

MINUTES OF A

REGULAR MEETING OF THE STATE WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Held on April 27 & 28, 1938

A regular meeting of the State Water Conservation Commission was called to order at 10 A. M. Wednesday, April 27, 1938 in the Governor's Conference Room in the State Capitol at Bismarck by Vice Chairman Henry Holt.

The Secretary called the roll with Commissioners Holt, Simons, Dahl, Engen, Olson and Whitney present. Governor William Langer, Chairman, absent.

It was moved by Comm. Simons, seconded by Comm. Dahl, that inasmuch as a typewritten copy of the minutes of the last meeting held March 24 and 25, 1938 had been sent to each member and all errors corrected, that the same be approved as corrected. The motion carried, all Commissioners voting aye.

The Secretary then made a report as follows:

- 1. That he had, as instructed, sent letters of thanks to the Governor and the Board of Administration expressing the thanks of the Commission for assigning the new offices to the Commission on the 13th floor.
- 2. That he had, as instructed, written Dr. Maysil Williams thanking her for allowing Mr. M. D. Hollis, State Sanitary Engineer, to attend the conference in St. Paul, March 21.
- 3. That he had, as per instructions, sent copies of the reports of Technical Advisor Knapp, Chief Engineer Thomas, Sanitary Engineer Hollis and Commissioners Holt, Engen and Olson, covering the meeting held in the office of Col. Phillip B. Fleming, War Department District Engineer, St. Paul, Minn., to the Chambers of Commerce, newspapers and mayors of Fargo, Grand Forks, Jamestown and Valley City, and to the Greater North Dakota Association and Hon. L. B. Hanna, of Fargo.
- 4. That the revised Memorandum of Understanding, covering the employment of Mr. W. H. Farmer, Extension Irrigationist, had been signed by the Agricultural College officials and by the Chairman and Secretary of the Commission.

Moved by Comm. Olson, seconded by Comm. Engen, that the Secretary's report be accepted. The motion carried, all Commissioners voting aye.

The Secretary then read the following communications:

- 1. Letters from Hon. L. B. Hanna and M. O. Ryan, Secretary of the Greater North Dakota Association, acknowledging receipt of the reports of the St. Paul conference, March 21 and 22.
- 2. Letter from Col. W. M. Hoge, War Department District Engineer at Omaha, Neb., in regard to Technical Advisor Knapp and Chief Engineer Thomas making an examination of the report of the revised report on Missouri River Diversion at the Omaha office of the War Department and stating that he would be glad to meet with them and discuss the project with them.
- 3. Letter from R. F. Walters, Chief Engineer, Bureau of Reclamation, stating he had mailed seven copies of the report on the Buford-Trenton Project to the Commission and the State Engineer.

The Chairman instructed the Secretary to send copies of the reports covering the St. Paul conference March 21 and 22 to Mr. Fred Orr, State Publicity Agent and to the Associated Press representative.

Commissioner Simons read a list of recommendations made on behalf of the State Water Conserva

tion Commission and presented by Comm. Helt and himself at a conference of the National Resources Committee and others, held in Bismarck, April 18 and 19, 1938, as follows:

1. A definite program for the development of small water facilities throughout the state as exemplified by the report of Mr. W. W. McLaughlin on the Heart River Basin. This program calls for development of facilities which may be well fitted into the expenditure of relief funds, both by WPA and Farm Security.

It is recommended that all agencies within the Department of Agriculture, having technical men in the field, be assigned to developing the detailed information needed to place such a program in immediate effect.

We recommend further that such agencies clear through one supervisor who will be charged with the responsibility of coordinating the work of such agencies with that of other federal agencies and state and local agencies charged with water and land conservation work.

Since it is probable that insufficient personnel and funds are immediately available to secure the necessary engineering and technical information, we recommend that additional funds amounting to 10 per cent of the total cost of constructing such works be allocated for necessary engineering and supervisory services.

2. The State Water Conservation Commission has produced a preliminary plan indicating the large irrigation projects in this state but at this time has insufficient engineering information to determine the relative merits thereof from an engineering, social and economic standpoint. It is recommended that the Bureau of Reclamation and the Army Engineers be allotted sufficient money to conduct such detailed investigations as are necessary to determine the desirability of constructing such projects.

3. All the necessary data are available to the Trenton-Buford irrigation project in Williams County. We recommend that congress be urged to appropriate sufficient money to construct this project at once, using such relief labor as is possible.

