

APRIL 28, 1967.

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

GENTLEMEN: I would like to express support for the Oahe Irrigation Project on behalf of the Aberdeen Sertoma Club. At the Club's weekly meeting Monday, April 24, 1967 it was passed unanimously on behalf of the Club's 52 members to back the Oahe Irrigation Project. The Club feels that not only will adequate water be available for consumption, but it will afford a boon to our prairies in the form of added facilities for recreation and wildlife habitat.

The Aberdeen Sertoma Club also feels the Oahe Irrigation Project could help us retain our young people and stimulate our industrial expansion in the midwest.

The Aberdeen Sertoma Club solicits your support of this important project to the betterment of Aberdeen and the surrounding community. Thank you for your support and study of this fine project.

Sincerely,

ROBERT L. DELL,

President, Aberdeen, South Dakota Sertoma Club.

ABERDEEN AMERICAN-NEWS,
 Aberdeen, S. Dak., May 4, 1967.

MEMBERS OF THE U.S. SENATE,
Water and Resources Subcommittee,
 Redfield, S. Dak.

GENTLEMEN: At a meeting of the Aberdeen Lions Club Board of Directors Wednesday morning, the May 5th hearing at Redfield was discussed extensively.

It was the unanimous opinion of the group that we wanted to go on record as very enthusiastically favoring completion of the Oahe Project. With very little imagination we can see vast benefits to the entire northcentral section of South Dakota. We can see increased rural population and as a result increased urban population to serve them.

We anticipate a more stable economy and greater income originating with the farmers and, of course, spreading to many others who will furnish services and merchandise to them.

There will be a more positive water supply for many communities not only allowing greater water use, by people presently living in these communities but also allowing for the establishment of more industry in the area.

Finally, we can visualize greater and better recreational facilities in the area with better flood control.

Very truly yours,

KENNETH POPE,

President, Aberdeen Lions Club.

ZONTA INTERNATIONAL,
 Aberdeen, S. Dak., May 3, 1967.

U.S. SENATE,
Water and Power Resources Subcommittee.

DEAR SIR: The Zonta Club of Aberdeen urges your favorable consideration of authorization of the Oahe project at the earliest possible date. Brown County area is predominantly agricultural and the economy of the City of Aberdeen, situated in Brown County, is dependent on agriculture.

The future growth of the city and of the economy depends to a great extent upon the development of the Oahe irrigation project; the water will definitely be needed in future years for city and industrial use.

It may also provide more job opportunities for our young people, rather than losing them to areas which now provide a much greater opportunity to them—at the same time these larger centers where our young people are gravitating are experiencing difficulty in absorbing the incoming population. This is related to the field of industry, as well as agriculture, since we are losing our rural population at an increased rate.

Yours truly,

Mrs. FRAN COESTER,
President.