

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
STATE WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION
TO CONSIDER THE ALLOCATION AND REALLOCATION OF DRAINAGE FUNDS

Held in the Blue Room of the State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota
May 21, 1947

A special meeting in regard to the allocation and reallocation of drainage funds to the various Counties, was held in the Blue Room of the State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota, on May 21, 1947. The following persons were present:

MEMBERS OF THE STATE WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Kenneth W. Simons, Vice Chairman, State Water Commission, Bismarck, North Dakota
Sivert Thompson, Member of Commission, Devils Lake, North Dakota
Einar H. Dahl, Member of Commission, Watford City, North Dakota
J. J. Walsh, Secretary and Chief Engineer, State Water Commission, Bismarck, N. Dak.
Einar Berge, Publicity Manager, Bismarck, North Dakota

OTHERS

A. D. McKinnon, State Conservationist, Soil Conservation Service, Bismarck, N. Dak.
John F. Dillen, District Conservationist, Soil Conservation Service, Park River, N. Dak.
A. B. Linferd, District Conservationist, Soil Conservation Service, Wahpeton, N. Dak.
Nels O. Lindaa, County Commissioner, Traill County, Mayville, North Dakota
Andrew McSparren, County Commissioner, Traill County, Hillsboro, North Dakota
Gilman Westvedt, County Commissioner, Traill County, Hatton, North Dakota
Roy Tyson, Traill County Engineer, Hillsboro, North Dakota
Jes. Spickermeier, County Commissioner, Cass County, Sheldon, North Dakota
Oscar Covert, County Commissioner, Cass County, Fargo, North Dakota
W. F. Sutton, County Commissioner, Cass County, Hunter, North Dakota
Dean Spaulding, Engineer, Cass County, Fargo, North Dakota
Thos. J. Wright, Cummings, North Dakota

The meeting opened at 9:30 a.m. in the Capitol Blue Room, with Vice Chairman Simons presiding. The purpose of this meeting was to allocate and reallocate money left in the drainage fund to those counties having work under contract now, or may have contracted for prior to June 30, 1947.

Mr. J. F. Dillen, District Conservationist, S.C.S., Park River, represented Grand Forks, Walsh and Pembina Counties; Mr. A. B. Linferd, District Conservationist, S.C.S., Wahpeton, represented Richland, Sargent and Ransom Counties; Mr. Nels Lindaa, County Commissioner of Traill County, represented the County of Traill; and Jes. Spickermeier, County Commissioner of Cass County, acted as representative for the County of Cass.

Commissioner Simons read statements from counties showing amounts of their unexpended funds unused and still available to meet current obligations and new work. These unexpended balances, from the counties, are to be added to the unexpended balance left in the State Water Commission drainage fund and reapportioned to the counties according to their needs before the first of July, 1947.

RANSOM

Mr. A. B. Linferd, District Conservationist of Wahpeton, represented Ransom, Sargent and Richland Counties on the Tri-County Drain. He said the original drain will have to be abandoned before funds can become available for the construction of a new one, and that all the counties concerned will have to enter into an agreement before funds may be used for construction. Ransom County requested their allocation of \$9,600 be made available

during the next biennium for use on this drainage project.

CASS

Cass County requested \$9,750 in addition to the \$2,200 now being spent on the construction of four drains, which total amounts to \$11,950. This amount less their balance of \$3,411.31 leaves a sum of \$8,538.69 to be appropriated.

TRAILL

Nels Lindans, County Commissioner, summarized the needs for drainage funds for Traill County. He stated their county was \$10,756.83 short on work done last fall, after being granted the additional allocation. They are now lining up new work on three drains that will require an additional \$6,400 of the state drainage funds, a total allocation of \$17,156.83, to complete their required drainage work.

GRAND FORKS

Grand Forks County, represented by John Dillen, District Conservationist, S.C.S., requested the sum of \$9,500. The County has an unused balance of \$3,859.08, therefore, the needed appropriation would amount to \$5,640.92.