4. Inasmuch as the action recommended herein will produce major changes in land use, population distribution and readjustment in local governments, it is recommended that the land economics division of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics of the Department of Agriculture continue and intensify the studies which have heretofore been conducted within the state.

5. In conducting this program, it is recommended that any funds which may be made available under the so-called Pope-Jones water facilities act and under the Small Reservoirs act, be employed insofar as is possible for the purchase of materials to augment and supplement relief funds expended for labor.

6. It is further recommended that this conference take definite steps to establish stream-gaging stations in the streams where developments are proposed in order that more complete data on the water resources of such streams may be made available.

7. We recommend that the federal government be urged to extend as rapidly as possible its land classification activities that our agricultural resources may be more accurately appraised.

8. The North Dakota Water Conservation Commission endorses the report and recommendations of W. W. McLaughlin for the development of the Heart River Valley and urges that operating agencies be encouraged to begin at once the development therein suggested. It further recommends that similar data be compiled for the other stream basins in this state, beginning first in those areas where the relief load is the heaviest, and that operating agencies be encouraged to begin this work as fast as the data becomes available and resources permit.

9. That not less than two CCC camps be assigned to the Bureau of Reclamation and put to work

in this state.

-10. That additional CCC camps be allotted to the Soil conservation service to aid in its work.

loved by Comm. Simons, seconded by Comm. Dahl, that the foregoing list of recommendations be approved. The motion carried, all Commissioners voting aye.

Comm. Holt made a report on behalf of the Tri-State Commission. He stated that a meeting of the Commission will be held about May 7 at either Wheaton, Minn. or Sisseton, S. Dak., at which time it is probable that the Walthalla Project will be presented to the Commission, and that in his opinion the project will have to be taken over by the Water Conservation Commission and that he will make such recommendation. He stated that there was a movement in Traill and Steele counties to make a change in the Missouri River Diversion Plan to include the Goose River by means of a small canal from Stump Lake into the Goose River, which will eliminate the large dam planned for the Goose River. He further stated that Col. Phillip B. Fleming and officials of the Bureau of Indian Affairs will have a conference May 2 to discuss the Red Lake Channel Project and following the conference the matter will come up for discussion at the meeting of the Tri-State Commission. He requested that the Commission members of the Tri-State Authority Committee attend the meeting about May 7.

It was moved by Comm. Whitney, seconded by Comm. Simons, that Commissioners Engen and Olson and Chief Engineer Thomas be authorized to attend the meeting, and on roll call the motion carried, all Commissioners voting aye.

Noon having arrived, the Chairman declared a recess until 1:30 P. M. when the meeting reconvened, with all Commissioners present except Governor William Langer, Chairman.

Chief Engineer Thomas stated that the Department was in need of a code and it was moved by Comm. Engen, seconded by Comm. Olson, that the Secretary be instructed to ask the Secretary of State for a copy of a code to be used by the Water Conservation Commission and the State Engineer. The motion carried, all Commissioners voting aye.

The Secretary read a letter from the State Planning Board in regard to creating a coordination council for the state and requesting the Commission to appoint one of its members to serve on such coordination council.

Moved by Comm. Dahl, seconded by Comm. Engen, that Governor William Langer be appointed to represent the Commission on the coordination council. The motion carried, all Commissioners voting aye.

The Secretary read a letter from the State Planning Board in regard to WPA projects which include filing, indexing, mapping, charting, etc.

It was moved by Comm. Dahl, seconded by Comm. Engen, that the communication be placed on file and that the Secretary contact the Planning Board whenever such work becomes necessary. On roll call the motion carried, all Commissioners voting aye.

The Secretary read a letter from C. L. Jenson of Kensal, N. Dak., addressed to Vice Chairman Henry Holt making certain suggestions in regard to Missouri River Diversion. It was moved by Comm. Olson, seconded by Comm. Engen, that the Secretary make reply and place the communication on file. The motion carried, all Commissioners voting aye.

The Secretary stated he had received a copy of H. R. 10027, a bill introduced in the House of Representatives March 25, 1938, providing for the regional conservation and development of natural resources.

Moved by Comm. Whitney, seconded by Comm. Simons, that the Secretary notify the Congressional

delegation that the Commission endorses H. R. 10027. The motion carried, all Commissioner voting aye.

Moved by Comm. Simons, seconded by Comm. Whitney, that the Secretary be authorized to conduct the sale of baby bonds in Williston under terms and conditions to be prescribed in writing by Attorney J. P. Cain. On roll call the motion carried, all Commissioners voting aye.

