

STATE WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes of Meeting
Held in Office of State Water Commission in
Bismarck, North Dakota
December 9, 1955

A regular meeting of the North Dakota State Water Conservation Commission was called to order on December 9, 1955, in the State Water Conservation Commission office in Bismarck, North Dakota, to consider routine business matters. The following were present:

MEMBERS OF STATE WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION:

- Curtis Olson, Vice-Chairman, Member from Valley City
- Oscar Lunseth, Member from Grand Forks
- A. M. Christensen, Member from Minot
- Math Dahl, Commissioner of Agriculture and Labor, Member from Bismarck
- Earle F. Tucker, Member from Bismarck
- Milo W. Hoisveen, Secretary and Chief Engineer, State Engineer

OTHERS PRESENT AT THE MEETING:

- Gunnard Nelson, Cass County Drain Board, Fargo
- Ingolf Sandbeck, Cass County Commissioner, Kindred
- Fred J. Fredrickson, Planning Coordinator, State Water Commission, Bismarck
- S. S. Westgate, Assistant State Engineer, Bismarck
- Stanley Kounts, Construction Engineer, State Water Commission, Bismarck
- Vernon S. Cooper, Assistant Secretary, State Water Commission, Bismarck

The meeting was called to order at 9:50 o'clock a.m. by Vice Chairman Curtis Olson with Commissioners Oscar Lunseth, A. M. Christensen, Earle F. Tucker, Math Dahl, Secretary Milo W. Hoisveen and S. S. Westgate present.

It was moved by Commissioner A. M. Christensen, and seconded by Commissioner Math Dahl, that the minutes of the meeting held on November 14, 1955, be approved. All Commissioners voted aye and the motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Earle F. Tucker, and seconded by Commissioner Oscar Lunseth, that the Financial Statements for November, 1955, be approved and filed in the office of the State Water Conservation Commission. All Commissioners voted aye and the motion carried.

Secretary Milo W. Hoisveen reviewed the status of the proposed Oak Creek Water Conservation and Flood Control project. He stated that at the meeting of the State Water Conservation Commission held at Lake Metigoshe on August 17, the local people were advised to establish a water conservation and flood control district. The formation of such a district would provide them a legal entity through which they could contract with federal and state agencies for construction of a proposed watershed project and the Lake Metigoshe project. A resolution and petition from the Bottineau County Board of Commissioners requesting the formation of such district has been received.

Assistant State Engineer S. S. Westgate reported that on November 17 a hearing pertaining to the formation of the proposed district was held in Bottineau at the Bottineau County Court House. He stated that only three objections to the formation of the proposed district were voiced at the hearing; however, it is quite possible

that storm conditions prevented other objectors from attending. The land owned by the objectors comprises only about one per cent of the total area to be included in the proposed district. Assistant State Engineer Westgate pointed out that there is a slough area in the lower Willow Creek watershed that will impede the progress of the project. He stated that it will be necessary to form three separate districts, including areas in Rolette and McHenry Counties, in order to permit any drainage work; however, the area included in the proposed Oak Creek district will be aided by the project in view of the fact that the spring runoff will be retained.

Commissioner A. M. Christensen offered the following resolution and moved its adoption, which motion was seconded by Commissioner Math Dahl.

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Bottineau County, North Dakota, did on the 22nd day of September, 1955, file in the office of the State Water Conservation Commission their petition requesting the creation of a water conservation and flood control district in conformity with the provisions of Chapter 61-16 of the 1953 Supplement to the North Dakota Revised Code of 1943, embracing the watershed area of Oak Creek in said county; and

WHEREAS, the petition of the Board of County Commissioners of Bottineau County was accompanied by a resolution, bearing the certificate of the county auditor, which certifies that the board had duly adopted such resolution authorizing the chairman and the county auditor to sign and file on behalf of the board said petition with the State Water Conservation Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Engineer of the Commission and ex-officio State Engineer has determined that the establishment of a water conservation and flood control district embracing the watershed area of Oak Creek is necessary to provide adequate flood control, and drainage of surface waters from valuable farmlands within the Oak Creek watershed area, and also to provide for the control and regulation of the drainage waters into Lake Metigoshe in order to maintain the level of that lake.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: by the State Water Conservation Commission in meeting assembled this 9th day of December, 1955, that the petition of the Board of Commissioners of Bottineau County, North Dakota, requesting the establishment of a water conservation and flood control district be and is hereby granted; that the Chairman and Secretary of the Commission are directed to execute the Order of the Commission creating such district and designate it as Oak Creek Water Conservation and Flood Control District of Bottineau County, North Dakota.

