

MINUTES

of the

NORTH DAKOTA STATE WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Monday	April 19, 1937
Tuesday	April 20, 1937
Bismarck	North Dakota

Present:

Comm. Henry Holt, Grand Forks, N. Dak.
 Comm. F. P. Whitney, Dickinson, N. Dak.
 Comm. D. J. Beakey, Williston, N. Dak.
 Comm. Kenneth W. Simons, Bismarck, N. Dak.
 Comm. G. C. Olson, Mooreton, N. Dak.
 Comm. J. Arthur Engen, Finley, N. Dak.
 Acting Secretary Lavine

Guests:

Mr. J. P. Cain, Dickinson
 Judge H. A. Bronson, Grand Forke

Meeting Room: Governor's Conference Room, State Capitol Building, Bismarck, North Dakota.

In the absence of Governor Langer, Chairman, who was temporarily detained because of a meeting of the State Pardon Board that was in progress, Temporary Chairman Whitney called the meeting of the Commission to order at 2:20 P. M.

The Acting Secretary then called the roll of Commissioners, which roll call showed all Commissioners present with the exception of Chairman Langer, as explained above.

Comm. Simons then suggested that inasmuch as the minutes of the previous meeting had been mailed by the Acting Secretary to all members of the Commission within a few days after the previous meeting, that the reading of the minutes would not be necessary. Comm. Simons then moved that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved without reading. The motion was seconded by Comm. Beakey and upon vote was carried and so ordered by the Chair.

Comm. Simons then presented for the consideration of the Commission a tentative list of By-Laws that were prepared by Judge H. A. Bronson. This suggested list follows:

By-Laws

of

State Water Conservation Commission

- Section 1. Meetings. All meetings of the Commission shall be held in the executive offices of the Governor at Bismarck except otherwise as may be ordered by the Commission.
- Section 2. Official Seal. The seal of the Commission shall be as herewith shown by imprint.
- Section 3. Filing of Oath of Office by Commission Members. Each appointive member of the Commission shall file with the Secretary of this Commission a copy of his oath for qualifications which copy the Secretary shall file and keep as a part of the records of the Commission together with the term of appointment as made by the Governor.

Section 4. Duties of the Secretary. The Secretary shall keep a minute book into which he shall enter all of the proceedings and actions taken by the Commission at all of its meetings, and a certified copy of such minutes over the signature of the Secretary together with the official seal of the Commission shall be official evidence of the action of the Commission.

The Secretary shall keep such books of accounts as are necessary to cover the receipts of all monies and the expenditures of the Commission which will show State funds and all other funds received from any source and which will show specifically the object, purpose and reason for all expenditures.

The Secretary shall keep also such books as may be necessary into which shall be recorded the filing of each application for any project or work of construction by the Commission, together with a record of the action or reference of the Commission.

The Secretary shall keep such books of record as may be necessary into which shall be recorded the filing of each application for any project or work of construction by the Commission, together with a record of the action or reference of the Commission.

The Secretary shall keep such books of records as may be necessary to cover all bills and accounts presented to the Commission, but, with respect to separate projects or works, may maintain separate books for each project in which specific bills or accounts effecting such projects will be shown.

Section 5. Order of Business. The order of business at all meetings of the Commission shall be substantially as follows:

- (a) Roll call by Secretary
- (b) Reading of minutes of previous meeting
- (c) Report of Secretary
- (d) Report of standing committees
- (e) Report of State Planning Board
- (f) Report of State Water Agencies
- (g) Report of Red River Drainage Basin
Commission of the Red River of the
North
- (h) Report of Chief Engineer
- (i) Report of Consultant
- (j) Report of Special Committees on
various projects.
- (k) Presentation and consideration of
new applications
- (l) Consideration and audit of bills
and accounts

Section 6. Standing Committees. There shall be appointed by the Chairman the following standing committees whose duties shall be as follows:

- (a) Committee on Scope and Program whose duty it shall be to consider all plans and programs presented by any agency for investigation, survey, or work and to report upon the feasibility of such.