Moved by Comm. Olson, seconded by Comm. Whitney, that Commissioners Holt, Whitney, Simons and Dahl confer with the Manager of the Bank of North Dakota in regard to notes and mortgages held by the Commission. The motion carried, all Commissioners voting aye.

Mr. Floyd Jennings, Executive Secretary of the State Planning Board, appeared before the Commission to present the report of the Department of Agriculture on the proposed plan prepared by W. W. McLaughlin for developing the Heart River Basin. The total cost of the plan was estimated to be about \$2,603,070. It would rehabilitate about 25,000 people.

Comm. Engen presented the report of the Auditing Committee as follows:

April 26, 1938

To: Chairman William Langer and Members of  
The State Water Conservation Commission

Gentlemen:

The members of the Auditing Committee met Tuesday morning, April 26, 1938 at 10 A. M. in the office of the Secretary of the Commission, with Commissioners J. Arthur Engen, Chairman and Gerald C. Olson, present. Commissioner Kenneth W. Simons, absent.

Mr. Hartl having examined the bookkeeping system as requested, we are presenting his recommendations herewith.

We recommend his suggestion of the adoption of a journal entry system. The bookkeeper, Miss Tunell, has already made tentative arrangements to follow out Mr. Hartl's suggestions.

We recommend, in accordance with Mr. Hartl's second suggestion, that the bookkeeper be provided with a copy of that portion of the minutes of the proceedings of the Commission which pertains to expenditures or appropriations.

We further recommend that the Irrigation Committee of the Water Conservation Commission shall show approval of projects (including amounts) on printed forms, provided for that purpose, and send to the Secretary of the Commission. This is to facilitate the work of the bookkeeper.

We further recommend that when the time has arrived for the need of a billing system for its repayable projects, that the Commission invite Mr. Hartl to assist in its setting up.

We further recommend that in view of Mr. Hartl's suggestion, that the financial report of the Commission be issued at regular intervals. The financial report should also be redesigned to show not only figures for the biennium to date but also for the month just passed. The bookkeeper, Miss Tunell, is making preparations to follow this recommendation.

We wish to call the attention of the Commission to Chapter 12, Section 635, Session Laws of 1937 on Appropriations, where it states that 25% of our appropriation shall be available only at the beginning of the fourth quarter of the biennium, which would mean January 1,

1939.

With a balance on hand of approximately \$30,000.00, with \$33,000.00 repayable, it is self evident that the Commission will have to close its contemplated bond transactions as soon as possible in order that the Commission may have funds to carry on its work. Especially do we recommend that the bonds for the Grantier Project and the Lewis and Clark Project be printed immediately for disposal to the Rural Rehabilitation Corporation.

The expenditures of the Commission show that a large amount of "Administrative Funds" have been expended on the engineering work for which the Commission is taking care of a large part of the cost.

The cost of detailed engineering work for small individual projects has been on the basis of 75% by the Commission and 25% by the owner. We recommend that hereafter such engineering cost be taken care of on a 50-50 basis. Financial conditions may require that later this engineering work be done on a basis of 100% to be paid by the owner.

We further recommend that all detailed engineering work for the larger projects undertaken by the Commission for districts or associations should be on the basis of the entire cost being paid by such districts or associations.

Respectfully submitted,  
J. ARTHUR ENGEN, CHAIRMAN  
GERALD C. OLSON, MEMBER

Moved by Comm. Whitney, seconded by Comm. Olson, that the report of the Auditing Committee be accepted. The motion carried, all Commissioners voting aye.

It was moved by Comm. Simons, seconded by Comm. Engen, that the Secretary be instructed to provide the necessary printed forms to carry out the recommendations of the Auditing Committee, and that the Irrigation Committee be authorized to carry out their recommendations. On roll call the motion carried, all Commissioners voting aye.

Moved by Comm. Simons, seconded by Comm. Olson, that on all future applications for individual irrigation projects, the stipulation be made that the engineering shall be paid 50% by the applicant and 50% by the Commission. On roll call the motion carried, all Commissioners voting aye.

Moved by Comm. Simons, seconded by Comm. Whitney, that on detailed engineering work for larger projects undertaken by the Commission for districts or associations, it shall be on the basis of the entire cost being paid by such districts or associations. The roll was called and the motion carried, all Commissioners voting aye.