Upon roll call all Commissioners voted aye and the resolution was declared duly adopted.

Assistant State Engineer S. S. Westgate left the meeting at 10:03 o'clock a.m.

Planning Coordinator Fred J. Fredrickson entered the meeting at 10:05 o'clock a.m.

It was pointed out by Secretary Milo W. Hoisveen that the status of the Swan Creek Water Conservation and Flood Control District is very uncertain at the present time. He stated that attempts have been made by the State Water Conservation Commission, the St. Paul office of the Corps of Engineers and North Dakota Congressmen to obtain a definite statement from the district whether or not they desire to go ahead with the proposed project. It was the opinion of the Commission that the Swan Creek District should be requested to make a statement pertaining to the current status of

the project.

A letter from Homer W. Ludwick, Executive Secretary of the Greater North Dakota Association, requesting that the State Water Conservation Commission participate in making a movie of the water development program in North Dakota in cooperation with the Greater North Dakota Association, was read by Secretary Milo W. Hoisveen.

It was moved by Commissioner A. M. Christensen, and seconded by Commissioner Earle F. Tucker, that the State Water Conservation Commission allocate \$1,250.00 to the Greater North Dakota Association for making a photographic record of the water development program in North Dakota, providing the State Water Conservation Commission is given recognition for their participation in making the film and is furnished copies of the pictures and film prepared by the Greater North Dakota Association. Upon roll call by Vice-Chairman Curtis Olson, Commissioners A. M. Christensen, Earle F. Tucker, Oscar Lunseth, Math Dahl and Vice-Chairman Olson all voted aye. Motion carried.

Secretary Milo W. Hoisveen pointed out that since the death of Einar Berge, Commission personnel have written all news releases. Vice-Chairman Curtis Olson read a letter from Lloyd Omdahl, Director of the Capitol News Service, offering the services of that agency to the Commission. The cost of these services would be \$50.00 per month.

It was moved by Commissioner A. M. Christensen, and seconded by Commissioner Math Dahl, that the State Water Conservation Commission subscribe to the service offered by the Capitol News Service at a cost of \$50.00 per month. Upon roll call by Vice-Chairman Curtis Olson, Commissioners A. M. Christensen, Oscar Lunseth, Earle F. Tucker, Math Dahl and Vice-Chairman Olson all voted aye. Motion carried.

Vice-Chairman Curtis Olson read letters from Senator William Langer and Senator Allen Ellender's Secretary acknowledging receipt of the Sugar Act resolution recently passed by the State Water Conservation Commission. Letters pertaining to the resolution were also received from Senator Milton R. Young, Representative Usher L. Burdick, Representative Otto Krueger and Representative Harold Cooley.

A report from Joseph W. Brookhart, District Engineer of the U. S. Geological Survey, concerning activities of the state drilling rig during November was read by Vice-Chairman Curtis Olson. Drilling was continued in the Drake area and a very good aquifer was located 2½ miles south of Drake. Test holes were also drilled near Harvey until November 15 at which time the rig was moved to Grand Forks where it will be repaired and stored for the winter.

Secretary Milo W. Hoisveen stated that the North Dakota Reclamation Association passed several resolutions at their recent state convention that are of interest to the State Water Conservation Commission. This association passed a resolution urging that a Red River Basin Compact between North Dakota and Minnesota be drawn up. However, Secretary Hoisveen reported that Minnesota has been unwilling to cooperate in this matter as they contend they will not benefit from such a compact. It was pointed out that their sugar beet industry would benefit. It was proposed that the Governor of Minnesota be requested to consider this matter.

Secretary Hoisveen read a resolution passed by the North Dakota Reclamation Association commending the State Water Conservation Commission for their water program in the state. A resolution commending the State Water Conservation Commission, the State Game and Fish Department and local affected people for the repair of dams throughout the state was also read.

It was suggested by Planning Coordinator Fred J. Fredrickson that a resolution be sent to the members of the Missouri-Souris Conservancy and Reclamation Committee for their work in helping establish the Garrison Diversion Conservancy District.

