

The coming of irrigation will again give many people the opportunity to make a living off the land. The increase in rural population and rural income will bring new lifeblood to the faltering economy of our urban areas.

A guaranteed water supply for the city of Aberdeen will allow for industrial and economic expansion. Expansion to process the agriculture products produced in our own area. An increase in our economic position will lead to more recreation, better schools, better churches, improved water and sewer facilities, community pride, and overall a better way of life.

Irrigation in the Oahe Conservancy Subdistrict could lead our proud State into a position of being able to give more to our national economy than we receive from the Federal Government through the many governmental programs, thus reflecting to the betterment of our Nation.

The following service clubs have asked that their voices be added to those who believe that irrigation should come to our area: Kiwanis, Cosmopolitan, Sertoma, Lions, and Zonta. Their letters are attached.

We commend you, the members of the Senate Water and Power Resources Subcommittee, for the progress you have made, and urgently request that you continue your efforts to bring an ample water supply to our district to assure us of irrigation in the Oahe conservancy subdistrict.

(The resolutions referred to follow:)

KIWANIS CLUB OF ABERDEEN,
Aberdeen, S. Dak., May 12, 1967.

To Members of the U.S. Senate,
Water and Power Resource Subcommittee:

The members of the Aberdeen Kiwanis Club wish to take this opportunity to urge authorization of the Oahe Irrigation Project at the earliest possible date.

We realize that agriculture is the main industry in the area and that the overall economy depends heavily on the agricultural situation. The irrigation development will improve and stabilize the economy of our area. This and many other factors will mean further development of Aberdeen and we give the project our wholehearted support.

The above statements were approved by action of the Board of Directors of the Aberdeen Kiwanis Club on May 3, 1967.

E. R. WILLIAMSON,
Secretary.

COSMOPOLITAN CLUB, INC.,
Aberdeen, S. Dak., May 19, 1967.

MEMBERS OF THE U.S. SENATE,
Water and Power Resource Subcommittee,
Washington, D.C.

GENTLEMEN: The Aberdeen Cosmopolitan Club, representing fifty three business men members, at a recent regular meeting discussed the forthcoming meeting to be held in Redfield and voted to go on record as wholeheartedly supporting the further development of the Oahe Project.

Water is the key to our future on both local and area levels and all future development must be planned with the availability of adequate supplies in mind.

Our area is blessed with ample tillable and productive land and its potential is unlimited when a good water supply is added.

We certainly urge, and support the continuance of, all efforts to provide this supply.

Yours very truly,

GEORGE J. DOYLE,
President, Aberdeen Cosmopolitan Club.