At 5:30 P. M., it was moved by Comm. Whitney, seconded by Comm. Engen, that the meeting adjourn until 10 A. M., Thursday, April 28. The motion carried, all Commissioners voting aye.

Pursuant to adjournment, the meeting was called to order at 10 A. M., Thursday, April 28, 1938, with Commissioners Holt, Engen, Whitney, Simons, Olson and Dahl, present. Governor William Langer, Chairman, absent.

Comm. Helt, Chairman of the Committee appointed to confer with the Manager of the Bank of North Dakota in regard to notes and mortgages held by the Commission, reported that the Bank was agreeable to making loans on such collateral but that it would be necessary for the Commission to secure an opinion from the Attorney General as to the legality of the Commission pledging such collateral for loans.

Moved by Comm. Helt, seconded by Comm. Olson, that the report of the Committee be accepted. The motion carried, all Commissioners voting aye.

Moved by Comm. Olson, seconded by Comm. Engen, that all notes and mortgages be recorded in

the various counties at once. The motion carried, all Commissioners voting aye.

Moved by Comm. Whitney, seconded by Comm. Engen, that the Secretary ask for a written opinion from the Attorney General as to the right of the Commission to pledge collateral for a loan. The motion carried, all Commissioners voting aye.

Moved by Comm. Simons, seconded by Comm. Olson, that the Chairman and Secretary be authorized to borrow money from the Bank of North Dakota and pledge collateral, if and when the Attorney General gives the opinion authorizing the Commission to do so. The roll was called and the motion carried, all Commissioners voting aye.

Moved by Comm. Engen, seconded by Comm. Dahl, that the Secretary be authorized to see the Industrial Commission, after he receives the opinion from the Attorney General, and make formal request for such loans. The motion carried, all Commissioners voting aye.

The Secretary read the report of the Irrigation Committee approving the following projects:

No.	Name	Address	Engr.	Cons't.	Acreage	
					Application	Report
195	Einar Dahl	Watford City	\$70.plus 25%	\$368.plus 25%	25	35
197	Mrs. Pearl Van Allen	Williston	60. " 25%	260. " 25%	30	50
202	Murray Moxley	Beulah	60. " 25%	30. " 25%	30	30
171	Seneschal Irrig. Dist.	Banks	3600.	-----	2000	2400
177	J. W. Mason	Mandan	110. " 25%	232. " 25%	40	55

The Secretary read the report of the Engineering Department certifying the following projects as completed:

Project No. 11	Alf Olafson, Halliday, N. Dakota	----\$189.56
" " 51	Emma Sampson, Fayette, N. Dakota	----\$233.96
" " 139	Lewis Dinehard, Manning, N. Dakota	---\$228.57
" " 161	H. W. Long, Solen, N. Dakota	-----\$604.28
" " 6	V. M. Craven, Meneken, N. Dakota	----\$218.60

Moved by Comm. Simons, seconded by Comm. Olson, that the report of the Irrigation Committee on approved projects and the Engineering Department on completed projects be accepted. On roll call the motion carried, all Commissioners voting aye.

Moved by Comm. Simons, seconded by Comm. Whitney, that Chief Engineer Thomas be instructed to file a report in writing for the Commission at its meeting following the completion of any project showing the cost and financial data concerning the project. The motion carried, all Commissioners voting aye.

Comm. Holt suggested that members of the Mouse River Committee, consisting of Commissioners Dahl, Engen and Olson, be authorized to visit the Mouse River Project to familiarize themselves with the Mouse River situation. It was moved by Comm. Simons, seconded by Comm. Whitney, that the Committee be so authorized. On roll call the motion carried, all Commissioners voting aye.

The Secretary then read the financial statement for the period ending March 30, 1938 as follows:

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**FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE STATE WATER COMMISSION**  
**As of March 30, 1938**

