

MINUTES OF A  
MEETING OF THE  
STATE WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Held in Fargo Association of Commerce Offices, Fargo,  
North Dakota on Monday, August 31, 1942.

The regular meeting of the State Water Conservation Commission was called to order at 9:45 A.M., Monday, August 31st, 1942, in the offices of the Fargo Association of Commerce, Fargo, North Dakota. Roll was called with Vice Chairman Holt, Comms. Simons and Thompson present. Governor Moses and Comm. Dahl absent. Vice Chairman Holt presided.

Minutes of the last meeting of the Commission, held in Bismarck on June 11th, 1942, having been sent to each Commissioner, and no errors being noted, it was moved by Comm. Simons and seconded by Comm. Thompson that the minutes of the meeting be approved and placed on file. The motion carried, all Commissioners voting aye.

Financial reports were handed to each Commissioner. Inasmuch as there were no errors noted and no changes required, it was moved by Comm. Thompson and seconded by Comm. Simons that the financial reports be approved and placed on file. Motion carried, all Commissioners voting aye. Copies of reports enclosed herewith.

Comm. Dahl came into the meeting at approximately 10:10 A.M.

Vice Chairman Holt explained that the Water Commission meeting was being held in Fargo at the convenience of Governor Moses, and also for the purpose of meeting with representatives of the North Dakota Resources Board and the Greater North Dakota Association. There was a brief discussion held before the members of the North Dakota Resources Board and the Greater North Dakota Association came into the meeting, as to whether the Water Commission would be in a position to employ an agent in Washington to work in connection with the North Dakota Resources Board, which it was generally agreed to do, provided, of course, the Commission had funds available for that purpose. It was deemed likely by the Commissioners that in order to do so, it might be necessary to take funds from one budget item for use in another fund.

It was moved by Comm. Thompson and seconded by Comm. Simons that in the event it becomes necessary to ask the Emergency Commission for authority to transfer funds from one item of the budget to another item to make funds available for specific purposes, all such items of transfer would be presented to the Emergency Commission for approval. Motion carried, all Commissioners voting aye.

After a brief discussion of the proposed state-wide meeting to be called by the Water Commission for the purpose of forming a state-wide conservancy district, it was decided to hold the matter in abeyance for discussion at the next commission meeting.

With reference to the items of suggested legislation which the commission hopes to have passed at the forthcoming session of the legislature, it was decided to discuss the various items at the next Water Commission meeting.

For the purpose of preparing the 1943-1944 Water Commission Budget, Vice Chairman Holt appointed Comm. Thompson and Comm. Simons as members of a Committee to work on the budget.

Motion was made by Comm. Dahl and seconded by Comm. Simons that the Secretary and Comm. Thompson work with Mr. Iver Acker to prepare legislation to be recommended for passage by the next legislature; and that Comm. Simons and Comm. Thompson be appointed to work on the budget for the years 1943-1944 with Mr. Tucker, the Secretary, same to be submitted to Governor Moses for his approval and suggestions. Roll was called with Comms. Thompson, Simons and Dahl and Vice Chairman Holt voting aye. Governor Moses absent. Motion carried.

The Secretary stated that, in his opinion, legislation ought to be enacted providing that fences be built around dams, allowing stock to water below the dams, and at the same time protect the wild life and vegetation around the dam. The Secretary also stated that the federal government should be asked to show what improvements have been made on streams they have appropriated, and if none can be found, they should be required to give up their permits.

Vice Chairman Holt introduced Mr. H. A. Drake of Radcliffe, Iowa, and Mr. Jay S. Newcomer of Eldora, Iowa, who appeared at the meeting regarding their application to divert and appropriate water from Long Creek which empties into Long Lake. After considerable discussion, it was moved by Comm. Simons and seconded by Comm. Thompson that the application of Mr. Drake and Mr. Newcomer for two acre feet of water per acre, on 68.6 acres, per season, be granted, subject to prior rights of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Motion carried, with all Commissioners voting aye.

Mr. Drake and Mr. Newcomer left the meeting.

Vice Chairman Holt stated that there were representatives of the North Dakota Resources Board, Greater North Dakota Association, Tri-State Waters Commission, Farm Security Administration, North Dakota Reclamation Association, and Northern Pacific Railway Company, waiting to meet with members of the Commission for the purpose of conferring particularly with the North Dakota Resources Board Committee in the promoting of a state-wide water program in North Dakota.

