

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
STATE WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Held in the Office of the State Water Conservation Commission
Bismarck, North Dakota, April 23, 1948

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 April 23, 1948, with the following members present:

MEMBERS OF STATE WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Honorable Fred G. Aandahl, Governor & Ex Officio Chairman
S. W. Thompson, Commissioner from Devils Lake, N. Dak.
Einar H. Dahl, Commissioner from Watford City, N. Dak.
Curtis Olson, Commissioner from Valley City, N. Dak.
J. J. Walsh, Secretary and Chief Engineer

The meeting was called to order by Governor Fred G. Aandahl at 1:30 p.m., with the above mentioned members of the State Water Conservation Commission present.

The minutes of the April 2 meeting were discussed and Commissioner Thompson was authorized to review and correct a portion of the minutes relating to the hearing on the water right application of J. B. Satterthwaite.

Commissioners Einar H. Dahl and Sivert Thompson reported on their trip to Washington, D. C. and the statements submitted before the House Subcommittee on Interior Appropriations by the U. S. Bureau of Reclamation and the U. S. Corps of Army Engineers. They reported a very successful meeting and were very cordially received by the members of the committee.

Commissioner Curtis Olson and Secretary J. J. Walsh reported on the Fargo meeting of the Eastern North Dakota Water Development Association to discuss the issuance of water rights from Baldhill Reservoir for cities and towns that have contributed to the construction cost of the Baldhill Dam. It was recommended, at that time, that all the cities and towns represented by the Eastern North Dakota Water Development Association submit to the State Water Conservation Commission applications for permit to divert and appropriate water.

Secretary Walsh reported on the meeting held in Mandan April 14, called by the Chamber of Commerce, to consider the recent flood damages and to suggest a program to protect the City of Mandan. Others in attendance, representing their respective departments and organizations were: the State Highway Department, Soil Conservation Service, Northern Pacific Railway engineers, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, the Heart River Irrigation District and the City of Mandan.

The members of the Commission discussed the problem of the construction of Judicial Ditch #12, located in Minnesota. Letters were read from Mr. E. V. Willard, Assistant Director of the Minnesota Conservation Department and Mr. Homer Ludwick of the Eastern North Dakota Water Development Association. No further action was taken pending further investigations and correspondence with officials of the Minnesota Conservation Department.

Mr. Orr appeared before the Commission and discussed the proposed educational book to be published by Mr. Garfield Nordrum, State Superintendent of Public Instruction. The Commission assigned Mr. Orr to cooperate with Supt. Nordrum, Mr. Fred Compton, and Mr. Mark Connolly in assembling the data and preparing the text of the book.

Quarterly reports were received from the U. S. Geological Survey section by P. E. Dennis, engineer in charge of groundwater surveys, also evaluation report on Fish and Wildlife Resources in relation to the proposed Pembina River Reservoir, Walhalla, by D. E. Janzen, Regional Director, U. S. Fish and Wildlife, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Funeral services for the late Kenneth W. Simons, Vice Chairman of the State Water Conservation Commission, were held at 9:30 a.m. on April 23, and were attended by all the members of the Water Commission. The members afterwards assembled at 1:30 p.m., at which time they drew up the following "Resolution" as a tribute to his memory:

THE FOLLOWING IS A COPY OF A RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE NORTH DAKOTA STATE WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION AT A MEETING HELD IN BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA, ON APRIL 23, 1948, TO BE FORWARDED TO MRS. KENNETH W. SIMONS AND FAMILY

Mr. Thompson offered the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, God in his infinite mercy has seen fit to take from our midst Kenneth W. Simons,

AND WHEREAS, Kenneth W. Simons has rendered distinguished service to the people of North Dakota as a private citizen, as local commander of the American Legion and as Editor of the Bismarck Tribune:

AND WHEREAS, Kenneth W. Simons has further served his state ably and well as one of the original advocates of a sound water-development program,

AND WHEREAS, Kenneth W. Simons has contributed much to the development of such a program by his service to the North Dakota State Water Conservation Commission and his counsel, foresight, courage, determination and leadership having been an inspiration to the other and surviving members of said Commission to carry on,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the North Dakota State Water Conservation Commission that this resolution be spread on its minutes as a testimonial to his services and that a copy thereof, to be signed by the Chairman and Secretary be sent to his widow and family, with the assurance that the members of said Commission share in the grief and feeling of loss, since Kenneth W. Simons was their trusted friend and colleague.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be adopted by a standing vote of the Commission members.

Mr. Dahl seconded the motion to adopt the resolution and it was unanimously adopted, all members standing in silent tribute to their departed colleague.

GOVERNOR Fred S. Conz
Chairman

J. Walsh
Secretary

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Walsh
Secretary.

