

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
STATE WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Held in the Office of the State Water Conservation Commission
Bismarck, North Dakota, March 12, 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 March 12, 1947, with the following individuals present:

State Water Commission

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

Others

- Fred W. Compton, Information Specialist, U.S. Army Engineers, Fort Lincoln

The meeting was called to order by Governor Aandahl at 9:40 a.m., and opened with a discussion by Mr. Fred W. Compton, Information Specialist for the U. S. Corps of Army Engineers from Fort Lincoln, on the development of a plan for preparing a pamphlet or textbook to be made available for use by the State Department of Public Instruction. Mr. G. B. Nordrum, State Supt. of Public Instruction came into the meeting at 10:00, and he discussed with the members of the Commission the proposal of Mr. Compton, that his department was willing to aid in the assembling of information and preparing the booklet. However, he mentioned that his department was unable to furnish any funds. It was agreed that the State Water Commission, the Dept. of Public Instruction, and the Greater North Dakota Association cooperate in working out a plan, and there should be an approximate charge of 15¢ per copy. It was estimated that from 30,000 to 50,000 copies would be needed for distribution to the schools and the general public. Mr. Thompson then made the following motion: "I move that Mr. Kenneth Simons of the State Water Commission be authorized to work with the committee, consisting of one representative of the Dept. of Public Instruction and one representative of the Greater North Dakota Association, in order to formulate a plan for the distribution of an educational booklet on the Missouri River Development program." The motion was seconded by Commissioner Einar H. Dahl. Mr. Simons proposed that M. J. Connolly of the Greater North Dakota Association be asked to serve as one of the members of this committee.

Mr. Nordrum, Mr. Compton and Mr. Berge left the meeting at 11:00 a.m., and at that time the members of the Commission went into executive session until 12:00 noon to receive Mr. Einar H. Dahl's report on his trip to Washington. At 11:20 a.m. Mr. Bruce Johnson of the Bureau of Reclamation entered the meeting and explained the tentative plans of the Bureau of Reclamation, for the development of the Heart River and the Missouri-Souris project in North Dakota.

The meeting reconvened at 1:30 p.m., with the following members present: Vice Chairman, Kenneth W. Simons, Commissioners S. W. Thompson and Einar H. Dahl, Secretary J. J. Walsh, and Einar Berge, Publicity. The first regular order of business was the approval of the last minutes of the January 13, meeting. Commissioner Dahl moved that the minutes of the January 13, meeting be approved. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion.

Financial statements were discussed and Mr. Thompson recommended approval. This was seconded by Mr. Dahl.

Discussion on whether the Commission should be represented before the Appropriations Committee in Washington was then entered into. It was the opinion of the members present that all of the members of the Commission should attend the hearing and do everything possible to secure appropriations for the continuation of construction work on the Garrison Dam. At 2:30 p.m. Governor Aandahl entered, and further discussion was held on the proposed trip to Washington. Commissioner Simons recommended "that the entire Commission, headed by the Governor, go to Washington to lay this matter before Congress and to appear there, and show in the record that we were all there." The primary reason for this, he said, was that the Members of the Commission will represent all parts of the state. Gov. Aandahl agreed with him that it would be desirable to have the State Water Commission go down as a body. It was also agreed to by the Commission that it would be advisable for Mr. Dahl to meet with several of the Minot people and explain to them the program of the Water Commission and have representation from Minot to attend the Appropriations Committee hearing in Washington to secure funds for the construction of the Garrison Dam.

The question of aiding the Greater North Dakota Association in financing publication of their new publicity folder was brought before the Commission. It was of their opinion that in view of the fact that the Legislature disapproved the request of the Commission for funds to carry on a publicity program, they felt that the Commission would be unable to offer any financial assistance at this time.

Discussion was had on the purchase of equipment, including a trailer for hauling our caterpillar, also purchase of cement, steel sheet piling and reinforcing steel rods, for continuing the program for repair of dams. This was recommended and approved, and the Secretary made the necessary arrangements.