**APPORTIONMENT**

	<u>To Commission</u>	<u>To Project</u>	
Administrative Salaries	\$ 10,638.32		
Administrative Mileage & Expense	1,650.71		
Administrative Office Equipment	2,776.95		
Administrative Office Supplies	975.77		
Engineering Salaries, Mileage & Expense	16,091.44	12,692.37	
Engineering Office Equipment	1,647.10		
Engineering Field Equipment	992.54		
Engineering Office Supplies	669.73	25.41	
Maps	325.26	25.62	
Buford-Trenton Irrigation Project	1,000.00		(Nonrepayable Project)
Commissioners Per Diem	1,825.00		
Commissioners Mileage & Expense	1,607.28		
Tri-State Per Diem & Expense	709.40		
Washington Trip Per Diem & Expense	1,750.19		
Legal Service	1,172.50		
Legal Service Mileage & Expense	105.87		
Printing	394.51		
Telephone & Telegraph	644.79	5.24	
Postage & Express	80.77		
Missouri River Diversion	1,333.88		
Fieldmen	1,869.15	2,016.74	
Projects (Equipment & Materials)		15,384.44	
Preliminary Investigation & Research Chgs.	234.82		
Insurance	327.36		
Construction Supplies	898.72		
Bonding of Employees	2.50		
National Reclamation Association	100.00		
	49,824.56		
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	(B)	(C)	<b>\$30,149.82</b>
Total Expenditures of Commission & Projects as of March 30, 1938		(B & C)	<b>\$79,974.38</b>
Total Appropriation by Legislature	\$112,500.00		
Amount Credited to Comm. as Applic. Fees	1,210.20		
Amount Credit to Comm. as Benef. Rets.	64.65		
Total of Administrative Appropriation Plus Deposits		(A)	<b>113,774.85</b>
Total Expenditures Charged to Commission (Nonrepayable)		(B)	<b>49,824.56</b>
<u>Actual</u> Balance of Administrative Fund (Disregarding any Project Charges)			<b>63,950.29</b>
Total Expenditures Charged to Projects (Repayable to Commission)		(C)	<b>30,149.82</b>
<u>BALANCE</u> of Administrative Appropriation Plus Deposits (A) Less Commission (B) and Project Expenditures (C)			<b>\$33,800.47</b>

The Secretary stated that there were warrants outstanding and in process of payment amounting to \$9901.80 and \$20.78 fees received, leaving an unexpended balance of \$23,919.45 on April 27, 1938.

Moved by Comm. Olson, seconded by Comm. Engen, that the financial report be accepted and placed on file. The motion carried, all Commissioners voting aye.

The noon hour having arrived, the meeting recessed until 1:30 P. M.

At 1:30 P. M. the Commissioners reconvened with all Commissioners present, except the Chairman, Governor William Langer.

The Secretary reported that bids had been called for, to be opened May 2, on brush plowing on the Lewis and Clark Project, and advertisements inserted in the Williston Daily Herald, Minot Daily News, McKenzie County Farmer, and the McKenzie County Leader during the week beginning April 25.

By request Judge A. M. Christianson, Chairman of the Rural Rehabilitation Corporation, conferred with Commissioners in regard to the progress of various projects.

Chief Engineer E. J. Thomas presented a written report covering the progress of the Lewis and Clark Irrigation Project as follows:

#### R E P O R T

To: The North Dakota Water Conservation Commission:

This is a report of the Engineering Department showing present status of design and construction work for the Lewis and Clark Irrigation Project.

Seven thousand ninety three acres have been surveyed and mapped showing one foot contours and all existing topographic features. Included in these surveys was the reestablishment of all government subdivision corners and the running of 11.6 miles of interior property lines. Existing roads and trails have been traversed and accurately located on the maps. Forty miles of levels were run for the establishing of convenient bench marks for use in connection with the development of the project.

Publicly owned lands in the district include 2,285 acres by the North Dakota Rural Rehabilitation Corporation, 160 acres by the Bank of North Dakota, and 480 acres school lands. Fifteen hundred acres of clearing has been done by the WPA on these publicly owned lands.

Tentative plans for a canal system and pumping plant have been prepared to irrigate 5,000 acres. Mr. H. F. McColly, engineer for the North Dakota Rural Rehabilitation Corporation, has examined the plans and been consulted with reference to the design. These plans have been submitted to Mr. Geo. S. Knapp for review and recommendations. The design is now sufficiently advanced so that no delay will be occasioned to the construction work. Three and one-half miles of canal line and right-of-way for same have been staked in the field and cross sectioned for yardage computations. The necessary documents are being prepared for submitting an application to the War Department for a permit to construct the pumping station and intake.

It is recommended by Mr. Knapp that right-of-ways for canals and other structures be purchased from the owners. However, in view of the fact that easements have been secured, and that all of the proposed canal right-of-ways would have to be surveyed and staked in the field before legal descriptions can be prepared, it is deemed advisable to proceed with the construction work under these easements, and to later purchase the right-of-way and cancel the easements.

Attached hereto is a comparative statement showing an analysis of pumping costs using elec-



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tricity and natural gas as power. Attention is called to the attached letter of April 25, 1938, from Mr. Knapp in which he recommends the use of electric power. We recommend that the Commission approve the use of electric power for this project.

