

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
STATE WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Held in the Fargo Chamber of Commerce Building at Fargo, North
Dakota, on September 30, 1948

A meeting of the State Water Conservation Commission was called by Governor Fred G. Aandahl, for September 30, 1948, in the Fargo Chamber of Commerce Building, Fargo, North Dakota, to consider (1) the advisability of setting up a Bi-State Agency for the Red River of the North drainage basin within the States of Minnesota, and North Dakota, and (2) to consider the order of project priorities in the Corps of Engineers' program for the improvement and development of the Basin.

MEMBERS OF STATE WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION PRESENT:

Hon. Fred G. Aandahl, Governor & Ex Officio Chairman
S. W. Thompson, Vice Chairman, Devils Lake, North Dakota
Einar H. Dahl, Commissioner from Watford City, North Dakota
Curtis Olson, Commissioner from Valley City, North Dakota
Earle F. Tucker, Commissioner from Bismarck, North Dakota
J. J. Walsh, Secretary and Chief Engineer

Fred J. Fredrickson, Washington, D.C. representative for the Commission
I. A. Acker, Assistant Attorney General, Bismarck, North Dakota

OTHERS ATTENDING THE 10:00 A.M. MEETING:

Hon. Milton R. Young, United States Senator from North Dakota
Col. W. K. Wilson, District Engineer, Corps of Engineers, St. Paul, Minnesota
Robert Butler, Corps of Engineers, St. Paul District, St. Paul, Minnesota
George E. Lyon, Corps of Engineers, St. Paul District, St. Paul, Minnesota
Dean H. L. Walster, N.D.A.C. and Chairman, Tri-State Waters Commission, Fargo, N. Dak.
E. V. Willard, Minnesota Dept. of Conservation & Tri-State Waters Commission, St. Paul, Minn.
F. F. Moore, Tri-State Waters Commission, Wheaton, Minnesota
Carsten Mead, Tri-State Waters Commission, Red Lake Falls, Minnesota
D. M. Finlayson, Water Commissioner, Breckenridge, Minnesota
Elmer Peterson, Tri-State Waters Commission, Pierre, South Dakota
Fred C. Hagen, City Commissioner, Fargo, North Dakota
R. L. Johnson, County Auditor, Wheaton, Minnesota
William Ringdahl, County Commissioner, Wheaton, Minnesota
A. R. Coleman, County Commissioner, Breckenridge, Minnesota
R. N. Nelson, County Attorney, Breckenridge, Minnesota
R. E. Waite, Mayor, Breckenridge, Minnesota
Leo A. Reuther, City Attorney, Breckenridge, Minnesota

OTHERS ATTENDING THE 2:00 P.M. MEETING:

Hon. Milton R. Young, United States Senator from North Dakota
Hon. Kenneth K. Pyle, State Senator, West Fargo, North Dakota
Hon. Norman Larson, State Senator, Ada, Minnesota
Hon. Harold C. Hagen, United States Representative in Congress from Minnesota
Col. W. K. Wilson, Jr., District Engineer, St. Paul District, Corps of Engineers, St. Paul, Minn
Robert Butler, St. Paul District, Corps of Engineers, St. Paul, Minnesota
George E. Lyon, St. Paul District, Corps of Engineers, St. Paul, Minnesota
R. W. Leonard, St. Paul District, Corps of Engineers, St. Paul, Minnesota
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- Elmer Peterson, Tri-State Waters Commission, Pierre, South Dakota
- H. L. Ecklund, County Commissioner, Harwood, North Dakota
- Ingolf Sandbeck, County Commissioner, Kindred, North Dakota
- Fred C. Hagen, City Commissioner, Fargo, North Dakota
- Oscar Lunseth, Alderman, Grand Forks, North Dakota
- Byron J. Rockwood, City Manager, Grand Forks, North Dakota
- Hon. A. W. Hoppert, Mayor, Wahpeton, North Dakota
- Clifford Schneller, City Attorney, Wahpeton, North Dakota
- W. H. Northrop, Fargo, North Dakota
- E. F. Gestie, Fargo, North Dakota
- J. D. Paulson, Fargo Forum, Fargo, North Dakota
- A. Elleraas, County Auditor, Ada, Minnesota
- A. R. Coleman, County Commissioner, Breckenridge, Minnesota
- R. N. Nelson, County Attorney, Breckenridge, Minnesota
- Hon. Alex J. Nemzek, Mayor, Moorhead, Minnesota
- Hon. E. R. Waite, Mayor, Breckenridge, Minnesota
- Hon. Theo. Molstad, Mayor, Beltrami, Minnesota
- Leo A. Reuther, City Attorney, Breckenridge, Minnesota
- M. B. Boyden, City Engineer, Moorhead, Minnesota
- N. J. Mjelde, Beltrami, Minnesota
- O. G. Olson, Beltrami, Minnesota