Governor Aandahl left the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

The Commissioners then took into consideration the \$3500 construction warrant accepted in settlement with the Yellowstone Pumping Irrigation District. Commissioner Dahl made the following motion: "I move that we charge the Yellowstone Pumping Irrigation District on its obligation to us at the same rate of interest as we must pay for the money loaned to them, and as the law changes, it will automatically change." Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

In regard to the U.S. Geological Survey meeting at Lincoln, Nebraska from April 9 to 11, Commissioner Thompson made this motion: "I move that Mr. Walsh be authorized to attend the U.S.G.S. conference at Lincoln, Nebraska during April 9 to 11. Commissioner Dahl seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The local U. S. Land Office reported to the Secretary that the lands embracing the proposed reservoir area on the Bowman-Haley irrigation district were at present leased out to stockmen and would be thrown open for entry about the first of May. After further discussion, Mr. Dahl then moved "that the Secretary and Chief Engineer of the State Water Conservation Commission be directed to protest to the Public Land Office against the opening to homestead entry, of land in Bowman County, which heretofore has been reserved as a possible lake basin for the Bowman-Haley Irrigation Project." Mr. Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

ATTEST:

Fred G. Aandahl
Chairman

J. J. Walsh
Secretary

NORTH DAKOTA STATE WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MONTHLY REPORT OF ACCOUNTS, AS OF MCH. 31, 1947
1945-1947 Appropriations

No.	Appropriation for	Available Funds '45	Expenses July-Feb.	Expenses Mch. '47	Balance 3-31-47
1	Commissioners Per Diem and Expenses,	4,000.00	2,627.04	Nil.	1,372.96
2	Administration,	25,000.00			
	Plus refunds and collections,	4,601.91	16,006.36	2,465.26	11,130.29
3	Maintenance Existing Dams,	45,000.00	12,563.77	235.00	37,903.83
	Donations and refunds on dam repairs,	5,702.60			
4	Tri-State Waters and Portion of Administration and Conference Expenses,	5,500.00	3,892.19	155.00	1,452.81
5	International and Interstate Compacts, Commissioner and Conference Expenses,	5,000.00	3,704.90	160.03	1,135.07
6	Topographic & Conservation Branches, In coop. with U. S. Geological Survey,	30,000.00	6,974.01	18,851.93	4,174.06
7	Hydrographic Surveys, coop. with U. S. Geol. Survey,	15,000.00	12,108.60	626.25	2,265.15
8	State Engineer's Salary,	5,000.00	4,166.60	208.35	625.05
9	Reconstruction Drains, or Irrigation,	240,000.00			
	Plus refund,	59.56	140,065.08	Nil.	99,994.48
10	Underground Waters, coop. with U. S. Geol. Survey,	25,000.00	7,170.66	2.45	17,826.89
11	Postwar Projects, coop. with U. S. Departments,	100,000.00	19,065.11	3,584.29	37,350.60
12	Other Investigations, surveys, etc.	75,000.00	73,894.06	853.95	251.99
13	Construction Bond Guarantee Fund balance,	70,541.00	Nil.	Nil.	70,541.00
FGO-		<u>655,405.07</u>	<u>302,238.38</u>	<u>27,142.51</u>	<u>328,024.18</u>

NORTH DAKOTA STATE WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION
 BALANCE PRIOR FUNDS AS OF MCH. 31, 1947
 1943-1945 Appropriations