The following listed men came into the meeting:

Mr. B. E. Groom, Secretary, Greater North Dakota Ass'n, Fargo, N. Dak.  
Mr. Murray Baldwin, Executive Secretary of North Dakota Resources Board,  
Fargo, North Dakota.  
Mr. Marc J. Connolly, Assistant Secretary, Greater North Dakota Ass'n,  
Fargo, North Dakota.  
Mr. A. J. Dexter, Agricultural Development Agent, Northern Pacific Railway,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.  
Mr. Alex Jardine, Member, North Dakota Resources Board, Fargo, N. Dak.  
Mr. W. L. Gardner, Member, North Dakota Resources Board, New England, N.D.  
Mr. Ralph Welch, Member, Greater North Dakota Ass'n, Fargo, N. Dak.  
Mayor Fred Olsen, Fargo, North Dakota.  
Mr. Fred Hagen, City Engineer, Fargo, North Dakota.  
Mr. R. A. H. Brandt, Chamber of Commerce, Minot, North Dakota.  
Mr. Harry E. Polk, State Director, North Dakota Reclamation Ass'n, Williston, N.  
Mr. A. T. Brandt, Member, Tri-State Waters Commission, Moorhead, Minn.  
Mr. R. F. Mauser, Water Facilities, Farm Security Administration, Huron, S.D.  
Mr. W. W. Blain, Secretary, Ass'n of Commerce, Grand Forks, North Dakota.

Mr. B. E. Groom, Secretary of the Greater North Dakota Association, stated that the Resources Board was vitally interested in the water program, and desired to confer

with the Water Commission in order to agree on a plan of action in the promotion of the water program, and they desired to work through the Water Commission in this plan.

Mr. Groom introduced Mr. Murray Baldwin of Fargo who is Executive Secretary of the North Dakota Resources Board. Mr. Baldwin stated that the Resources Board was now in operation with Mr. Fred J. Fredrickson of Valley City representing them in Washington, D.C., and he was prepared to put forth effort on the water program, as soon as he was given the "go ahead" signal and the plan of action.

Mr. Holt introduced Mr. Tucker, Secretary of the Water Commission, who gave a brief explanation of the proposed state-wide water plan, which the Commission hopes to have in readiness for immediate construction after the war. The Secretary explained in some detail the Bureau of Reclamation's plan and the Army's plan, and referred to the unfavorable reports which had been made by the Army, and the fact that appeals must be written up in October. He further stated that most of the small projects were receiving unfavorable reports by the U. S. Bureau of Reclamation, and that it would be necessary to prevail upon them to make favorable reports by inclusion of additional benefits not yet considered. Mr. Tucker stated that the Water Commission projects would total an estimated \$360,000,000.00 for the entire program.

Mr. Tucker touched upon the necessity of having a compact between the four states of North Dakota, South Dakota, Wyoming and Montana, because Montana and Wyoming could easily utilize all the water available before it entered into North Dakota. He stated that North Dakota would ask for over nine-million acre feet of water at the forthcoming Yellowstone Compact meeting to be held in Denver, Colorado.

Mr. Holt mentioned that combined basin-wide surveys by the Army and Tri-State Waters Commission were being made in the Red River Valley from flood control, drainage and sanitation angles.

Mr. Tucker explained that these reports were unfavorable because of the high cost per acre involved; and that the Bureau, in his judgment, did not look with favor on any project costing over \$100.00 per acre.

Mr. Tucker discussed the Moberg Dam proposed for construction in South Dakota and the attendant benefits which may accrue to North Dakota from the power generated in connection with Fort Peck.

Mr. Holt introduced Mayor Olsen of Fargo who assured the Commission of the hearty cooperation of the City of Fargo, and of himself as an individual, in the Water Commission's program.

Mr. Fred Hagen, City Engineer of Fargo, was introduced next and stated that he could only corroborate the statements of Mayor Olsen.

Mr. Harry E. Polk of Williston, State Director of the North Dakota Reclamation Association, stated that the Reclamation Association was keenly interested in the water program and he felt, speaking as an official of the North Dakota Reclamation Association and a member of the National Reclamation Association, that their projects would stand a very good chance of being placed in operation after the present war is over.

Mr. Polk explained that the Water Commission was the administrative agency and the North Dakota Reclamation Association, Greater North Dakota Association,

American Legion, etc., were merely promotional agencies.