The proposal as submitted to the WPA for this project anticipated the expenditure of approximately \$5.75 for equipment and material by the WPA per man month. It has since been called to our attention that it is possible to increase the amount which the WPA is permitted to expend per man month. We recommend that further investigation be made in regard to this matter. Any increase in this fund will mean a decrease in the amount to be advanced by the sponsor for equipment and materials.

Good progress is being made in the grubbing of stumps by WPA labor. It is planned to do brush plowing by contract. Bids are being called for on an acreage basis. It is believed that this arrangement for the plowing of the brush land will prove more satisfactory.

It is proposed to begin work immediately on the smaller canals by the use of teams and frescoes. There is some question as to the availability of teams for use on the project. It may be necessary to supplement teams with light power equipment. On the larger canals west of U. S. Highway number 85, it is proposed to do the work by contract.

It is thought advisable to use as much hand labor as possible in the construction of the project. However, the matter of the early completion of the project should be carefully considered and it may later be found necessary to use power equipment more extensively.

The WPA project does not provide for leveling. It has been suggested that a supplemental estimate be made and the project amended to provide for leveling. This would necessitate additional funds to be furnished by the sponsor. It is very likely that the Farm Security Administration would undertake this work which would not require a sponsor's contribution.

Respectfully submitted,  
E. J. THOMAS, CHIEF ENGINEER

April 28, 1938

The question of purchasing right-of-way for canals was discussed and Judge Christianson suggested that a resolution be drawn asking the Rural Rehabilitation Corporation to buy right-of-way land under the terms of the contract between the Rural Rehabilitation Corporation and the Commission, and that bonds be issued by the district to the Commission for same and that the Commission in turn issue its bonds to the RRC, and give a legal description of the land to be purchased after approval by the Engineering Department.

It was moved by Comm. Simons, seconded by Comm. Dahl, that such resolution be prepared for adoption by the Commission. The motion carried, all Commissioners voting aye.

Moved by Comm. Simons, seconded by Comm. Engen, that Comm. Dahl be designated, with power to act, to represent the Commission in the purchasing of right-of-way on the Lewis and Clark Project in cooperation with the Engineering Department and the Rural Rehabilitation Corporation. On roll call the motion carried, all Commissioners voting aye.

The Secretary read a letter from Technical Advisor Knapp as to whether natural gas or electricity would be the best form of power to use on the project. The Engineering Department was instructed to make no final decisions in the matter without the approval of the Rural Rehabilitation Corporation.

Moved by Comm. Simons, seconded by Comm. Whitney, that Comm. Dahl be authorized to represent the Commission on all matters pertaining to the Lewis and Clark Project, both with regard to organization and construction, with full power to make final decisions in line with the policies announced by the Commission. On roll call the motion carried, all Commissioners voting aye.

Moved by Comm. Olson, seconded by Comm. Whitney, that Comm. Simons, in cooperation with the Rural Rehabilitation Corporation, be authorized to represent the Commission, with full power to act, in connection with mutual aid projects and irrigation districts in Grant and Sioux counties. On roll call the motion carried, all Commissioners voting aye.

Judge Christianson suggested that the Commission make application for a state-wide WPA water conservation project including small dams. This suggestion was referred to the Engineering Department.

Moved by Comm. Simons, seconded by Comm. Olson, that the Chairman and Secretary be authorized to make application to the Rural Rehabilitation Corporation for funds to be expended on the Painted Woods and Stout Irrigation Projects and covering work already undertaken. The motion carried, all Commissioners voting aye.

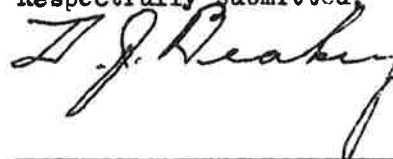
Governor William Langer conferred with the Commission in regard to progress being made on various projects undertaken by the Commission and various matters coming before the Commission at this session.

At 5 P. M., no further business appearing, it was moved by Comm. Whitney, seconded by Comm. Engen, that the Commission's regular monthly meeting to be held on Wednesday, May 11, be dispensed with and that a special meeting of the Commission be held at Williston beginning at 10 A. M., Thursday, May 19, 1938. On roll call the motion carried, all Commissioners voting aye.

APPROVED:

  
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Harry Hall  
Chairman

Respectfully submitted,



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D. J. Beakey, Secretary