The meeting was called to order by Governor Aandahl, Chairman of the State Water Conservation Commission, at 10:00 a.m., with the above named persons present at the opening of the meeting scheduled for 10:00 o'clock a.m. Governor Aandahl explained to those present that the first order of business would be the consideration and advisability of setting up a Bi-State agency. The Governor called upon Dean Walster, Chairman of the Tri-State Waters Commission to present their problem before the Commission. Following Dean Walster's remarks, Mr. Elmer Peterson, representing the South Dakota Tri-State Committee, discussed South Dakota's interests in the Basin. Mr. Peterson read letters from the State of South Dakota's Attorney General and State Engineer commenting on the proposed Bi-State compact. Mr. Peterson was of the opinion that South Dakota would be willing to have the Bi-State Compact take care of the interests relating to Minnesota and North Dakota. Mr. E. V. Willard, representing the Minnesota Department of Conservation and Tri-State Waters Committee for the state, reported for Minnesota. It was his opinion that the State of Minnesota would be willing to consider any amendments that would make the Tri-State Compact more workable. Following Mr. Willard's remarks, Colonel W. K. Wilson, Jr., District Engineer, St. Paul Office, presented the local problems confronting the Army in securing financial assurances and the required cooperation between the states necessary in coordinating and working out a plan for carrying on the proposed work in the Basin. General discussion followed the remarks of Colonel Wilson.

Members of the Tri-State Water Commission present proposed that the compact entered into by Minnesota, South Dakota, and North Dakota should be amended so that the Commission could act when only a majority of the members from two states were present at the meeting, when the problem involved only these two states. Mr. Fred J. Fredrickson was assigned to meet with legal representatives of the Attorney General's offices of the states of Minnesota, South Dakota, and North Dakota to draw up the required amendments for submission to the Tri-States Water Commission for approval.

The meeting recessed until 12:30 p.m., and reconvened at 2:00 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 2:00 p.m., the order of business under discussion being the order of project priorities in the Corps of Engineers' construction program. Colonel Wilson went into considerable detail explaining the plan as proposed by the Army Engineers, stating that there is an emergency fund of \$50,000 available immediately for removing snags and fallen trees out of the Sheyenne River. He further explained that in the \$1,000,000 appropriated by the last Congress for flood control work in the Basin, local participation would be required. Mr. Theo. Molstad, Mayor of Beltrami, Minnesota, discussed their problems on the Sand Hill. Mr. R. N. Nelson, County Attorney from Breckenridge, presented their problems on the area in the vicinity of Breckenridge. Mr. Norman Larson of Ada, Minnesota, discussed problems on the Wild Rice and Marsh Rivers. Mr. William Ringdahl, County Commissioner from Wheaton, Minnesota, presented problems of channel clearing in the Mustinka River Basin. Mr. A. W. Hoppert, Mayor of Wahpeton, outlined their problems in straightening the channel on the Bois de Sioux River.