Mr. Polk stated that Mr. L. T. Orlady of Jamestown, Chairman of the Conservation Committee of the American Legion had asked him to speak for him at the meeting. He stated that through the past year the American Legion had carried out the most intensive program it had ever carried, in the promotion of the State Water Commission program, and further stated that 7500 legionnaires were again joining with the Water Commission in their program in 1942-1943.

Mr. A. T. Brandt of Moorhead, Minnesota, and a member of the Tri-State Waters Commission, speaking in behalf of the Commission, stated that they hoped to promote every possible project to get them in shape for submission now in order to have a program of construction after the war. He further stated that the Tri-State Waters Commission's interest extended to the very western borders of North Dakota and was not restricted to only the eastern half of the state, and that the Commission would be glad to join hands with the State Water Commission in any of their projects.

Mr. Ray Brandt of Minot, member of the Association of Commerce of that city, in acknowledging his introduction to the meeting, made mention of the importance of all organizations working in the same direction.

Mr. Alex Jardine of Fargo, member of the North Dakota Resources Board, came into the meeting.

Mr. A. J. Dexter, Agricultural Development Agent of the Great Northern Railway, St. Paul, Minnesota, stated that one of the things to do in promotion of interest in reclamation, was to build up a large attendance for the coming North Dakota Reclamation Convention to be held in Mandan on October 5th and 6th. Mr. Dexter indicated that in his opinion working up state-wide interest in irrigation would be difficult in view of the abundant rainfall in North Dakota for the past two years.

Mr. W. W. Blain, Secretary of the Grand Forks Association of Commerce and member of the Resources Board, was introduced next. He merely stated his desire to work with the Commission in their water program.

Mr. W. L. Gardner, New England, North Dakota, a member of both the Reclamation Association and the North Dakota Resources Board, expressed the opinion that compacts should be formed with Wyoming and Montana and South Dakota and Nebraska. He stated that state-wide interest and prepared projects would be to no avail, if other states were not agreeable to the North Dakota plans.

Mr. R. F. Mauser, Farm Security Administration Water Facilities representative from Huron, South Dakota, was introduced. He stated that the Farm Security Administration, although an agriculturally-minded organization, is deeply interested in irrigation, because of its relation to agriculture. He further stated that the Farm Security Administration was particularly interested in the power dam at Moberge, which would furnish cheap power for irrigation along the Missouri River and would considerably reduce the cost of proposed projects which are now considered unfavorable because of high costs, one of the most important being the cost of power.

Mr. Einar Dahl, a member of the State Water Conservation Commission, was introduced as the only irrigation farmer present. Mr. Dahl spoke of the Lower Yellowstone Irrigation Pumping Project and stated as an example of the success of irrigation projects that tax collections in McKenzie County on unirrigated lands were only 30% to 35%, whereas tax collections from farmers using irrigation were 100%. Mr. Dahl concluded his remarks by stating that neither he nor his sons would go back to dry farming.

Mr. Ralph Welch of Fargo, former County Agent of McKenzie County stated that he could corroborate Mr. Dahl's statements on the McKenzie tax collections and spoke further on the benefits of irrigation.

Mr. Holt stated that the Water Commission had the assurance of the North Dakota Resources Board, Greater North Dakota Association, North Dakota Reclamation Ass'n, American Legion and other organizations that they would back the water program. He stated that the Water Commission, with the help of all the organizations, would have the projects ready for construction immediately after the war, and that such help would be greatly appreciated.

Mr. Holt expressed appreciation on behalf of the Water Commission to the gentlemen who attended the meeting and expressed the thanks of the Commission for their aid in the past.

Mr. Kenneth Simons asked the group what, in their opinion, the public reaction would be to the Water Commission making a financial contribution to the Resources Board and secondly, what instructions should the Water Commission give the Resources Board representative in Washington with reference to the water development program in the state.

Mr. Baldwin stated that he had thought the matter over and in turn, asked of what use it was to have a representative in Washington, if money couldn't be turned over to him to sponsor programs. He suggested that they might be able to sell Mr. Frederickson's time in Washington.

Mr. Simons stated that would be the only legal way it could be done and again asked what the public reaction would be.

Mr. Groom said that Mr. Frederickson, in contacting various officials in Washington, was informed that it is up to the people of North Dakota to get together on specific things they wanted done. He stated that Mr. Frederickson's time would be at the disposal of the Commission.