PEMBINA-WALSH

John Dillen, District Conservationist, Park River, reported on these counties. He stated that a contract for the construction of Drain No. 50, Walsh-Pembina Counties, amounting to \$96,000, had been let and is awaiting the decision of the Court. This contract was awarded with the stipulation that money would be allocated if the Court's decision was in favor of the drain, and if the Court's decision was against it, it would be withdrawn. Commissioner Simons requested Commissioner Thompson to call Judge Grimsen and find out the status of the Court's decision in connection with the Walsh-Pembina drainage case. Commissioner Thompson reported that he was unable to reach the Judge by phone.

RICHLAND

Mr. Linford, representing Richland County, stated there was an unexpended balance of \$7,838.27 left from their county allocation. They have let \$20,550 in contracts, which will leave a sum of \$12,711.73 to be allocated.

The total amount of money requested for reallocation by the four counties amounts to \$44,048.17.

Unexpended funds returned to the State Water Commission drainage fund is as follows:

Walsh County	\$2300.00
Pembina County	2300.00
Sargent County	15360.00
Ransom County	<u>9600.00</u>
Making a total of	\$ 29,560.00
Balance in SWCC fund	<u>14,678.05</u>

Unexpended funds available for reallocation \$ 44,238.05

Commissioner Einar H. Dahl gave a report on the Sioux Irrigation District, McKenzie County. He stated that about \$6,000 will be needed to repair their intake, according to estimates made by the State Water Commission engineers. A discussion then took place as to whether the money should be taken from the drainage fund or be taken care of through the Maintenance of Dams fund. Commissioner Dahl was requested to ask the Attorney General's opinion about taking money from the Maintenance of Dams fund.

Mr. Simons: We have approximately \$44,238.05 to reallocate. All counties will receive substantially what they have asked for. If we have to cut down any, it will not be over 5%. They will receive practically 100% of the funds they have requested.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m., to reconvene in the Office of the State Water Commission at 11:15 a.m.

The following motion was made by Commissioner Thompson:

"The matter of the reallocation of drainage funds out of the 1945 appropriation was discussed. The following counties were present and took part in the discussion, and were either represented by the Boards of County Commissioners or by the engineers representing the counties in connection with the building of drains: Cass, Walsh, Pembina, Traill, Grand Forks, Richland, Ransom and Sargent.

"It was reported to the Commission that Ransom County, which had been allocated the sum of \$9600, and Sargent, which had been allocated the sum of \$15,360 would be unable to expend said sums during the present fiscal year, and that the County of Pembina would not be able to expend the sum of \$2300 of its unexpended balance, and that the County of Walsh would not be able to expend the sum of \$2300 of its unexpended balance before July 1, 1947.

"I, therefore, move, Mr. Chairman, that in accordance with the statements of the reports of these counties, that the above sums be withdrawn from project allocations and added to the general unexpended drainage funds of the Commission, to be reallocated to those counties which may make proper use of them during the current biennium."

Commissioner Dahl seconded the motion. Vice Chairman Simons called roll, with all members of the Commission voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion was again made by Commissioner Thompson:

"The records of the Water Commission show that there is an unexpended balance of \$14,678.05 in the drainage fund, and that with the funds withdrawn from the various counties as set out in the previous motion, there is a balance in the drainage fund, unexpended, of \$44,238.05, subject to reallocation at this time.

"I move that out of the unexpended balance now in the drainage fund appropriated to the State Water Conservation Commission ~~to~~ ^{there} be allocated as additional funds, the following:

To Cass County, North Dakota, \$8,538.69, to Traill County, North Dakota, \$17,156.83, to Grand Forks County, North Dakota, the sum of \$5,640.92, to Richland County, North Dakota, the sum of \$12,711.73, making a total of \$44,048.17, these being the only counties which have asked for additional allocations out of the current budget."