- (b) Audit Committee whose duty it shall be to audit all bills and accounts and, with the Secretary, shall prepare and propose all necessary books of account and records.
- (c) Red River Drainage Commission Committee whose duty it shall be to consider all plans, programs, and acts of the Red River of the North Drainage Basin Commission and of the Tri-State Waters Commission of Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota jointly acting as such and to cooperate with these Commissions and to give such aid and assistance as may be necessary in behalf of the State Water Conservation Commission.
- (d) State Planning Committee whose duty it shall be to advise and consult with the State Planning Board on its work affecting the acts of the State Water Conservation Commission, and to make reports thereof to this Commission.
- (e) State Soil Conservation Committee whose duty it shall be to consider all plans and programs of work of the State Soil Conservation Commission established by the law of North Dakota (Senate Bill No. 222, Twenty-fifth legislative assembly) that are concerned with the construction and maintenance of dikes, dams, ditches and the like and to cooperate with this Committee and to report thereon to this Commission
- (f) Mouse River Committee whose duty it shall be to consider all plans, programs and acts of the Mouse River Commission, established by the law of North Dakota, (House Bill 341), to cooperate with the Mouse River Commission and to report thereon to the State Water Conservation Commission.
- (g) Irrigation Projects Committee whose duty it shall be to consider all plans, programs and actions of any agency, persons, or organizations concerning irrigation projects, to investigate, plan and propose in respect thereto and to report thereon to this Commission
- (h) Missouri River Diversion Committee whose duty it shall be to consider all plans, programs and acts of any agencies, persons or organizations, State or Federal, private or public, that concern the diversion of water from the Missouri River into other streams, channels, lakes, rivers and the like of the State and to make proposals with respect thereto and to report thereon to this Commission.

(1) Other Standing Committees as this Commission may establish from time to time.

Section 7. There shall be appointed by the Chairman from time to time such special committees as this Conservation Commission may order from time to time and with such duties as may be specially designed.

Comm. Simons then moved that the suggested by-laws so read be approved tentatively with the understanding that revisions to these may be made at the next or subsequent meetings of the Commission. Comm. Holt seconded this motion which, upon vote, carried.

The Acting Secretary then read a communication from Dean Walster in which he attached a memorandum covering a suggested agreement between the State Water Conservation Commission and the Agricultural College for the cooperative employment of Mr. William H. Farmer as Extension Irrigationist. (Memorandum attached hereto.)

Comm. Simons then moved that the arrangement suggested by Dean Walster, and as provided in his memorandum, be accepted and approved by the Commission. Comm. Beakey seconded this motion, which, upon vote, carried.

The Acting Secretary then read the list of recent appointments of staff persons made by the Acting Secretary and by Mr. Thomas and Mr. Lewis, as authorized by the Commission at its previous meeting.

Comm. Holt then moved that the appointment of the persons so read be affirmed. This motion was seconded by Mr. Olson, and , upon vote, carried.

A general discussion then followed concerning the probable expenditures for administrative purposes that the Commission would make in view of expenditures already made and involved. In general, it was the opinion that the \$112,500 appropriated to the Commission for administrative purposes for the period until July 1, 1939 would not be sufficient to carry out all of the functions of the Commission and therefore, careful consideration will have to be given to future commitments.

Discussion then followed regarding the possibility of securing additional funds to carry out the full program of water conservation in the State by getting the County Board of Commissioners throughout the State to include in their budget for 1937-38 an item for water conservation. It was thought that the counties could then give financial assistance towards getting additional engineering service on water conservation projects.

Comm. Simons then moved that the question of getting such aid from counties and/or municipalities be referred to the Committee on Scope and Programs which is to be appointed shortly by the Chairman, with instructions to report back to the Commission at its next meeting concerning this matter. Comm. Engen seconded this motion, which, upon vote, carried.

At this time (3:45 P. M.) Chairman Langer appeared and assumed the Chair.