Mr. Groom mentioned that there are a lot of people enthused about irrigation who, at the same time, have no definite information to talk intelligently on the subject, and stated it would be necessary to put out literature that would interest and at the same time educate the general public. It is Mr. Groom's opinion that the Water Commission should chart a course and the other organizations in the state should work along these lines. Mr. Groom felt that the public would not care if the Commission paid the Resources Board for Mr. Frederickson's services in promoting irrigation projects.

Mr. Gardner stated it was his opinion that it is a matter of education, down to the school child. One of the ways to do it is advertising. He maintained that if all the people in the state could be made to understand this program, there would be no difficulty so far as expenditures of funds is concerned.

Mr. Groom introduced Mr. Alex Jardine of Fargo, a member of the Resources Board, who expressed the opinion that at least there should be very little criticism of expending funds for irrigation promotion from the eastern half of the state - that the people seem to be very much in favor of irrigation, flood control and reclamation measures.

Mr. Polk explained that the Reclamation Association had attempted to start an educational program last year, but lack of funds held up the effort. He stated that the Reclamation Association had County Directors and that the state is divided into four sections, with officers for each section. Mr. Polk stated he had been placed on the finance committee to act at the Convention on October 5th and 6th at Mandan. He said the committee was working on a plan to carry out a publicity program throughout the state for next year. He suggested that there at least should be a quarterly bulletin put out by the Association working with the Water Commission. Mr. Polk stated that he was thoroughly in accord with all contributions made, but that in his opinion, it might be rather hard to explain an expenditure of funds to the Resources Board, to the State Legislature, and that it might prove a stumbling block at the next session, when the budget request went to the finance committee.

Mr. Holt explained that the Commission had instructed Mr. Tucker to prepare a folder for educational purposes, that is now ready to be printed.

Mr. Hagen stated it was his belief that Mr. Orlady was planning a program for next year that would reach the schools in the state, on the water program of the Commission and the Missouri River Diversion schemes.

Mr. Mauser stated that an intensive campaign would be necessary to keep the need for irrigation foremost in the minds of the people because of the rainy weather the last two years.

Mr. Thompson was called on by Mr. Holt to speak on compacts. Mr. Thompson stressed the importance of compacts and the fact they must be formed and agreed upon very soon. He stated that organizations would not spend money advertising projects unless they knew how much water was available and for what it could be used. He stated that years ago General Freeman informed him that Montana and Wyoming had enough projects to use all the water in the Yellowstone; and therefore, it was important to have compacts agreed upon and ratified by the legislature and again by the Federal Government.

Mr. Thompson further stated the necessity of selling irrigation to candidates for the state legislature, regardless of party affiliation, and secondly, the necessity of forming a state-wide conservancy district. This must be completed before the close of the war and must cover at least three-fourths of the state. It will be necessary to obtain money from legislative appropriations for this job, which work, incidentally, would take about a year. Mr. Thompson stated that Mr. Hagie, Secretary-Manager of the National Reclamation Association had told him that if North Dakota were ready when the war was ended, it would be an almost one hundred percent "sure bet" that the Government would move in and do the job wanted.

Mr. Tucker suggested that the Greater North Dakota Association and the Reclamation Association should get together to aid in the formation of the compact, which could be done in Denver this fall at the Reclamation Convention.

Mr. Dexter asked if there was any information on power, the vital thing behind water, as to whether the steam plant would be constructed at Antioch, but Mr. Tucker stated that so far, nothing had come to his attention regarding the Antioch steam plant controversy.

Meeting was recessed until 1:30 P.M.

Meeting reconvened at 2:00 P.M., with Vice Chairman Holt, Comms. Thompson, Simons and Dahl present. Governor Moses absent.

Mr. Wm. J. Lowe, State Game and Fish Commissioner of Bismarck; Mr. Harry Polk, Mr. B. E. Groom; Mr. Marc J. Connolly; Mr. W. L. Gardner, Mr. Murray Baldwin and Mr. R.F. Mauser were present.

With reference to action taken by the Commission as a result of the Mouse River Hearing held in the Commission Office on February 25, 1942, Comm. Simons asked that the affidavits which had been sent to the Commission Office from various farmers living along the Mouse River be handed to him, and he would prepare a finding of the facts for presentation to the Commission at their next meeting.

Mr. Tucker was asked to report on his trips taken from June 12th to the present time, at the next Commission Meeting.

Regarding the Lower Yellowstone Pumping Project, No. 214, the Lower Yellowstone Irrigation District is to submit to the Commission the agreement proposed by the Montana Water Board which would run between the Irrigation District and the Montana Water Board. The agreement, if received by the Secretary, will be submitted at the next Commission Meeting for approval or correction.