ATTEST:

Fred S. Conz
Chairman

NORTH DAKOTA STATE WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION
 MONTHLY REPORT OF ACCOUNTS, AS OF APRIL 30, 1948
 1947-1949 APPROPRIATIONS

Fund No.	Appropriation for	Available July '47	Expended To March 31	Expended April	Balance 4-30-48
1	Commissioner's Per Diem and Expenses.	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 1,050.95	\$ 105.24	\$ 2,843.81
2	Administration.	30,000.00			
	Plus Refunds and Collections	3,299.30	7,445.15	697.25	25,156.90
3	Maintenance of Existing Dams.	45,000.00			
	Plus Refunds and Donations for Dam Repairs	5,743.17	9,064.96	5,257.39	36,420.82
4	Tri-State Waters and Portion of Administration and Conference Expenses	1,000.00	85.44	Nil.	914.56
5	International and Interstate Compacts	10,000.00	1,412.93	1,089.05	7,498.02
6	Topographic and Conservation Branches, Cooperation with U. S. Geological Survey	30,000.00	6,788.25	4,247.96	18,963.79
7	Hydrographic Surveys, Cooperation with U. S. Geological Survey	20,000.00	4,718.01	1,235.44	14,046.55
8	State Engineer's Salary	5,400.00	2,025.00	225.00	3,150.00
9	Reconstruction of Drains or Irrigation.	200,000.00	1,748.33	Nil.	198,251.67
10	Engineering Geological Surveys and Demonstrations	30,000.00	8,276.78	104.25	21,618.97
11	Postwar Projects, Cooperation with U. S. Departments.	135,000.00	Nil.	90,000.00	45,000.00
12	Other Investigations, Surveys, etc.	90,000.00	18,822.77	3,106.73	68,070.50
13	Construction Bond Guaranty Fund	70,541.00	Nil.	Nil.	70,541.00
rsc		<u>\$679,983.47</u>	<u>\$61,438.57</u>	<u>\$106,068.31</u>	<u>\$512,476.59</u>

NORTH DAKOTA STATE WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MONTHLY REPORT OF ACCOUNTS, AS OF APRIL 30, 1948
1945-1947 APPROPRIATIONS

No.	Appropriation for	Available July 1945	Expended To April 30	Balances 4-30-48
1	Commissioner's Per Diem and Expenses	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,632.02	\$ 367.98
2	Administration	25,000.00		
	Plus Refunds and Collections.	4,847.79	29,847.79	Nil.
3	Maintenance of Existing Dams	45,000.00		
	Plus Refunds and Donations for Dam Repairs.	5,849.54	32,788.03	18,061.51
4	Tri-state Waters and Portion of Administration and Conference Expense	5,500.00	5,216.77	283.23
5	International and Interstate Compacts, Commissioners and Conference Expense.	5,000.00	4,674.68	325.32
6	Topographic and Conservation Branches, Cooperation with U. S. Geological Survey.	30,000.00	30,000.00	Nil.
7	Hydrographic Surveys, Cooperation with U. S. Geological Survey.	15,000.00	15,000.00	Nil.
8	State Engineer's Salary	5,000.00	5,000.00	Nil.
9	Reconstruction of Drains or Irrigation	240,000.00	187,130.19	52,929.37
	Plus Refund.	59.56		
10	Underground Waters, Cooperation with U.S. Geological Survey. . .	25,000.00		
	Plus Refund	65.43	25,065.43	Nil.
11	Postwar Projects, Cooperation with U. S. Departments	100,000.00	72,269.17	27,730.83
12	Other Investigations, Surveys, etc.	75,000.00	74,996.47	3.53
13	Construction Bond Guaranty Fund.	70,541.00	Nil.	70,541.00
vsc		<u>\$655,863.32</u>	<u>\$485,620.55</u>	<u>\$170,242.77</u>

NORTH DAKOTA STATE WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION
BALANCES OF PRIOR FUNDS RECOVERED BY OPINION OF
ATTORNEY GENERAL - AS OF APRIL 30, 1948

No.	Year	Appropriation for	Balance 7-1-45	Paid Out	Balance 4-30-48	Yearly Balance
1	1939	Commissioner's Per Diem.	\$1,757.00	Nil.	\$1,757.00	
4	1939	Lewis & Clark Experimental Farm.	109.76	Nil.	109.76	
5	1939	Sponsor's share of Dam Repairs	2,088.08	Nil.	2,088.08	
6	1939	Engineering and Soil Surveys	180.00	Nil.	180.00	
7	1939	Missouri River Diversion and Reports	300.00	Nil.	300.00	
8	1939	Goose River Diversion.	125.00	Nil.	125.00	
9	1939	James River and Lake Traverse Diversions	751.20	Nil.	751.20	
10	1939	Missouri River Diversion.	2,000.00	Nil.	2,000.00	
11	1939	Evaluation Economic Benefits	488.00	Nil.	488.00	
12	1939	Reports, Conference, Congress Agencies	272.07	Nil.	272.07	
13	1939	Tri-State Waters, Commission Cooperation	696.87	48.17	648.70	
14	1939	Independent Investigations and Reports.	312.90	Nil.	<u>312.90</u>	\$9,032.71
1	1941	Commissioner's Per Diem.	395.00	Nil.	395.00	
4	1941	Maintenance of Existing Dams, plus \$51.00 refund .	53.86	Nil.	53.86	
12	1941	Tri-State Waters, Administration, Conferences. . .	8.61	Nil.	8.61	
15	1941	Topographic Surveys13	Nil.	<u>.13</u>	<u>457.60</u>
vsc			<u>\$9,538.48</u>	<u>\$48.17</u>		<u>\$9,400.31</u>