The Chairman directed the attention of the Commission to the meeting of the Projects Committee of the Rivers and Harbors Congress in Washington, D. C. on April 23 and 24 and the Convention of the Congress on April 26 and 27. A general discussion concerning the importance of this congress followed. Acting Secretary Lavine read several communications from the Secretary of

the National Rivers and Harbors Congress, and reported that the following project's applications were submitted by him to the Congress in behalf of the State of North Dakota.

Name of Project	National Rivers & Harbors Congress.	
North Dakota Pumping Project	Application No.	208-R
Washburn Irrigation Project	" "	209-R
Bismarck Pumping Project	" "	210-R
Broncho & Hazen, Beulah, Reservoir Project	" "	212-R
Heart Butte Pumping Project	" "	214-R
Bowman Irrigation Project	" "	217-R
Pipestem Creek, Reservoir Project	" "	294
Little Beaver Creek, Reservoir Project	" "	295
Little Missouri River, Reservoir Project	" "	296
Dickinson Reservoir Project	" "	297
Main Stem Missouri River Pumping Project	" "	298
Red River of the North Basin Water Program	" "	299

Governor Langer then appointed the following persons to proceed to Washington at once to appear before the Projects Committee and the convention of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress in behalf of the North Dakota Projects, and to confer with officials of the various federal agencies in Washington regarding the program of the State Water Conservation Commission in an effort to expedite a cooperative work program:

- Commissioner Holt
- Commissioner Olson
- Acting Secretary Lavine
- J. P. Cain, Chairman, State Planning Board

At 4:00 P. M. Mr. A. D. McKinnon, North Dakota Coordinator, Soil Conservation Service, appeared before the Committee and outlined an exceptionally fine program whereby the Soil Conservation Service and the State Water Conservation Commission could cooperate in providing work for a number of CCC camps in the State. Mr. McKinnon pointed out that a cooperative program would make possible the return of a number of CCC camps on a permanent basis. They were not returned to the State this season because they cannot interfere with a farmer's use of his land and therefore would not have been able to proceed on soil conservation work until the crop had been harvested. In the meantime, they would have had to work on "improvised jobs" of an unsatisfactory nature.

Under the plan of cooperation, soil conservation districts would be organized by watershed areas under provisions of an act passed by the last legislature. Then the Water Conservation Commission would help in organizing irrigation district within the same watershed or soil conservation districts. This would then make possible the use of the CCC camps to work on dams and irrigation projects during the time when they could not work on the land in connection with their soil conservation activities. In the winter these camps would concentrate on forest improvement work in the river bottoms.

The soil conservation service would use the CCC camps to do pasture furrowing, terracing, contour listing and similar practices to hold down the dust and increase productivity.

The need for cooperation was made evident by the discussion that followed. As a result it was proposed to attempt the organization of districts in the following counties:

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| 1. Burleigh | 5. McKenzie | 9. Griggs | 13. Cass |
| 2. Stark | 6. Williams | 10. Steele | 14. LaMoure |
| 3. Hettinger | 7. Nelson | 11. Traill | |
| 4. Slope | 8. Wells | 12. Grand Forks | |

Governor Langer then suggested that Mr. McKinnon meet with a committee of the Water Conservation Commission at Grand Forks on April 19 at which time details would be worked out for holding a series of meetings in the counties listed above to explain to the farmer and others the proposed program. Mr. McKinnon indicated that he would attend this meeting in Grand Forks.

At 4:45 P. M. Mr. Albert V. Hartl appeared before the Commission to report on his study of an adequate accounting system for the Commission, which study he made at the request of the Commission, through the Acting Secretary. Mr. Hartl described the various accounts or funds that the Commission will have to consider as required by the provisions of the act establishing the Commission. Mr. Hartl then recommended that the Commission purchase a mechanical bookkeeping system and employ one full time accountant. A mechanical system would provide for uniformity and completeness of accounting record, two important items. Mr. Hartl reported also that a mechanical system would cost about \$1,800.