Commissioner A. M. Christensen presented the following resolution and moved its adoption, which motion was seconded by Commissioner Earle F. Tucker.

R E S O L U T I O N

APPRECIATION TO MISSOURI-SOURIS CONSERVANCY AND RECLAMATION COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, pursuant to a resolution adopted by the North Dakota State Water Conservation Commission December 14, 1953, the Honorable Norman Brunsdale, Governor of North Dakota, designated, appointed and commissioned twenty-four prominent citizens, hereinafter named, as members constituting the Missouri-Souris Conservancy and Reclamation Committee, the purposes and objectives of which being:

- "1. To become better informed on the latest plans of the Bureau of Reclamation and the State Water Conservation Commission for the development of the Missouri-Souris Division of the Missouri River Basin Project, particularly the Garrison Diversion Unit under the Modified Plan;
- "2. To study the need and consider the reasons for amending the Missouri-Souris Conservancy and Reclamation District Act in order that such law may better conform to and serve the Garrison Diversion Unit as proposed for development under the Bureau's Modified Plan therefor;
- "3. To report upon its work with recommendations for necessary, desirable and appropriate amendments to and changes in the said Conservancy District Act in order to assure adequate local participation and facilitate construction of the Garrison Diversion Unit, and to provide for the initial operation and maintenance costs in connection therewith; and
- "4. To render such assistance and advice in effectuating the Committee recommendations as each member may deem proper and meet in the circumstances"; And

WHEREAS, the said Committee assumed the responsibilities and duties assigned to it, and with diligence and dispatch reviewed and studied the 1949 Conservancy Act, and recommended appropriate modifications, changes and amendments thereto to the 1955 legislative assembly, and did much to guide such recommendations through the session, which resulted in the enactment of the current Garrison Diversion Conservancy District law; and

WHEREAS, the full membership of said committee was composed as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Post Office Address</u>
Representative John T. Heimes	Barnes	Valley City
Representative, now S n. John Leier	Benson	Esmond
Representative Jerroll P. Erickson	Bottineau	Eckman

<u>Name</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Post Office Address</u>
C. S. Summers	Burke	Bowbells
Senator Harry W. Wadeson	Cass	Alice
Mayor, now Rep. L. C. Mueller	Dickey	Oakes
A. U. Anderson	Divide	Crosby
Senator C. W. Schrock	Eddy	New Rockford
Representative A. C. Langseth	Foster	Carrington
Representative Howard Bye	Grand Forks	Gilby
Senator L. A. Sayer	Griggs	Cooperstown
Representative Roy A. Holand	LaMoure	LaMoure
Representative Floyd E. Ettestad	McHenry	Balfour
Clarence W. Johnson	McLean	Underwood
Senator Arlie I. Ferry	Nelson	Lakota
Senator A. F. Gronvold	Pierce	Rugby
Senator Clyde Duffy	Ramsey	Devils Lake
Representative Ray J. McLain	Renville	Mohall
Senator Gilman A. Klefstad	Sargent	Forman
Senator John Davis	Sheridan	McClusky
Senator R. E. Meidinger	Stutsman	Jamestown
Rep. Brynhild Haugland, Vice Chairman	Ward	Minot
Senator R. M. Streibel, Chairman	Wells	Fessenden
Senator Iver Solberg	Williams	Ray
Vernon S. Cooper, Secretary, Bismarck		

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: by the North Dakota State Water Conservation Commission in meeting assembled this 9th day of December, 1955, that each and every member of the said Committee, with special mention of the Chairman, be and they are hereby signally recognized and warmly commended for a difficult task well performed, and the membership of this Commission hereby expresses its deep gratitude to them for the public service they have rendered; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that a copy of this Resolution be sent to each member of said Committee.

Upon a unanimous vote of the Commissioners, the motion carried.

Secretary Milo W. Hoisveen pointed out that the City of Williston and the Corps of Engineers are currently negotiating pertaining to the federal responsibility in assisting in the construction of a new water system and sewage disposal system which are necessitated by the 1850 Garrison Reservoir pool level.

Commissioner Oscar Lunseth presented the following resolution and moved its adoption, which motion was seconded by Commissioner Earle F. Tucker.