Colonel Wilson requested that the local representatives select the projects on which the work should start first. The North Dakota delegation recessed to a private conference room. Those in attendance were Governor Aandahl and Members of the Water Commission; Fred J. Fredrickson, Valley City; J. D. Paulson, Fargo Forum, Fargo; Ingolf Sandbeck, County Commissioner Cass County, Kindred; H. L. Ecklund, County Commissioner from Cass County, Harwood; Kenneth K. Pyle, State Senator, West Fargo; A. W. Hoppert, Mayor of Wahpeton; Oscar Lunæth, Alderman, Grand Forks; and Byron J. Rockwood, City Manager, Grand Forks, North Dakota. Those representing Cass County reported that they were in general agreement, in their county, that the Sheyenne project should receive first consideration, the Rush River be second on the priority list, followed by the Maple River project.

A motion was made by S. W. Thompson, Vice Chairman of the Water Commission, that the following "Resolution" be adopted:

"Pursuant to recommendations made by the local interests present, the State Water Conservation Commission recommends to the Corps of Engineers that they first proceed with the channel improvement on the Sheyenne River." The motion was seconded by Commissioner Curtis Olson. Governor Aandahl called the roll, with Commissioners Dahl, Thomson, Olson, Tucker, and Governor Aandahl all voting aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner Olson made the following motion: "I move that the State Water Conservation Commission recommend to the Corps of Engineers that they proceed with the surveys and investigations; that the Rush River be first in priority (after the Sheyenne River), and that the Maple River be second in priority, and that the Bois de Sioux be third in priority." The motion was seconded by Commissioner Earle F. Tucker. Governor Aandahl called the roll, with Commissioners Dahl, Thompson, Tucker, Olson and Governor Aandahl all voting aye. Motion carried.

The Minnesota delegation recessed to their main conference room where they decided upon the allocation of funds for development and improvement of their part of the Red River Basin.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Secretary

ATTEST:


Chairman

NORTH DAKOTA STATE WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MONTHLY REPORT OF ACCOUNTS, AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 1948
1947-1949 APPROPRIATIONS

Fund No.	Appropriation For	Available July 1947	Expended To Aug. 31	Expended September	Balance 9-30-48
1	Commissioner's Per Diem and Expenses	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 1,888.39	\$ Nil	\$ 2,111.61
2	Administration	30,000.00			
	Plus Refunds and Collections.	5,043.73	13,724.24	955.99	20,401.39
3	Maintenance of Dams	45,000.00			
	Plus Refunds and Donations for Dam Repairs.	5,883.17	31,996.60	5,158.87	13,727.70
4	Tri-State Waters and Portions of Administration and Conference Expenses.	1,000.00	85.44	Nil	914.56
5	International and Interstate Compacts	10,000.00	3,860.36	448.21	5,691.43
6	Topographic and Conservation Branches, Cooperation with the U. S. Geological Survey.	30,000.00	12,747.73	901.47	16,350.80
7	Hydrographic Surveys, Cooperation with the U. S. Geological Survey.	20,000.00	10,000.00	986.33	9,013.67
8	State Engineer's Salary.	5,400.00	3,150.00	225.00	2,025.00
9	Reconstruction of Drains or Irrigation	200,000.00	9,248.33	Nil	190,751.67
10	Engineering and Geological Surveys and Demonstrations.	30,000.00	14,347.14	172.47	15,480.39
11	Postwar Projects, Cooperation with U. S. Departments	135,000.00	90,013.30		44,986.70
12	Other Investigations, Surveys and Etc.	90,000.00	40,797.61	3,511.99	45,690.40
13	Construction Bond Guaranty Fund.	70,541.00	Nil	Nil	70,541.00
		<u>\$681,867.90</u>	<u>\$230,665.72</u>	<u>\$12,594.93</u>	<u>\$438,607.25</u>