Comm. Holt then moved that the matter of purchasing adequate mechanical bookkeeping system be left to a committee consisting of Governor Langer, Comm. Simons and Mr. Hartl, with power to purchase such a system if found desirable. This motion was seconded by Comm. Olson, and, upon vote, carried unanimously.

Comm. Holt then moved that the meeting be recessed until 7:00 P. M. in the Governor's conference room.

Members Present:

Commissioner Simons
Commissioner Whitney
Commissioner Holt
Commissioner Olson
Commissioner Engen
Commissioner Beakey
Acting Secretary Lavine

Guests:

Mr. M. R. Lewis
Mr. E. J. Thomas
Mr. C. E. Mannerow
Judge H. A. Bronson

The Acting Secretary then read a communication from Mr. W. W. McLaughlin of the Bureau of Agricultural Engineering in which he recommended most highly Mr. George S. Knapp of Topeka, Kansas, for the temporary position of technical advisor to the Commission. Mr. Knapp has had many years of irrigation experience as also administrative experience. He is presently employed by the State of Kansas but Mr. McLaughlin thought it might be possible for him to obtain a leave of absence for six months to help the Commission. Mr. Lewis further added to the recommendation of Mr. Knapp.

Comm. Holt then moved that the Acting Secretary be directed to invite Mr. Knapp to act as Technical Advisor to the Commission for a period of six months at a salary not to exceed \$400 per month. This motion was seconded by Comm. Beakey who added that the employment of such capable men as Mr. Knapp and Mr. Lewis would do much to strengthen the confidence of the various federal agencies in the work and the program of the Commission. Upon vote this motion carried unanimously.

The Acting Secretary then reported to the Commission that Mr. A. D. McKinnon wished to turn over to the Commission all of the easement holdings and any other interests on land now in possession of the Soil Conservation Service in behalf of the State. Comm. Simons moved that the Commission accept this offer of the Soil Conservation Service and that the Acting Secretary notify Mr. McKinnon of this action by the Commission. This motion was seconded by Comm. Olson and, upon vote, carried.

The matter of demploying legal counsel to prepare new forms for contracts, bonds, etc.

was then discussed by the Commission. The immediate need for this work was apparent. Comm. Holt then moved that the Acting Secretary be directed to employ Mr. J. P. Cain of Dickinson, North Dakota, to prepare such forms as are needed, and that in making this appointment Mr. Cain should be notified that he is to submit a detailed bill for the services rendered to the Commission, which bill shall be subject to the approval of the Commission before payment is made. Comm. Engen seconded this motion which, upon vote, carried.

Comm. Holt then brought to the attention of the Commission the fact that the Red River of the North Drainage Basin had been appointed by the Governor and that under the provisions of the act establishing the Water Conservation Commission, the Water Commission could provide funds for the operation of the Red River Commission. Comm. Holt pointed out that the Red River Commission would need legal and secretarial help. Comm. Olson then moved that the State Water Conservation Commission authorize the Red River of the North Drainage Basin Commission to employ such legal and secretarial help as may be needed and that the Water Commission would provide the funds for this employment. This motion was seconded by Comm. Simons and, upon vote, carried unanimously.

Comm. Whitney then discussed with the Commission the work of the North Dakota Conservation Association and indicated the intense interest of the Association in the program of the Water Conservation Commission. Comm. Holt then moved that the Acting Secretary be directed to write the President of the Association asking the cooperation of the Association in furthering the program of water conservation in the state. This motion was seconded by Comm. Simons and, upon vote, carried.