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, waters of the Missouri River, when impounded in the reservoir of the Garrison D m to the maximum authorized level, will flood and render incapable of operation utilities of the City of Williston which are essential for the preservation of public welfare and protection of property therein, and without which the city can not carry on its governmental or proprietary functions; and

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of the members of this Commission that the federal government is, and should be, obligated to bear the cost of replacing municipal facilities adequate for the requirements of the City of Williston and the inhabitants

thereof and commensurate with foreseeable future needs.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE NORTH DAKOTA STATE WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION IN MEETING ASSEMBLED THIS 9TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 1955: That Congress be and is hereby respectfully requested to appropriate and make available funds for the replacement of utilities and facilities now maintained and operated by the City of Williston in its governmental and proprietary capacities which facilities or utilities will be impaired or rendered useless when waters of the Missouri River will be impounded in the Garrison Reservoir at or near the authorized pool level thereof; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Secretary of the Commission be and he is hereby directed to mail a copy of this Resolution to the Director of the Bureau of Budget, the Congressional Committees on Appropriations, the Chief of Engineers, Corps of Engineers, U. S. Army, to Senators William Langer and Milton R. Young and to Representatives Usher L. Burdick and Otto Krueger.

Upon a unanimous vote of the Commissioners, the motion carried.

A letter from Ken McIntyre, Chairman of the Rush River Water Conservation and Flood Control District, thanking the State Water Conservation Commission for their interest in the project, was read by Secretary Milo W. Hoisveen. Mr. McIntyre reported that much dissatisfaction exists among the farmers on the project over the slopes of the spoil banks. Secretary Hoisveen stated that he wrote the St. Paul District of the Corps of Engineers pertaining to this matter and they replied that the project is not completed and, therefore, the slopes have not been finished. Assistant State Engineer S. S. Westgate made an investigation of the project and reported the excavated areas as being incomplete in accordance with specifications.

Assistant Secretary Vernon S. Cooper entered the meeting at 10:45 o'clock a.m.

Secretary Milo W. Hoisveen reported briefly on the Water Resources and Power Committee hearings recently held in Denver, Colorado. He stated that the majority of those present were unfavorable to the Hoover Commission Report. He further stated that former Governor Miller of Wyoming supported the report and was subjected to much cross-examination and criticism. According to Secretary Hoisveen, the majority of the House Committee desired to create the opinion that the whole committee had been highly prejudiced against reclamation in publishing the report.

A letter from E. W. Rising pertaining to the National Water Conference which is to be held in St. Louise, Missouri, on January 24 and 25, 1956, was read by Secretary Milo W. Hoisveen. Mr. Rising stated that recent drouths have indicated a definite need for irrigation.

It was moved by Commissioner A. M. Christensen, and seconded by Commissioner Earle F. Tucker, that Secretary Milo W. Hoisveen be authorized to attend the National Water Conference in St. Louis, Missouri, on January 24 and 25, 1956. Upon a unanimous vote of the Commissioners, the motion carried.

Fred J. Fredrickson left the meeting at 11:00 o'clock a.m.

It was moved by Commissioner Math Dahl, and seconded by Commissioner Earle F. Tucker, that the action of the State Engineer in granting and reducing the application of Clarence F. Vogel, Lark, North Dakota, for a permit to divert and appropriate water from Louse Creek for the irrigation of 119.9 acres of land, described as SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$; NW $\frac{1}{4}$; W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 4, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$; SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 9, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$; SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 16, Township 134 N., Range 85 W., located in Grant County, North Dakota, be approved and limited to an annual diversion of 203.0 acre feet of water, subject to

