropriation for drainage to the various counties in the State on the ~~SAME~~ basis, as allocations were made for the last biennium." Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Governor Aandahl called roll with Commissioners Dahl, Thompson, Simons and Governor Aandahl all voting aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Campbell entered the meeting at 4:30 p.m. to give the Commissioners a detailed account of a proposed dam near Woodworth, North Dakota, to be constructed for recreational purposes and as a fishing resort. He proposed that the Water Commission furnish an Engineer to look over the situation and make a survey to determine whether or not the construction of such a dam would be favorable, and submit his report to the State Game and Fish Department.

Governor Aandahl left the meeting at 4:40 p.m.

Mr. Campbell left the meeting at 4:45 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Secretary

ATTEST:


Chairman

NORTH DAKOTA STATE WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MONTHLY REPORT OF ACCOUNTS, AS OF OCT. 30, 1947
1947-1949 Appropriations

No.	Appropriation for	Available July '47	Expended To Sep. 30	Expended Oct.	Balance 10-30-47
1	Commissioners Per Diem and Expenses,	4,000.00	342.61	152.82	3,504.57
2	Administration,	30,000.00			
	Plus refunds and collections,	1,659.60	2,937.12	783.52	27,938.96
3	Maintenance Existing Dams,	45,000.00			
	Plus refunds and donations on dam repairs,	5,029.14	5,055.98	2,108.48	42,864.68
4	Tri-State Waters and Portion of Administration and Conference Expenses,	1,000.00	57.50	Nil.	942.50
5	International and Interstate Compacts, Commissioner and Conference Expenses,	10,000.00	156.17	300.00	9,543.83
6	Topographic and Conservation Branches, Coop. with U. S. Geological Survey,	30,000.00	Nil.	Nil.	30,000.00
7	Hydrographic Surveys, coop with U. S. Geol. Survey,	20,000.00	941.36	354.25	18,704.39
8	State Engineer's Salary,	5,400.00	675.00	225.00	4,500.00
9	Reconstruction of Drains, or Irrigation,	200,000.00	Nil.	Nil.	200,000.00
10	Underground Waters, coop. with U.S. Geol. Survey,	30,000.00	Nil.	1,131.69	28,868.31
11	Postwar Projects, coop. with U. S. Departments,	135,000.00	Nil.	Nil.	135,000.00
12	Other Investigations, Surveys, etc.	90,000.00	6,421.78	2,476.37	81,101.85
13	Construction Bond Guaranty Fund,	<u>70,541.00</u>	<u>Nil.</u>	<u>Nil.</u>	<u>70,541.00</u>
FGO-		<u>677,629.74</u>	<u>16,587.52</u>	<u>7,532.13</u>	<u>653,510.09</u>

NORTH DAKOTA STATE WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION
 MONTHLY REPORT OF ACCOUNTS, AS OF OCT. 30, 1947
 1945-1947 Appropriations

No.	Appropriations for	July, '45 Available	To Oct. 30 Expended	10-30-47 Balance
1	Commissioners Per Diem and Expenses,	4,000.00	3,632.02	367.98
2	Administration, Plus refunds and collections,	25,000.00 4,847.79	29,002.97	844.82
3	Maintenance Existing Dams, Plus refunds and donations on dam repairs,	45,000.00 5,849.54	31,125.31	19,724.23
4	Tri-State Waters and Portion of Administration and Conference Expenses,	5,500.00	5,216.77	283.23
5	International and Interstate Compacts, Commissioner and Conference Expenses,	5,000.00	4,674.68	325.32
6	Topographic and Conservation Branches, Coop. with U. S. Geological Survey,	30,000.00	30,000.00	Nil.
7	Hydrographic Surveys, coop. with U. S. Geol. Survey,	15,000.00	15,000.00	Nil.
8	State Engineer's Salary,	5,000.00	5,000.00	Nil.
9	Reconstruction Drains, or Irrigation, Plus refund,	240,000.00 59.56	152,969.19	87,090.37
10	Underground Waters, coop. with U. S. Geol. Survey,	25,000.00	19,900.15	5,099.85
11	Postwar Projects, coop. with U. S. Departments,	100,000.00	45,924.47	54,075.53
12	Other Investigations, Surveys, etc.	75,000.00	74,996.47	3.53
13	Construction Bond Guarantee Fund,	<u>70,541.00</u>	<u>Nil.</u>	<u>70,541.00</u>
FGO-		<u>655,797.89</u>	<u>417,442.02</u>	<u>238,355.86</u>