The Acting Secretary then read a resolution addressed to the Commission by the Northeastern North Dakota Water Conservation Association urging that the plans, programs, and projects of the Association be given earnest consideration by the Commission. Comm. Holt then moved that the Acting Secretary be directed to acknowledge receipt of the resolution and to let the Association know that the Commission is very much interested in their program and will lend every support within its power to further this. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Olson and, upon vote, carried. Mr. C. E. Mannerow, office engineer, then placed before the Commission certain contracts for irrigation projects with the request that the Commission act upon these. The Commission then proceeded to review and study these. Action was then taken as follows:

<u>Contract No.</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Commission Action</u>
3	Anton Kostelecky, Dickinson	Approved
5	R. L. Williamson, Buford	Approved
6	V. M. Craven, Menoken	Approved
7	Frank Lassey, Cartwright	Approved
8	Fred Sinerius, Beulah	Approved upon condition that the mortgagor, The Bank of North Dakota, adhere to the policy established by the Commission regarding option by lease holder.

<u>Contract No.</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Commission Action</u>
10	F. W. McGillic, Mandan	Approved
11	Alf Olafson, Halliday	Approved
14	R. B. Millhouse, Cartwright	Approved
17	Harvey Moxley, Beulah	Tabled for further investigation.
23	T. E. McGregor, Arnegard	Approved
29	H. J. Houser, Sanish	Approved
31	Ralph McGirl, Elgin	Approved
35	Roy McColl, Cartwright	Approved
37	Anton A. Bolte, Regent	Approved
40	M. D. Graham, Burlington	Approved
42	Fred O. Hanson, Garrison	Approved
26	Anna Rix, Mandan	Approved
9	W. T. Krebsbach, Reeder	Approved on basis of 70 acres.

Comm. Simons then moved that the policy of the Commission shall be that when a contract is entered into with a lease holder on land to be included in a project by the Commission, that the lease holder must have an option to purchase the land at general land values in existence at the time of entering the contract. This motion was seconded by Comm. Olson and, upon vote, carried.

At the conclusion of the consideration of the above application, Comm. Holt moved that the meeting be recessed until 9:00 A. M., Tuesday morning, April 20, 1937.

Tuesday, April 20, 1937, the Commission reconvened at 9:00 A. M. in the Governor's Conference Room, Bismarck, North Dakota.

In the absence of Governor Langer, Chairman, Comm. Whitney, Temporary Chairman, presided.

Upon roll call the following members were present:

Commissioner Whitney
 Commissioner Simons
 Commissioner Holt
 Commissioner Olson
 Commissioner Engen
 Commissioner Beakey
 Acting Secretary Lavine

Guests: Mr. M. R. Lewis
 Mr. Oscar Becker
 Mr. C. E. Mannerow

Mr. M. D. Hollis, State Sanitary Engineer, appeared before the Commission and presented a report "Concise Discussion on Data on Stream Pollution and Stream Purification Phenomena with Special Reference to North Dakota."

Mr. Hollis then discussed this subject orally and presented a very clear picture of the situation. He emphasized the need for accurate data before definite action should be taken on correcting stream pollution. Mr. Hollis also called to the attention of the Commission two bills now before the Congress that relate to stream pollution. These are Senate Bill No. 702 and House Bill No. 2711, which are attached herewith. ✓

Comm. Holt then moved that the excellent report by Mr. Hollis be accepted by the Commission and that Chief Engineer Thomas be directed to cooperate with Mr. Hollis and the State Health Department in the matter of stream pollution and that the Commission urge the Tri-State authority of Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota that is soon to be set up, to lend every effort in correcting these conditions, and that the Commission write to the North Dakota representatives in Congress urging the passage of the above referred to bills. This motion was seconded by Comm. Simons and, upon vote, carried. ✓

Comm. Holt then moved that the Acting Secretary be directed to write to the State Health Department to urge that a laboratory study of stream pollution in this State be made as soon as possible. Comm. Olson seconded this motion which, upon vote, carried. ✓

Comm. Simons then reported to the Commission that the Committee delegated to investigate the matter of purchasing a mechanical bookkeeping system had made a study of various types and desired to recommend the purchase of a Burroughs system. This system costs \$1,923.00 but the State receives a 5% discount making the net to the State at \$1,826.25, payable in 30 days. The machine can be purchased on a basis of 20 percent down and the remainder payable in 12 months, but that interest at the rate of 6 percent on the unpaid balance would amount to \$43.84.