With reference to the forthcoming Yellowstone Compact Commission meeting to be held in Denver some time in October, it was moved by Comm. Simons, seconded by Comm. Thompson that in the event the Yellowstone Compact Commission meeting was held in Denver prior to the next Water Commission meeting, the North Dakota members of the Compact Commission, consisting of Mr. Frank P. Whitney, Mr. M. M. Millhouse and Mr. Tucker be authorized and directed to attend this meeting; expenses to be paid from Water Commission funds. Roll was called with Comms. Thompson, Simons, Dahl and Vice Chairman Holt voting aye. Motion carried.

Regarding the Bismarck Victory Garden Project, No. 326, the Secretary explained that Mr. Boyd, Secretary of the Association of Commerce, Bismarck, sent to the Water Commission an agreement on turn-over of the Victory Gardens to the Chamber of Commerce; however, it was stated by Mr. Tucker that several of the project members did not want it to be handled by the Association of Commerce, but rather would prefer that the Commission handle same.

It was Comm. Simons' opinion, however, that it would be much better business for the operation of the project to be in the hands of the people on the project, and in his opinion, the sooner this was accomplished, the better it would be.

Vice Chairman Holt suggested that before the contract was signed, the Water Commission should have an attorney write up the agreement in such manner as to protect the Commission's investment in regard to payments, etc.

Upon being questioned, Comm. Simons stated that the Chamber of Commerce would do no additional construction without permission of the Commission.

After further discussion, it was moved by Comm. Simons and seconded by Comm. Thompson that the Chairman of the Irrigation Committee, Comm. Simons, and the Secretary be authorized to enter into a contract with the Bismarck Association of Commerce with reference to the management of the Bismarck Victory Gardens, said contract to be presented to Attorney Iver Acker and checked by him to make sure that the Commission's interests are fully protected. Roll was called with Comms. Thompson,

Simons, Dahl and Vice Chairman Holt voting aye. Governor Moses absent. Motion carried.

Mr. Holt stated that he had met with the Resources Committee during the luncheon hour, and that the Committee stood ready to make an offer to the Water Commission as a counter-contribution, if the Commission decided to pay a certain sum of money for Mr. Frederickson's services in Washington, for such length of time as the Commission deems necessary.

Mr. Groom informed the group that the Resources Board was willing to match the Commission dollar for dollar up to \$1500.00, or a combined sum of \$3000.00 for the promotion of irrigation. He stated that Mr. Holt had suggested their publishing the educational folder which the Commission intended to publish.

There followed considerable discussion as to whether the folder should be published at all. Comm. Simons suggested that a pamphlet be published in greater detail than would be possible on the folder, explaining the irrigation program. However, it was agreed that publication of the folder should go forward without delay, costs for printing 10,000 folders to be met by the North Dakota Resources Board.

It was moved by Comm. Thompson and seconded by Comm. Simons, that the Water Commission employ Mr. Fred Fredrickson of Valley City to represent the State Water Conservation Commission in Washington, D.C., and other points in the United States where his services may be of value to the Commission, for the sum of \$100.00 per month, provided arrangements can be made with the Emergency Commission and others to make those funds available; the exact sum to be determined by the Governor and the Secretary of the Commission after an examination of the budget. Roll was called with Comms. Thompson, Simons, Dahl and Vice Chairman Holt voting aye. Motion carried.

Comm. Thompson left the meeting.

Motion was made by Comm. Dahl and seconded by Comm. Simons that the Water Commission would accept Mr. Groom's offer to print the educational folders for the Commission, cost for same to be met by the North Dakota Resources Board. Roll was called with Comms. Simons, Dahl and Vice Chairman Holt voting aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Groom requested that mention be made on the folder that it was printed by the North Dakota Resources Board with permission of the State Water Conservation Commission.

Mr. Groom stated that the Greater North Dakota Association during the past year has taken several colored movies, and that there was probably a half-hour movie on irrigation and allied features. He said that Mr. Welch, his assistant, would be willing to show these movies when and where needed, and would be available to show the film at the National Reclamation Association Convention in Mandan on October 5th and 6th.

Mr. Polk, Mr. Groom, Mr. Connolly, Mr. Gardner and Mr. Baldwin left the meeting.