Commissioner Dahl seconded the motion. Vice Chairman Simons called roll, with all Commissioners present voting aye. Motion carried.

Pursuant to recess, at 12:00 noon, the Water Commission reconvened at 2:00 p.m. in the Office of the Governor, Gov. Aandahl presiding, with Commissioners Simons, Dahl and Thompson present. Commissioner Simons moved that the salary of the Secretary and Chief Engineer be fixed at \$400.00 per month, to become effective June 1, 1947. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Roll was called by the Governor, with all Commissioners present voting aye. The motion was declared carried.

The meeting adjourned at 4 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

ATTEST:

Fred A. Aandahl
Chairman

J. Walsh
Secretary

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

No.	Appropriation for	Available July '45	Expenses July-Apr.	Expenses May '47	Balance 5-31-47
1	Commissioners Per Diem and Expenses,	4,000.00	3,052.87	150.02	797.11
2	Administration,	25,000.00			
	Plus refunds and collection,	4,847.79	19,973.38	1,804.52	8,069.89
3	Maintenance Existing Dams,	45,000.00			
	Refunds and donations on dam repairs,	5,702.60	13,426.24	4,479.82	32,796.54
4	Tri-State Waters and Portion of Administration and Conference Expenses,	5,500.00	4,200.09	859.18	440.73
5	International and Interstate Compacts, Commissioner and Conference Expenses,	5,000.00	3,864.93	134.50	1,000.57
6	Topographic and Conservation Branches, Coop. with U. S. Geological Survey,	30,000.00	25,825.94	854.17	3,319.89
7	Hydrographic Surveys, coop. with U.S.Geol. Survey,	15,000.00	13,105.07	686.33	1,208.60
8	State Engineer's Salary,	5,000.00	4,583.30	208.35	208.35
9	Reconstruction Drains, or Irrigation,	240,000.00			
	Plus refund,	59.56	140,906.68	1,146.81	98,006.07
10	Underground Waters, coop. with U.S.Geol. Survey,	25,000.00	7,177.61	60.00	17,762.39
11	Postwar Projects, coop. with U. S. Departments,	100,000.00	27,430.58	2,724.03	69,845.44
12	Other Investigations, Surveys, etc.	75,000.00	74,983.01	Nil.	16.99
13	Construction Bond Guarantee Fund balance,	<u>70,541.00</u>	<u>Nil.</u>	<u>Nil.</u>	<u>70,541.00</u>
FGO-	(No change in other funds from last month's statement.)	<u>658,650.95</u>	<u>338,529.65</u>	<u>12,900.52</u>	<u>304,220.78</u>

STATE WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION

DRAINAGE FUND STATEMENT

May 15, 1947

County	First Allocation	Additional Allocation	Total Allocated	Expended To Date	Balance 5-15-47
✓ Cass,	46,000.00	8,000.00	54,000.00	50,648.69	3,411.31
Hickey (* 9,600.00)					
✓ Grand Forks,	7,600.00	4,000.00	11,600.00	7,820.92	3,859.08
LaMoine (2 7,600.00)					
✓ Pembina,	21,120.00	7,000.00	28,120.00	10,073.83	11,046.17
Hazen,	9,600.00 ✓		9,600.00		9,600.00
✓ Richland,	49,920.00	9,000.00	58,920.00	51,141.29	7,838.27
Error refunded,	59.56				
Sargent,	15,360.00 ✓		15,360.00		15,360.00
✓ Traill,	9,600.00	4,000.00	13,600.00	13,600.00	00.00
✓ Walsh, . . (& Pembina) . .	15,360.00	18,000.00	33,360.00		33,360.00
Misc. Bottineau County		9,000	24,360.00		24,360.00
McKenzie County			2,705.31	2,705.31	00.00
			4,816.64	4,816.64	00.00
Balance,			14,678.05		14,678.05
MO- Totals	174,772.56	43,000.00	210,072.56	149,906.68	59,152.88