Comm. Olson then moved that the Acting Secretary be directed to purchase the Burroughs mechanical bookkeeping system recommended by the Committee for \$1,826.25 payable in 30 days. Comm. Holt seconded this motion and, upon vote, carried unanimously.

At 10:30 A. M. Mr. Hulterstrom, Game and Fish Commissioner, appeared before the Commission and discussed the water program of his Commission. Mr. Hulterstrom pointed out that the funds of his Department are limited but that he desired to cooperate with the State Water Conservation Commission.

Comm. Holt then moved that the Acting Secretary be directed to inform Mr. Hulterstrom that the Water Conservation Commission will cooperate with the Game and Fish Department as far as consistently possible. Comm. Engen seconded this motion which, upon vote, carried.

Mr. M. R. Lewis then discussed the matter of water use for recreation insofar as it might effect other uses for the waters of the State. Thus, he suggested that the Commission urge the planting of trees along certain dams and reservoirs and that park areas be constructed below the reservoir.

Comm. Simons then moved that the Chief Engineer be instructed to suggest to the WPA, CCC, Biological Survey and any other state, local or federal agencies interested in constructing dams the desirability of including control gates in all dams built in the State. This motion was seconded by Comm. Olson and, upon vote, carried.

The Acting Secretary then read several communications endorsing Michael Tschida for Secretary of the Commission. Comm. Simons then moved that these endorsements be filed and that the Acting Secretary acknowledge these. This motion was seconded by Comm. Holt, and, upon vote, carried.

At 11:10 A. M. Governor Langer returned to the meeting and assumed the Chair.

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The Commission then acted upon the following additional contracts:

<u>Contract No.</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Commission Action</u>
48	Ervin Burgois, Bismarck	Approved
60	L. R. Coman	Approved with provision that a first mortgage be held on land to be improved.
11	Alf Olafson, Halliday	Approved
17	Harvey Moxley, Beulah	Approved

A discussion was then had as to the advisability of the Commission undertaking to dig wells for individuals who apply for such help. It was apparent from this discussion that the limited funds of the Commission would not permit such an activity. Comm. Beakey then moved that the present policy of the Commission shall be to not undertake well digging projects. This motion was seconded by Comm. Simons which, upon vote, carried.

Governor Langer then appointed the following committee:

Commissioner Simons
Commissioner Whitney

who are to act with Governor Langer as the Irrigation Project Committee with power to act on contracts for the Commission.

At 11:50 A. M. Mayor Beyerly of Mandan and a delegation of citizens appeared before the Commission seeking financial aid from the Commission in building a much needed filtration plant in Mandan. The Mayor reported that the city of Mandan is sponsoring a WPA project for the construction of a filtration plant at a cost of approximately \$163,000 which will require a sponsor's contribution of about \$56,000.

After some discussion, the Chairman suggested that the Mayor return at 2:00 P. M. for a further discussion of this matter.

Comm. Beakey then moved that the meeting be recessed until 1:30 P. M. This motion was seconded by Comm. Holt, and, upon vote, carried.

The Commission reconvened at 1:30 P. M. with all members present and with Governor Langer in the Chair.

Mr. M. O. Ryan, Executive Director of the North Dakota State Planning Board appeared before the Commission and gave a detailed report of his meetings in Washington with heads of various federal agencies concerning the water conservation program of North Dakota. Mr. Ryan detailed his meetings with General Markham, Commissioner Page, Mr. Eliot of the National Resources Committee, Mr. Appleby, Secretary to Secretary Wallace of the Agricultural Department and others. Mr. Ryan recommended that the Water Conservation Commission give serious thought to the matter of having a representative in Washington during the next 90 days to follow through the water program of the Commission before Congress.