NORTH DAKOTA STATE WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION
BALANCES OF PRIOR FUNDS RECOVERED BY OPINION OF
ATTORNEY GENERAL - AS OF OCT. 30, 1947

No. - Yr.	Appropriation for	Balance 7-1-45	Paid Out	Balance 10-30-47	8	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.	288.00		
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 \$51.00 refund,	53.86	Nil.	53.86		
12 - '41	Tri-State Waters, Administration Maintenance Existing Dams, Conferences,	8.61	Nil.	8.61		
15 - '41	Topographic Surveys,13	Nil.	.13		457.60
F90-		<u>9,538.48</u>	48.17	<u>9,400.31</u>		<u>9,400.31</u>

NORTH DAKOTA STATE WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION

DEPOSITS IN THE BANK OF NORTH DAKOTA

AS OF OCTOBER 30, 1947

Contributions	Transit #	Deposited	Expended To Oct. 30	Expended October	Balance
Yellowstone Pumping Irr. Dist. Paid accrued int. on \$3,500. advance, to 10-1-44	501-118	366.36	Nil.	Nil.	\$ 865.89
Tax levy collections to March, 1947	501-118	499.53	Nil.	Nil.	
Special Coop. Groundwater contributions by Fargo, Cass County and Water Comm., each \$2,500.	501-119	7,500.00	4,809.57	Nil.	2,690.43
Contributions Groundwater Surveys: Fessenden, \$1,000.; Mountain \$100. and Maddeck \$750.	501-126	1,850.00	10.44	Nil.	1,839.56
Total of all Bank of North Dakota Deposits, as of Oct. 30, 1947,					<u>5,394.88</u>

(Except Series J. Bonds Sinking Funds balance 10-30-47 \$ 45,988.26,
and \$19,459.00 Bond Guaranty Fund with Sioux Irr. Dist. bonds,
\$25,000. as additional collateral, on which Jacobsen Lands
assessments are delinquent and land sale pending.)

PAYROLL OF
NORTH DAKOTA STATE WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION
AS OF OCTOBER 30, 1947

Employee	Duties	Monthly	W. Tax	OASIS	Net	Remarks
Walsh, J. J.	Secy.-State Eng.	400.00	47.80	2.50	349.70	Increased June, 1947
Anderson, Albin S.	Engineer	225.00	14.90	2.25	207.85	Increased June, 1947
Berge, Einar	Tech. Assistant	75.00	Nil.	.75	74.25	Increased from \$50.
Burton, Winfred C.	Engineer	260.00	12.80	2.50	244.70	Quit. Oct. 20, 1947
Carey, Thomas J.	Craftsman	80.00	9.55	.80	69.65	Works ½ da.-college ½
Dodd, Harold E.	Engineer	225.00	22.80	2.25	199.95	Increased June, 1947
Gillette, Geraldine	Stenographer	135.00	15.00	1.35	118.65	Quitting to be married.
Liebelt, Beuhl E.	Rodman	140.00	15.70	1.40	122.90	Started work Sept. 29
Nichols, Don L.	Engineer-A.Secy.	325.00	49.10	2.50	273.40	Increased June, 1947
Orr, F. G.	Bookkeeper	275.00	31.40	2.50	241.10	Increased June, 1947
Peterson, Winifred	Stenographer	145.00	17.00	1.45	128.65	Started June, 1947
Putz, Roy	Rodman-labor	135.00	15.40	1.35	118.65	Quit - Injured-Hernia.
Schmitcke, Otto	Dam repairs	200.00	Nil.	2.00	198.00	Quit end of October.
Torvik, Duane A.	Draftsman, etc.	220.00	21.40	2.20	196.40	Increased Oct. 1947
Sheldon, Marvin	Engineer	<u>280.00</u>	29.40	2.20	188.40	New Sept. 1947
FGO-		<u>2,060.00</u>				