NORTH DAKOTA STATE WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION

DEPOSITS IN THE BANK OF NORTH DAKOTA

AS OF APRIL 30, 1948

Source of Deposits	Transit No.	Amount Deposited	Expended to April 30, '48	Expended April	Balance 4-30-48
Yellowstone Pumping Irrigation District paid accrued interest on \$3,500.00 advance to 10-1-44. Tax collections to March 1947	501-118 501-118	\$366.36 499.53	Nil. Nil.	Nil. Nil.	\$ 865.89
Special Cooperative Groundwater contributions by Fargo, Cass county and Water Commission, each \$2,500.00	501-119	7,500.00	\$7,499.90	Nil.	.10
Contributions Groundwater Surveys: Fessenden-\$1,000.00; Mountain-\$100.00; Maddock-\$750.00	501-126	1,850.00	75.83	Nil.	<u>1,774.13</u>
TOTAL OF ALL BANK OF NORTH DAKOTA DEPOSITS AS OF APRIL 30, 1948					<u><u>\$2,640.12</u></u>

\$63,000.00 Series J bonds sinking fund balance 4-30-48, \$45,890.76 and \$19,459.00 bond guaranty fund, with Sioux Irrigation District bonds of \$25,000.00 as additional collateral, on which Jacobson land assessments are delinquent and land sale pending- needs attention.

PAYROLL OF
NORTH DAKOTA STATE WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION
APRIL 1, 1948 TO APRIL 30, 1948

Employee	Duties	Salary for April	With. Tax	OASIS	Hospital Insurance	Net Pay	Remarks
Walsh, J. J.	Sec'y-State Engineer	\$400.00	\$47.80	\$2.50	\$3.78	\$345.92	Increased June, 1947
Anderson, Albin S.	Engineer	250.00	19.30	2.50	3.78	224.42	Increased February, 1948
Berge, Einar	Technical Ass't.	95.00		.95	3.78	90.27	Increased February, 1948
Carey, Thomas J.	Draftsman, $\frac{1}{2}$ days	127.59	10.13	1.28		116.18	College Student; worked 11 extra $\frac{1}{2}$ days in March
Cooper, Vernon S.	Bookkeeper	225.00	22.80	2.25		199.95	Increased April, 1948
Daly, John P.	Rodman	56.00		.56		55.44	Started work April 19, 1948
Dodd, Harold E.	Engineer	250.00	27.30	2.50	3.78	216.42	Increased February, 1948
Gallagher, Helen	Stenographer	135.00	15.00	1.35		118.65	Started work December 9, 1947
Gamble, Clarence A.	Rodman	150.00	17.70	1.50		130.80	Started work March 15, 1948
Helmbrecht, Robert	Rodman	79.33	9.29	.79		69.25	Started work April 14, 1948
Hopkins, Donald J.	Rodman	79.33	9.29	.79		69.25	Started work April 14, 1948
Johnston, Harry J.	Rodman	79.33	9.29	.79		69.25	Started work April 14, 1948
Nichols, Don L.	Engineer, Ass't. Sec'y	325.00	49.10	2.50	1.52	271.88	Increased June, 1947
Orr, F. G.	Bookkeeper	300.00	35.80	2.50	3.78	257.92	Increased February, 1948
Peterson, Winifred	Stenographer	160.00	19.80	1.60	1.52	137.08	Increased February, 1948
Putz, Roy	Rodman	79.09	9.29	.79		69.25	Started work April 14, 1948
Sheldon, Marvin	Engineer	250.00	35.50	2.50	1.52	210.48	Increased February, 1948
Schmitzke, Otto	Foreman, Gardens	90.00		.90		89.10	Started work April 19, 1948
Tibke, Gerald	Rodman	74.66	8.75	.75		65.16	Started work April 15, 1948
Torvik, Duane A.	Engineer	250.00	27.30	2.50	1.52	218.68	Increased February, 1948
Werner, John	Rodman	67.67	7.93	.68		59.06	Started work April 16, 1948

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