Upon completion of this report, the Commission began consideration of the matter of

appointing one or more fieldmen to help the Commission in organizing cooperative irrigation districts among groups of farmers who desire to do this and to assist farmers in the field in submitting applications for aid to the Commission. Comm. Beakey then moved that the matter of the employment of fieldmen for the Commission be left to the action of Chairman Langer. This motion was seconded by Comm. Simons and, upon vote, carried.

The Commission then discussed the advisability of employing a competent municipal engineer for full time work so that the Commission may be able to give good sound advice to municipalities in regard to cost, design, etc. of water works, sewage treatment plants, etc. This matter was tabled for further discussion at the next meeting of the Commission.

Comm. Simons then called to the attention of the Commission the fact that a permanent organization had not been perfected and suggested that this be done at once. Accordingly, Comm. Simons moved that nomination of Comm. Holt for the office of permanent vice-chairman. There being no additional nominations for this office, the Chair called for a vote which was as follows:

Commissioner Olson	-	Holt
Commissioner Engen	-	Holt
Commissioner Holt	-	Passed
Commissioner Simons	-	Holt
Commissioner Whitney	-	Holt
Commissioner Beakey	-	Holt
Chairman Langer	-	Holt

Six votes having been recorded for Comm. Holt with one Commissioner passing his vote, Chairman Langer declared the election of Comm. Holt to the position of permanent Vice-Chairman.

Comm. Simons then moved the nomination of Comm. Beakey for the position of permanent Secretary. There being no further nomination, Chairman Langer called for a vote which was as follows:

Commissioner Olson	-	Beakey
Commissioner Engen	-	Beakey
Commissioner Holt	-	Beakey
Commissioner Simons	-	Beakey
Commissioner Whitney	-	Beakey
Commissioner Beakey	-	Passed
Chairman Langer	-	Beakey

Six votes having been recorded for Commissioner Beakey with one vote passed, Chairman Langer declared the election of Commissioner Beakey to the position of permanent Secretary.

Comm. Beakey then announced his wish that his election to the position of permanent Secretary become effective as of May 1, 1937, at which time he would tender his resignation to the Chairman as a member of the Commission.

Comm. Simons then moved that the salary of the permanent Secretary be \$250 per month and that the appointment of Comm. Beakey as permanent Secretary become effective May 1, 1937. Vice Chairman Holt seconded this motion, which, upon vote, carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman Holt then brought to the attention of the Commission the desirability of having available the services of Dr. Irvin Lavine to the Commission. Furthermore, he stated that the Red River Drainage Commission desires to have Dr. Lavine act as its Secretary and Consultant.

Comm. Simons then moved that the Commission authorize the employment of Dr. Irvin Lavine as a consultant to the Commission with the understanding that his services would be available also to the Red River Drainage Basin Commission in such capacity as might be needed and that his employment be on a per diem basis of \$10.00 per day and not to exceed \$100 per month, it being understood that Dr. Lavine was presently employed by the National Resources Committee on a basis of 20 days per month. Comm. Olson seconded this motion which, upon vote, carried unanimously.

Chairman Langer then announced the following Committee appointments:

Scope and Program
Commissioner Whitney - Chairman
Vice Chairman Holt

Audit Committee
Commissioner Engen - Chairman
Commissioner Simons

Tri-State Authority
Vice Chairman Holt - Chairman
Commissioner Olson
Chairman Langer

State Planning
Commissioner Whitney - Chairman
Vice Chairman Holt

State Soil Conservation
Commissioner Simons - Chairman
Commissioner Engen
Commissioner Olson

Missouri River Diversion
Vice Chairman Holt - Chairman
Commissioner Olson
Commissioner Whitney
Governor Langer

Irrigation Projects
Commissioner Simons - Chairman
Commissioner Whitney
Chairman Langer

Mouse River Commission
Commissioner Olson - Chairman
Commissioner Engen

At 2:15 P. M., Comm. Engen moved that the meeting be adjourned subject to the call of the Chair. Comm. Simons seconded this motion which, upon vote, carried.



Irvin Lavine, Acting Secretary