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all prior and existing water rights and appropriations covering Louse Creek. Upon a unanimous vote of the Commissioners, the motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Math Dahl, and seconded by Commissioner Earle F. Tucker, that the action of the State Engineer in granting and reducing the application of John A. Wagner, Lark, North Dakota, for a permit to divert and appropriate water from Louse Creek for the irrigation of 42.0 acres of land, described as NE $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{2}$; SE $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 5, Township 134 N., Range 85 W., located in Grant County, North Dakota, be approved and limited to an annual diversion of 63.0 acre feet of water, subject to all prior and existing water rights and appropriations covering Louse Creek. Upon a unanimous vote of the Commissioners, the motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Oscar Lunseth, and seconded by Commissioner Math Dahl, that the action of the State Engineer in deferring action on the application of R. C. Hastings, Fargo, North Dakota, for a permit to divert and appropriate water from the Goose River until such a time that sufficient water is available from the Garrison Diversion project be approved. Upon a unanimous vote of the Commissioners, the motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Oscar Lunseth, and seconded by Commissioner Math Dahl, that the action of the State Engineer in deferring action on the application of Donald R. Hanson, Hillsboro, North Dakota, for a permit to divert and appropriate water from the Goose River until such a time that sufficient water is available from the Garrison Diversion project be approved. Upon a unanimous vote of the Commissioners, the motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner A. M. Christensen, and seconded by Commissioner Earle F. Tucker, that the action of the State Engineer in granting and limiting the application of Ernest Kapaun, Fargo, North Dakota, for a permit to divert and appropriate water from the Maple River for the irrigation of 23.5 acres of land, described as SE $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 16, Township 137 N., Range 54 W., located in Cass County, North Dakota, be approved and limited to an annual diversion of 35.0 acre feet of water, subject to all prior and existing water rights and appropriations covering the Maple River. Upon a unanimous vote of the Commissioners, the motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Math Dahl, and seconded by Commissioner A. M. Christensen, that the action of the State Engineer in granting and limiting the application of Vincent Rife, Sheldon, North Dakota, for a permit to divert and appropriate water from the Maple River for the irrigation of 24.0 acres of land, described as E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 13, Township 137 N., Range 54 W., located in Cass County, North Dakota, be approved and limited to an annual diversion of 36.0 acre feet of water, subject to all prior and existing water rights and appropriations covering the Maple River. Upon a unanimous vote of the Commissioners, the motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Math Dahl, and seconded by Commissioner Oscar Lunseth, that the action of the State Engineer in granting and reducing the application of Jacob Schiller, Forest River, North Dakota, for a permit to divert and appropriate water from the Forest River for the irrigation of 75.0 acres of land, described as NW $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 14, Township 155 N., Range 53 W., located in Walsh County, North Dakota, be approved and limited to an annual diversion of 107.0 acre feet of water, subject to all prior and existing water rights and appropriations covering the Forest River. Upon a unanimous vote of the Commissioners, the motion carried.

Assistant Secretary Vernon S. Cooper reported briefly on the activities of the Garrison Diversion Conservancy District Board of Directors. He stated that at their meeting at Minot on November 2 two committees were formed, one to serve as a Committee on Coordinating Project Information and the other as a Coordinating and Review

Committee. The purpose of the Committee on Coordinating Project Information is to coordinate the efforts of all agencies who will be concerned with getting project information to the farmers. Assistant Secretary Cooper stated that the keenest interest in irrigation at the present time is in Ransom and Cass Counties. These areas can be served soon after the diversion water reaches the Lonetree Reservoir in view of the fact that the Sheyenne River will serve as the canal. He also stated that Traill County has expressed interest in joining the Conservancy District, as has Richland County. He reported that efforts will be made to get a minimum of 100,000 acres included in irrigation districts before attempts are made to obtain an appropriation for the project. He also stated that it will take a considerable block of land in the Souris loop area to justify the construction of a canal to serve that area.

Assistant Secretary Cooper reported that the Garrison Diversion Conservancy District will sponsor a series of seven or eight articles describing the project in sufficient detail so that people will become familiar with the entire project. Jack Case of the Bismarck Tribune has been obtained to write the articles at a cost of \$150.00. The Missouri-Souris Projects Association and the North Dakota Reclamation Association will be asked to share the costs of the articles.

Assistant Secretary Cooper stated that on December 5 the Committee on Coordinating Project Information met in Carrington. Mr. A. E. Bielsfeld, Regional Counsel for the Bureau of Reclamation, attended this meeting and discussed the 1888 patent law and the 160-acre limitation with the committee. Assistant Secretary Cooper stated that further action on these problems was deferred until a later date.

Commissioner Math Dahl left the meeting at 11:30 o'clock a.m.

The meeting recessed at 11:50 o'clock a.m. and reconvened at 1:25 o'clock p.m. with Vice-Chairman Curtis Olson, Commissioners A. M. Christensen, Oscar Lunseth, Earle F. Tucker, Math Dahl, Secretary Milo W. Hoisveen, S. S. Westgate, Stanley Kounts, Gunnard Nelson and Ingolf Sandbeck present.