No. - '43.	Appropriations for	Balances July '45	Expended To Feb.	Expended Mar. '47	Balance 3-31-47
1	- '43 Commissioners Per Diem,	1,617.00	91.00	Nil.	1,526.00
2	- '43 Administration Fund, refunds and collections,	15,849.09	15,465.12	Nil.	383.97
3	- '43 Maintenance Existing Dams,	3,377.20			
	Plus refunds,	680.00	3,814.53	Nil.	242.67
4	- '43 Tri-State Waters, portion of conference expenses, . .	1,955.30	100.54	Nil.	1,854.76
5	- '43 International and Interstate Compacts, Commissioner and Conference Expenses,	4,586.99	114.83	Nil.	4,472.16
7	- '43 Hydrographic Surveys, coop. with Geo. Survey,	7.48	4.87	Nil.	2.61
9	- '43 Secure Amendment Ft. Peck law, to release waters, . .	400.00	300.00	Nil.	100.00
10	- '43 Promote Maintenance Drainage, construct Channels, Plus refund,	15,413.11 98.88	15,511.99	Nil.	Nil.
11a	- '43 Postwar Projects, 50-50 with U. S. Departments, . .	130,269.91	130,267.65	Nil.	2.26
11b	- '43 Other Postwar Projects,	11,591.61	9,322.08	Nil.	2,269.53
FGO-		<u>185,846.57</u>	<u>174,992.61</u>	<u>Nil.</u>	<u>10,853.96</u>

NORTH DAKOTA STATE WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION
BALANCES OF PRIOR FUNDS RECOVERED BY OPINION OF
ATTORNEY GENERAL, - AS OF MCH. 31, 1947

No. - Yr.	Appropriations for	Balance 7-1-45	Paid Out	Balance 3-31-47	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.	751.00	
10 - '39	Missouri River Diversion,	2,000.00	Nil.	2,000.00	
11 - '39	Evaluation Economic Benefits,	488.00	Nil.	488.00	
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. refund,	53.86	Nil.	53.86	
12 - '41	Tri-State Waters, Administration Conferences,	8.61	Nil.	8.61	
15 - '41	Topographic Surveys,	<u>.13</u>	<u>Nil.</u>	<u>.13</u>	<u>457.60</u>
FGO-		<u>\$ 538.48</u>	<u>48.17</u>	<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 March 31, 1947

Contributions	Deposited	Expended To. Feb.	Expended Mch. '47	Balance
Yellowstone Pumping Irrigation District paid accrued interest on \$3,500.00 advance, to 10-1-44, Collected from tax levy collections Mch. '47	366.36	Nil.	Nil.	
Transit #501-118		Nil.	Nil.	
" 501-118	499.53			865.89
Special Coopertive Groundwater Contributions by Fargo City, Cass County and Water Commission, each \$2,500.	7,500.00	2,103.18	Nil.	5,396.82
Tr. #501-119				
Contributions on groundwater surveys by City of Fessenden, \$1,000. Mountain, \$100; and Maddock \$750.	1,850.00	Nil.	10.44	1,839.56
Tr. #501-126				
Total of all Bank of North Dakota deposits, as of March 31, 1947.				8,102.27

PAYROLL OF
STATE WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION
AS OF MARCH 31, 1947

Employees	Duties	Monthly	Withh. Tax	Net	Remarks
J. J. Walsh	Secretary - State Eng.	325.00	40.40	284.60	Increased \$25. from J01-46
Anderson, Albin S.	Engineer	200.00	10.10	189.90	Increased \$15. 12-1-44
Berge, Einar	Tech. Assistant	65.00	Nil.	65.00	Increased \$15. 3-1-46
Burton, Winfred C.	Engineer	235.00	8.30	226.70	Increased from \$150.
Dodd, Harold E.	Engineer	200.00	18.00	182.00	Returned from leave.
Gillette, Geraldine L.	Stenographer	130.00	12.90	117.10	New Jan. 16, 1947
Larimer, Owen J.	Engineer	235.00	16.30	218.70	Quit Mch. 31. Bought store.
Nichols, Don L.	Eng. - Asst. Secy.	250.00	35.50	214.50	Retd. 2-15-46 from army.
Orr, F. G.	Bookkeeper	250.00	27.30	222.70	Increased from \$233.33
Peterson, Winfred L.	Stenographer	135.00	15.00	120.00	New June 18, 1946
Torvik, Duane A.	Draftsman	160.00	19.80	140.20	New January, 1946.
Tyson, Roy	Engineer	235.00	16.30	218.70	Resigned to accept Traill County Surveyor appointment
FG0-		<u>2,420.00</u>			