

STATE WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
 Minutes of Meeting  
 Held in St. Cecelia School Auditorium  
 Harvey, North Dakota  
 July 18, 1955

A regular meeting of the North Dakota State Water Conservation Commission was called to order on July 18, 1955, in the St. Cecelia School Auditorium in Harvey, North Dakota, in conjunction with the organizational meeting of the Board of Directors of the Garrison Diversion Conservancy District. The following were present:

MEMBERS OF STATE WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION:

Honorable Norman Brunsdale, Governor and Ex-Officio Chairman  
 Curtis Olson, Vice-Chairman, Member from Valley City  
 A. M. Christensen, Member from Minot  
 Math Dahl, Commissioner of Agriculture and Labor, Member from Bismarck  
 Milo W. Hoisveen, Secretary and Chief Engineer, State Engineer

OTHERS PRESENT AT THE MEETING:

Vernon S. Cooper, Assistant Secretary, State Water Conservation Commission

The meeting was called to order at 9:20 a.m. by Governor Brunsdale with Vice-Chairman Curtis Olson, Commissioners A. M. Christensen, Math Dahl, Secretary Milo W. Hoisveen and Assistant Secretary Vernon S. Cooper present.

It was moved by Commissioner A. M. Christensen, and seconded by Vice-Chairman Curtis Olson, that the minutes of the meeting held on June 10, 1955, be approved. All Commissioners voted aye and the motion carried.

It was moved by Vice-Chairman Curtis Olson, and seconded by Commissioner A. M. Christensen, that the Financial Statements for June, 1955, be approved and filed in the office of the State Water Conservation Commission. All Commissioners voted aye and the motion carried.

The allocation of funds by the State Water Conservation Commission for the Garrison Diversion Conservancy District Board of Directors' tour was discussed.

Vice-Chairman Curtis Olson made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Math Dahl, that the State Water Conservation Commission allocate \$3,000.00 to the Board of Directors of the Garrison Diversion Conservancy District to pay the costs of the organization and other activities of the Board during the period July 18-21, and that the State Water Conservation Commission make available to the Board of Directors the engineering, administrative and legal services and facilities of the Commission to assist them in their activities upon request from said Board and until they are in a position to supply their own services of this nature. Upon roll call by Governor Brunsdale, Vice-Chairman Curtis Olson, Commissioners A. M. Christensen, Math Dahl and Governor Brunsdale all voted aye. Motion carried.

It was reported by Secretary Milo W. Hoisveen that the Lake Metigoshe Improvement Association is desirous of holding a joint meeting between the State Water Conservation Commission and Canadian officials at Lake Metigoshe relative

to the possible Sharpe Lake diversion and reservoir. The proposed reservoir would be used in an effort to stabilize Lake Metigoshe at the spillway crest. It was the opinion of the Commissioners that the August meeting could be scheduled for Lake Metigoshe.

Secretary Milo W. Hoisveen stated that sufficient funds are available in the 1953-55 budget to cover the expenses incurred by the North Dakota Reclamation Association and the Missouri-Souris Projects Association in financing the appearance of witnesses at Congressional hearings in Washington, D. C., as listed in the minutes of the meeting of June 10, 1955. At that meeting the North Dakota Reclamation Association presented expenses totaling \$980.00 and the Missouri-Souris Projects Association listed expenses approximating \$2,200.00. It was proposed that if funds were available in the State Water Conservation Commission's 1953-55 budget to cover the payment to the North Dakota Reclamation Association and the Missouri-Souris Projects Association for services rendered in connection with this work the Commission pay the claims from their 1953-55 appropriation.

It was moved by Vice-Chairman Curtis Olson, and seconded by Commissioner A. M. Christensen, that the State Water Conservation Commission authorize payment of \$1,200.00 to the Missouri-Souris Projects Association and \$980.00 to the North Dakota Reclamation Association for services rendered. Upon roll call by Governor Brunsdale, Vice-Chairman Curtis Olson, Commissioners A. M. Christensen, Math Dahl and Governor Brunsdale all voted aye. Motion carried.