Mr. Wm. Lowe, State Game and Fish Commissioner, stated that the people of Bottineau County are interested in constructing a dam between north and south Metigoshe Lakes. He stated that there is a small neck called Narrows, over which is a bridge, and a small dam should be constructed there with a regulating control. He



stated that Bottineau County officials would be calling a meeting for the purpose of discussing the necessary arrangements, etc., and requested that a member of the Water Commission be present at the meeting. Mr. Tucker stated that he would be available to attend this meeting with Mr. Lowe, whenever it was called. Mr. Tucker informed Mr. Lowe that he would hand him a report on the Wakopa Survey. Mr. Holt on behalf of the Commission thanked Mr. Lowe for his department's cooperation with the Water Commission.

Motion was made by Comm. Simons and seconded by Comm. Dahl that the Secretary be directed to cooperate with the State Game and Fish Department in regard to the development of Lake Upsilon - Wakopa Creek Project. Roll was called with Comm. Simons, Dahl and Vice Chairman Holt voting aye. Gov. Moses and Comm. Thompson absent. Motion carried.

Mr. Lowe left the meeting.

The Secretary explained that Bishop Vincent Ryan of Bismarck, North Dakota, had informed him that the St. Vincent's Old Peoples' Home would very likely take a plot in the Bismarck Victory Gardens next year. Comm. Simons suggested that this be granted to them at a greatly reduced rental. Motion was made by Comm. Dahl, seconded by Comm. Simons that the matter of the rental for the Old Peoples' Home garden plot in the Victory Garden be left the Chairman of the Irrigation Committee and the Secretary of the Water Commission. Motion carried, all Commissioners voting aye.

With reference to a report on the facts in regard to Section 21, Mellon Land, Comm. Simons stated that he and Judge Christianson would present a written report on the above matter, to be handed to the Secretary for submission at the next commission meeting. ✓

In regard to the sale of Section 19 to the Board of Administration, it was suggested that all material pertaining thereto be furnished the Commissioners at their next Commission Meeting.

With reference to the attempts of the Commission to secure an easement for right-of-way for an irrigation ditch on the Bismarck Project, the Secretary explained to the Commissioners that Mr. Harke was asking that the sum of \$300.00 be paid to him for less than one acre of his land to be used for pumping plant and ditches on the Bismarck Project; further that Mr. Harke was demanding that a concrete siphon be installed across his land, which would make the approximate cost to the commission somewhat over \$1,000.00.

It was moved by Comm. Simons and seconded by Comm. Dahl that the Secretary be instructed to begin on behalf of the Commission, condemnation proceedings on the land claimed to be owned by August C. Harke and other defendants, south of Liberty Memorial Bridge. Vice Chairman Holt suggested that no steps be taken until permission was received of Governor Moses to do so. Motion was carried, all Commissioners voting aye.

The Secretary reported that he had written to Senator Nye of North Dakota, requesting information on the sale of the Indian Service Land to the Water Conservation Commission, and as soon as reply was received, same would be submitted to the Commissioners.

In regard to the Bismarck Irrigation Project funds being placed for use on the Buford-Trenton Project, the Secretary was instructed to write a letter of protest to the Bureau of Reclamation, for if the Commission had been informed of the recision of the money allotted, they could have suggested other projects near Bismarck on which to use this money.

With reference to the Bureau of Reclamation's preliminary reports on the Knife and Big Horn Rivers, the Commissioners noted that such reports had been written and letters of protest against the unfavorable reports had been sent to the Bureau by the Secretary.

Mr. Holt acknowledged receipt of the data which he requested and received from Mr. Tucker, mentioned in the Agenda as item No. 13.

With reference to the dues for the National Rivers and Harbors Congress, it was decided to act on the matter at the next meeting.

The coming convention of the North Dakota Reclamation Association to be held in Mandan on October 5th and 6th was discussed, and will be attended by members of the State Water Conservation Commission and the Secretary.

The Secretary handed to the Commissioners a carbon copy of the letter he had written to Secretary Ickes, and his reply, as directed to be written at the Commission Meeting of June 11, 1942, regarding the Commission's interest in the proposed power development on the Missouri River.

The Secretary was requested to present the material on the Red River Valley Public Hearing which was held on July 30th in Fargo, at the next Commission Meeting.

Mr. R. F. Mauser, FSA Water Facilities representative, stated to the Commission that the Farm Security Administration had funds to spend on North Dakota projects, and requested that the Commission decide for what projects they wanted this money spent. There is approximately \$40,000.00 available.