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 1945-1947 APPROPRIATIONS

No.	Appropriation For	Available July 1945	Expended To September 30, 1948	Balance September 30, 1948
1.	Commissioner's Per Diem and Expenses	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,632.02	\$ 367.98
2.	Administration	25,000.00		
	Plus Refunds and Collections	4,847.79	29,847.79	Nil
3.	Maintenance of Existing Dams	45,000.00		
	Plus Refunds and Donations for Dam Repairs	7,537.71	33,269.03	19,268.68
4.	Tri-State Waters and Portion of Administration and Conference Expenses	5,500.00	5,216.77	283.23
5.	International and Interstate Compacts, Commissioners and Conference Expenses	5,000.00	4,674.68	325.32
6.	Topographic and Conservation Branches, Cooperation with the U. S. Geological Survey	30,000.00	30,000.00	Nil
7.	Hydrographic Surveys, Cooperation with the U.S. Geological Survey	15,000.00	15,000.00	Nil
8.	State Engineer's Salary	5,000.00	5,000.00	Nil
9.	Reconstruction of Drains or Irrigation	240,000.00		
	Plus Refund	59.56	195,773.63	44,285.93
10.	Underground Waters, Cooperation with the U. S. Geological Survey	25,000.00		
	Plus Refund	65.43	25,065.43	Nil
11.	Postwar Projects, Cooperation with the U. S. Departments	100,000.00		
	Plus Refund	4.60	78,714.31	21,290.29
12.	Other Investigations, Surveys & etc.	75,000.00	74,996.47	3.53
13.	Construction Bond Guaranty Fund	70,541.00	Nil	70,541.00
		<u>\$657,556.09</u>	<u>\$501,190.13</u>	<u>\$156,365.96</u>

NORTH DAKOTA STATE WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION
BALANCES OF PRIOR FUNDS RECOVERED BY OPINION OF
ATTORNEY GENERAL - AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 1948

No.	Year	Appropriation For	Balance 7-1-45	Paid Out	Balance 9-30-48	Yearly Balance
1	1939	Commissioner's Per Diem	\$1,757.00	Nil	\$1,757.00	
4	1939	Lewis & Clark Experimental Farm.	109.76	Nil	109.76	
5	1939	Sponser's share of Dam Repairs	2,088.08	Nil	2,088.08	
6	1939	Engineering and Soil Surveys	180.00	Nil	180.00	
7	1939	Missouri Valley Diversion and Reports.	300.00	Nil	300.00	
8	1939	Geese River Diversion.	125.00	Nil	125.00	
9	1939	James River and Lake Traverse Diversion.	751.20	Nil	751.20	
10	1939	Missouri River Diversion	2,000.00	966.75	1,033.25	
11	1939	Evaluation Economic Benefits	488.00	Nil	488.00	
12	1939	Reports, Conference, Congress Agencies	272.07	Nil	272.07	
13	1939	Tri-State Waters, Commission Cooperation	696.87	48.17	648.70	
14	1939	Independent Investigations and Reports	312.90	Nil	<u>312.90</u>	\$8,065.96
1	1941	Commissioner's Per Diem	395.00	Nil	395.00	
4	1941	Maintenance of Existing Dams, plus \$51.00 Refund	53.86	Nil	53.86	
12	1941	Tri-State Waters, Administration, Conference	8.61	Nil	8.61	
15	1941	Topographic Surveys	<u>.13</u>	<u>Nil</u>	<u>.13</u>	
			\$9,538.48	\$1,014.92		<u>457.60</u>
			<u><u> </u></u>	<u><u> </u></u>		<u><u>\$8,523.56</u></u>