According to Secretary Milo W. Hoisveen, a formal request has been received from the Cass County Drain Board for financial assistance in the repair of Cass County Drains #3 and #10. It was pointed out by Secretary Hoisveen that W. P. Tarbell, Fargo City Engineer, and P. K. Lewis, Fargo City Commissioner, had presented this proposal to the Commission at a meeting held on September 16, 1954. The estimated cost of the project is \$62,000.00 of which the Commission could pay 40 per cent or approximately \$24,800.00.

It was moved by Vice-Chairman Curtis Olson, and seconded by Commissioner Math Dahl, that the State Water Conservation Commission authorize payment of 40 per cent of the costs of repair of Cass County Drains #3 and #10. Upon roll call by Governor Brunsdale, Vice-Chairman Curtis Olson, Commissioners A. M. Christensen, Math Dahl and Governor Brunsdale all voted aye. Motion carried.

Secretary Milo W. Hoisveen stated that a water-right application has been received from the City of Bismarck for an additional 50 million gallons of water per day to be diverted from the Missouri River for municipal purposes. The present water-right for the City of Bismarck allocates 6 million gallons of water per day. It was pointed out by Secretary Hoisveen that 50 million gallons of water per day would not be used by the City of Bismarck for many years to come.

It was moved by Commissioner A. M. Christensen, and seconded by Vice-Chairman Curtis Olson, that the State Water Conservation Commission approve the City of Bismarck's water-right application for 50 million gallons of water per day to be diverted from the Missouri River for municipal uses. Upon roll call by Governor Brunsdale, all Commissioners voted aye and the motion carried.

Proposed raises for the State Water Conservation Commission's engineering and administrative staff were presented by Secretary Milo W. Hoisveen. The following raises were proposed:

| <u>NAME</u>            | <u>GRADE</u>    | <u>INCREASE PER MONTH</u> |
|------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|
| Art Radspinner         | from F-3 to F-4 | \$ 9.50                   |
| Stanley Kounts         | from H-2 to H-4 | 25.00                     |
| Marvin Sheldon         | from H-2 to H-4 | 25.00                     |
| Vernon Cooper          | from J-5 to K-3 | 22.00                     |
| Sam Westgate           | from J-5 to K-3 | 22.00                     |
| Total monthly increase |                 | \$ 103.50                 |
| Total annual increase  |                 | \$1,242.00                |

It was the opinion of Commissioner A. M. Christensen that Secretary Milo W. Hoisveen should also be included in the above list.

It was moved by Commissioner A. M. Christensen, and seconded by Commissioner Math Dahl, that the increases in salaries as listed above be approved as of July 1, 1955, and that the salary of the State Engineer be increased from K-4 to K-6. Upon roll call by Governor Brunsdale, Vice-Chairman Curtis Olson, Commissioners A. M. Christensen, Math Dahl and Governor Brunsdale all voted aye. Motion carried.

Secretary Milo W. Hoisveen reported that the Hydrographic Branch of the U. S. Geological Survey has requested the State Water Conservation Commission to enter into a cooperative agreement for the 1956 fiscal year in the amount of \$15,000 for each party for surface water resources investigations in North Dakota. Secretary Hoisveen stated that sufficient funds are available in the Commission's budget to enter into this agreement.

It was moved by Commissioner A. M. Christensen, and seconded by Commissioner Math Dahl, that the State Water Conservation Commission enter into a cooperative agreement with the Hydrographic Branch of the U. S. Geological Survey in the amount of \$15,000.00 for each party for surface water resources investigations in North Dakota. Upon roll call by Governor Brunsdale, Vice-Chairman Curtis Olson, Commissioners A. M. Christensen, Math Dahl and Governor Brunsdale all voted aye. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 o'clock a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Milo W. Hoisveen  
Secretary

ATTEST:

Norman Brunsdale \* F  
Governor  
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