Mr. Glen Williams, Farm Security Administration representative from Lincoln, Nebraska, came into the meeting and further explained the purposes for which these funds could be spent.

Motion was made by Comm. Simons and seconded by Comm. Dahl that a committee be formed, to consist of Governor Moses, Comm. Simons and Mr. Tucker, to negotiate with the FSA Water Facilities representatives, to determine for what purpose the available FSA funds were to be used, with special reference to the Sioux Irrigation Project of McKenzie County and the Indian Service Land at Bismarck, a part of which is now occupied by the Bismarck Victory Gardens. Roll was called with Comms. Simons and Dahl and Vice Chairman Holt voting aye. Governor Moses and Comm. Thompson absent. Motion carried.

Mr. Mauser and Mr. Williams left the meeting, after making arrangements to meet with Mr. Tucker on Thursday, September 3rd.

The Secretary was directed to determine the cost of making up pottery paper weights (relief model maps of North Dakota), and advise the Commissioners at the next meeting of the price of same.

The Commission had no further information on the proposed dedication exercises of the Bois de Sioux, so for the time being, the matter would be dropped.

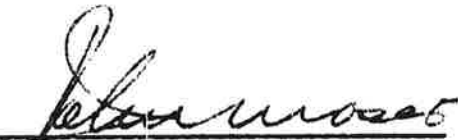
In regard to the \$7200.00 of trust money in the Bank of North Dakota, which is collateral on the bonds, Mr. Simons suggested that it ought to be placed on Certificate of Deposit and obtain at least 1% from it.

Motion was made by Comm. Dahl and seconded by Comm. Simons that the \$7200.00 of trust money in the Bank of North Dakota for collateral on Water Commission Bonds be invested in Certificate of Deposit. Roll was called with Comms. Simons and Dahl and Vice Chairman Holt voting aye. Gov. Moses and Comm. Thompson absent. Motion carried.


The Secretary explained his plan to the Commission of contacting all candidates to the State Legislature to mail them publicity material and information on the proposed State Water Plan, as a means of educating them on irrigation methods, uses, etc. The Commissioners agreed that this was a worthwhile venture.

Motion was made by Comm. Dahl and seconded by Comm. Simons that the meeting be adjourned, to reconvene in Bismarck on October 5th and 6th. Motion carried, all Commissioners voting aye. Meeting adjourned at approximately 4:00 P.M.

ATTEST:

  
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Chairman

Respectfully submitted,

  
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JOHN T. TUCKER  
Secretary

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NORTH DAKOTA STATE WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
MONTHLY REPORT OF ACCOUNTS OF JUNE 30, 1942  
1941 - 1943 - APPROPRIATION--

No.	Name of Account	Total Approv. 24 Mo.	Expended to 5/31/42	June expen- ses	Total Expenses 6/30/42	Total income	Bal. Avail. 6/30/42	1/2 app. to be held until 1/1/43	Bal. avail. next 6 Mo.	Bal. avail. per Mo.
1	Commissioners Per Diem	3,000.00	707.00	550.00	1,285.00		1,715.00	750.00	965.00	160.00
2.	Administration (Admin. Bal. due 1937-41)	25,000.00				1,450.00				
		4,696.41	21,883.16	2,040.66	23,923.82	3,287.52	10,510.11	6,250.00	4,260.11	710.02
3.	Construction Bond Guar. (Bal. due 1939-41 approp)	40,000.00								
		35,300.00	1,800.00		1,800.00		73,500.00	10,000.00	63,500.00	10,583.00
4.	Maintenance existing dams	4,000.00	2,691.90	632.58	3,324.48	*582.58	1,258.10	1,000.00	258.10	43.10
5.	Engineering & Soil Survey	1,000.00	54.00	100.00	154.00		846.00	250.00	596.00	99.00
6.	Little Mo., Grand, Cannon, Etc.	700.00	517.18		517.18		182.82	175.00	7.82	1.30
7.	Pembina, Tongue, Park, etc.	250.00	60.00		60.00		190.00	62.50	127.50	21.24
8.	James, Wildrice Rivers, etc.	150.00					150.00	37.50	112.50	18.75
9.	Invest. Surveys, Designs, etc.	2,000.00	1,013.76	200.00	1,213.76		786.24	500.00	286.24	47.70
10	Evaluation Econ. Benefits	300.00	57.94		57.94		242.06	75.00	167.06	27.84
11	Reports & Atten. at Conf.	1,500.00	811.00	150.00	961.00		539.00	375.00	164.00	27.33
12	Tri-State Waters Comm.	7,500.00	2,668.77		2,668.77		4,831.23	1,875.00	2,956.23	492.70
13	Indep. Invest. and Reports	1,000.00	227.76	106.40	334.16		665.84	250.00	415.84	69.30
14	Inter. & Interstate	1,500.00	438.06	150.00	588.06		911.94	375.00	536.94	89.49
15	Topographic Mapping	3,000.00	2,205.50	12.60	2,218.10		781.90	750.00	31.90	5.31
16	Coop. in obtaining Water Fac	3,000.00	1,385.94	300.00	1,701.84		1,298.16	750.00	548.16	91.36
				15.90						
17	Design, Reports & Conf.	500.00		38.40	38.40		461.60	125.00	336.60	56.10
18	Salary State Engineer	4,400.00	2,016.63	183.33	2,199.96		2,200.04	1,100.00	1,100.04	183.34
19	Hydrographic Survey	3,500.00	1,614.88	30.16	1,645.04		1,854.96	875.00	979.96	163.32
	Totals...	142,296.41	40,153.48	4,538.03	44,691.51	5,320.10	102,925.00	25,575.00	77,350.00	12,890.20

