

STATE WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
 Minutes of Meeting  
 Held in the Gardner Hotel  
 Fargo, North Dakota  
 September 29, 1953

A special meeting of the North Dakota State Water Conservation Commission was called to order on September 29, 1953, at the Gardner Hotel, Fargo, North Dakota, to discuss the matter of the dissolution and reorganization of the Heart River Irrigation District. The following were present:

MEMBERS OF STATE WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION:

Honorable Norman Brunsdale, Governor and Ex-Officio Chairman  
 Curtis Olson, Vice-Chairman, Member from Valley City  
 A. M. Christensen, Member from Minot  
 Earle F. Tucker, Member from Bismarck  
 J. J. Walsh, Secretary and Chief Engineer, State Engineer

OTHERS PRESENT AT THE MEETING:

Honorable Fred G. Aandahl, Assistant Secretary of the Interior  
 Kenneth F. Vernon, Regional Director, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, Billings, Mont.  
 Bruce Johnson, District Manager, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, Bismarck, N. Dak.

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 o'clock p.m. by Governor Brunsdale with Commissioners Curtis Olson, A. M. Christensen, Earle F. Tucker, Secretary Walsh, Honorable Fred G. Aandahl, Assistant Secretary of the Interior, Kenneth F. Vernon, Regional Director of the U. S. Bureau of Reclamation, Billings, Montana, and Bruce Johnson, District Manager of the U. S. Bureau of Reclamation, Bismarck, North Dakota, present.

The matter under consideration was the petition signed by the residents of the upper district 3 of the present Heart River Irrigation District requesting that in the event of the dissolution of the proposed district that they be organized into a separate irrigation district as shown on the petition and the accompanying map.

Mr. Johnson advised the Commission that there will be an election held on October 17 by the present members of the Heart River Irrigation District so that they may signify whether they desire to continue or dissolve the present organized district. The upper district map include 2,000 to 2,700 acres in Grant County depending largely upon those who desire to enter into the proposed upper District.

In discussing this matter with Mr. Aandahl the Commission desired to learn whether or not the present repayment plan would be available. Assistant Secretary Aandahl was of the opinion that charges would remain the same, although the new district water users would be required to take a more active part in the operation and maintenance and assume more responsibility in providing the necessary operating help.

Other matters were discussed with Mr. Vernon and Mr. Johnson on the proposed diversion from Garrison. It was reported that studies and investigations are

proceeding according to schedule, however, they hope that this report will be available in the near future.

As there was no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 4:30 o'clock p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*J. Walsh*  
Secretary

ATTEST:

*Norman Bunsdale*  
Chairman