Secretary Milo W. Hoisveen reported that the St. Paul District of the Corps of Engineers had on two occasions requested the State Water Conservation Commission to clear the channel of the Sheyenne River in the Cass County area. In view of the fact that the Commission gave assurances that it would maintain the channel below Lake Ashtabula, it was the Corps of Engineers' opinion that the Commission should clear the channel. Secretary Hoisveen stated that assurances given by Cass County did not provide for channel clearance. Recently S. S. Westgate, Assistant State Engineer, and Vice-Chairman Curtis Olson appeared before the Cass County Commission and presented a cooperative plan for clearing the channel which was approved by the Cass County Board of Commissioners. However, a misunderstanding resulted as to the extent of the channel clearance work. Cass County proponents believed the channel should be cleared considerably above that required for a good hydraulic gradient. Secretary Hoisveen reported that the Commission has only \$12,000 in the drainage fund that has not been previously obligated; therefore, the work is necessarily limited.

Gunnard Nelson, Chairman of the Cass County Drainage Board, reported that many farmers near the mouth of the Sheyenne River will not grant easements unless the embankments along the channel are also cleared

Assistant State Engineer S. S. Westgate stated that the channel clearing operations should be commenced at West Fargo and then worked upstream. He stated that the proposed clearing project would be less effective at the mouth of the Sheyenne River because of the backwater effect of the Red River. Assistant State Engineer Westgate proposed that a mixed crew of county and State Water Conservation Commission employees start at West Fargo and work upstream while at the same time a small Cass

County crew could utilize a D-7 cat to clean the logs off above the channel embankment below West Fargo and the Cass County Drain Board could obtain the easements. This would permit the county to attain a high degree of clearing on their own time. The other crew, upon completion of work in the upper area, would return and assist the clean up crew. This proposition was agreeable to Mr. Nelson and Mr. Ingolf Sandbeck, Cass County Commissioner.

Mr. Sandbeck pointed out that there is a railroad bridge near the Armour Plant at Fargo that obstructs the channel of the Sheyenne River greatly. He also stated that a severe contamination problem exists in the area of the West Fargo stockyards. Secretary Hoisveen stated that upon request from the Cass County Board of Commissioners, the State Water Conservation Commission would be glad to cooperate in investigating this matter.

Mr. Nelson, Mr. Sandbeck, S. S. Westgate and Stanley Kounts left the meeting at 2:00 o'clock p.m.

Secretary Milo W. Hoisveen reported that Assistant State Engineer S. S. Westgate had recently attended a meeting at Marmarth relative to the proposed flood protection project for that city. The people are desirous of forming a water conservation and flood control district in order to obtain a legal entity with which to contract with state and federal agencies for the construction of a flood control project.

It was pointed out by Secretary Hoisveen that Governor Brunsdale recently appointed a Power-on-the-Line Committee to plan the ceremony to commemorate the first power on the line from Garrison Dam. Arrangements are being made to hold this function on January 21, 1956. Assistant State Engineer S. S. Westgate was named Executive Secretary of the committee.

Secretary Milo W. Hoisveen reported that it would be desirable to confer with representatives of the Corps of Engineers and the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Minneapolis and St. Paul pertaining to the status of projects in North Dakota. Projects to be discussed with the Corps personnel include the Grand Forks project, Pembina project, Mauvais Coulee, Sweetwater-Dry Lake Water Conservation and Flood Control project, the Upper West Souris Water Conservation and Flood Control project, Enderlin Snagging and Clearing project and the Rush River Water Conservation and Flood Control project. Discussions with the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service would pertain to the Dakota Lake project and the lower portion of the Oak Creek Water Conservation and Flood Control project. Secretary Hoisveen, Planning Coordinator Fred J. Fredrickson, Vice Chairman Curtis Olson and Commissioner Oscar Lunseth plan to attend the meetings.

Secretary Hoisveen stated that Governor Brunsdale has arranged a meeting of several agencies in Minneapolis on December 16 relative to obtaining an industry for North Dakota. Secretary Hoisveen will attend the meeting to offer information on the availability of water within the state.

It was pointed out that it might be possible to contact the Governor of Minnesota on December 16 relative to a compact for the Red River Basin between North Dakota and Minnesota.

The meeting adjourned at 2:20 o'clock p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Milo W. Hoisveen
Secretary

ATTEST:
James B. Brunsdale
Governor