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NORTH DAKOTA STATE WA CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
MONTHLY REPORT OF ACCOUNTS AS OF JULY 31, 1942

1941 - 1943 - APPROPRIATION--

No.	Name of Account	Total Approp. 24 Mo.	Expended to 6/30/42	July expenses	Total expenses 7/31/42	Total income	Bal. Avail. held until 7/31/42	app. to be until 1/1/43	Bal. avail. next 5 Mo.	Bal. avail. Per Mo.
1.	Commissioners Per Diem	3,000.00	1,285.00	42.00	1,327.00		1,673.00	750.00	923.00	184.60
2.	Administration (Admin. Bal. due 1937-41)	25,000.00 4,696.41	23,923.82	2,012.41	25,936.23	4,737.52	8,497.70	6,250.00	2,247.70	449.54
3.	Construction Bond Guar. (Bal. due 1939-41 approp.)	40,000.00 35,300.00	1,800.00		1,800.00		73,500.00	10,000.00	63,500.00	12,700.00
4.	Maintenance existing dams	4,000.00	3,324.48	91.50	3,415.98	*582.58	1,166.60	1,000.00	166.60	33.32
5.	Engineering & Soil Survey	1,000.00	154.00		154.00		846.00	250.00	596.00	119.00
6.	Little Mo., Grand, Cannon, Etc.	700.00	517.18		517.18		182.82	175.00	7.82	1.56
7.	Pembina, Tongue, Park, etc.	250.00	60.00		60.00		190.00	62.50	127.50	25.50
8.	Janes, Wildrice Rivers, Etc.	150.00					150.00	37.50	112.50	22.50
9.	Invest. Surveys, Designs, Etc.	2,000.00	1,213.76	20.75	1,234.51		765.49	500.00	265.49	53.09
10.	Evaluation Econ. Benefits	300.00	57.94		57.94		242.06	75.00	167.06	33.41
11.	Reports & Atten. at Conf.	1,500.00	961.00		961.00		539.00	375.00	164.00	32.80
12.	Tri-State Waters Comm.	7,500.00	2,668.77	444.03	3,112.80		4,387.20	1,875.00	2,512.20	502.44
13.	Indep. Invest. and Reports	1,000.00	334.16	74.38	408.54		591.46	250.00	341.46	68.29
14.	Inter. & Interstate	1,500.00	588.06		588.06		911.94	375.00	536.94	107.39
15.	Topographic Mapping	3,000.00	2,218.10		2,218.10		781.90	750.00	31.90	6.38
16.	Coop. in obtaining Water Pac	3,000.00	1,701.84		1,701.84		1,298.16	750.00	548.16	109.63
17.	Design, Reports & Conf.	500.00	38.40	3.25	41.65		458.35	125.00	333.35	66.67
18.	Salary State Engineer	4,400.00	2,199.96	183.33	2,383.29		2,016.71	1,100.00	916.71	183.34
19.	Hydrographic Survey	3,500.00	1,645.04	197.66	1,842.70		1,657.30	875.00	782.30	156.46
Totals.....		142,296.41	44,691.51	3,069.31	47,760.82	5,320.10	99,855.69	25,575.00	74,280.69	14,855.92

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