NORTH DAKOTA STATE WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION

DEPOSITS IN THE BANK OF NORTH DAKOTA

AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 1948

Source of Deposits	Transit No.	Amount Deposited	Expended to Aug. 31, 1948	Expended September	Balance 9-30-48
Yellowstone Pumping Irrigation District paid accrued interest on \$3,500.00 advance to 10-1-44. Tax collections to March, 1947	501-118	\$ 366.36	Nil	Nil	\$
	501-118	499.53	Nil	Nil	865.89
Special Cooperative Groundwater contributions by Fargo, Cass County and Water Commission, each \$2,500.00	501-119	7,500.00	\$7,499.90	Nil	.10
Contributions for Groundwater Surveys:					
Fessenden		\$1,000.00			
Mountain		100.00			
Maddeck		750.00			
Lakota		1,000.00			
Bella		750.00			
Devils Lake		7,500.00			
Aneta		1,000.00			
Litchville		1,000.00			
Wyndmere		1,000.00			
Portland		500.00			
Kindred	501-126	15,600.00	75.83	Nil	15,524.13
Sale of N. Dak. Water Development Booklets	501-127	57.00	Nil	Nil	57.00
TOTAL OF ALL BANK OF NORTH DAKOTA DEPOSITS AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 1948					<u><u>\$16,447.12</u></u>

\$63,000.00 Series J bonds sinking fund balance 9-30-48
 \$47,078.26 and \$19,459.00 Bond Guaranty Fund, with Sioux
 Irrigation District bonds of \$25,000.00 as additional
 collateral, on which Jacobson Land Assessments have been
 paid under protest after sale.

PAYROLL OF
NORTH DAKOTA STATE WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION
SEPTEMBER 1948

Name	Duties	Salary for September	With. Tax.	H. D. OASIS	Hosp. Ins.	Net pay	Remarks
Walsh, J. J.	Sec'y-State Engineer	\$400.00	\$28.10	\$2.50	\$3.78	\$365.62	Increased June, 1947
Andersen, Albin S.	Engineer	250.00	12.70	2.50	3.78	231.02	Increased February, 1948
Berge, Einar	Technical Assistant	95.00		.95	3.78	90.27	Increased February, 1948
Ceeper, Vernon S.	Bookkeeper	250.00	12.70	2.50	3.78	231.02	Increased June 1, 1948
Daly, John P.	Instrumentman	160.00		1.60		158.40	Increased June 1, 1948
Dodd, Harold E.	Engineer	275.00	16.30	2.50	3.78	252.42	Increased June 1, 1948
Gamble, Clarence	Survey Party Chief	200.00	21.90	2.00		176.10	Increased June 1, 1948
Lindsay, Franklin	Redman	10.00	.94	.10		8.96	Quit September 2
Nichols, Don L.	Engineer, Ass't Sec'y	325.00	40.10	2.50	1.52	280.88	Increased June, 1947
Nordstrom, Franz	Draftsman	175.00	1.10	1.75		172.15	Started work June 7, 1948
Orr, F. G.	Bookkeeper	300.00	11.60	2.50	3.78	282.12	Increased February, 1948
Peterson, Winifred	Stenographer	175.00	17.70	1.75	1.52	154.03	Increased July 1, 1948
Putz, Roy	Redman	140.00	12.90	1.40		125.70	Started work April 14, 1948
Reitan, Phillip	Redman	74.67	6.88	.75		67.04	Quit September 16
Robinsen, Donald	Survey Party Chief	100.00	10.95	1.00		88.05	Quit September 15
Reherty, Margaret	Stenographer	150.00	14.10	1.50	1.52	132.88	Started work July 9, 1948
Schmitzke, Otto	Garden Foreman	225.00		2.25		222.75	Started work April 19, 1948
Shelden, Marvin	Engineer	250.00	29.30	2.50	1.52	216.68	Increased February, 1948
Tibke, Gerald	Redman	150.00	14.10	1.50		134.40	Increased June 1, 1948
Tervik, Duane	Engineer	250.00	21.00	2.50	1.52	224.98	Increased February, 1948
Werner, John	Redman	32.66	3.01	.33		29.32	Quit September 7