Project. Our group first indicated its wholehearted support for this project through a resolution to the Directors of the Oahe Conservancy Sub-District. This resolution was adopted at our annual meeting in November, 1965.

Our SCSA South Dakota Chapter has a membership approaching 300. Our membership is composed of technical personnel and conservation minded individuals. They represent numerous Federal and State Agencies, plus interested educators, businessmen, and farmers. All support water and soil resource development. Because of our members' backgrounds, our Chapter is hopeful that the Oahe Irrigation Project will become a reality in the immediate future.

Very truly yours,

WALTER N. PARMETER. Chairman, SCSA, South Dakota Chapter.

RESOLUTION URGING CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL OF THE OAHE UNIT AS SET FORTH IN THE BUREAU OF RECLAMATION REPORTS OF MAY 1965 AND JUNE 1965

Whereas, the Oahe Irrigation Project will provide for the irrigation of 495.000 acres in North Central South Dakota, and

Whereas, the Oahe Unit will provide a plentiful supply of good quality water for municipal and industrial use in many areas within the Oahe Conservancy Sub-District that are now faced with serious water problems including quality and quantity, and

Whereas, the Oahe Unit represents a feasible plan to help stabilize the agri-

cultural and business economy of the State, now

Therefore be it resolved, That the South Dakota Agricultural Coordinating Committee urges Congress to approve the Oahe Unit as set forth in the Bureau of Reclamation reports of May 1965 and June 1965.

The above resolution was approved at the regular quarterly meeting of the South Dakota Agricultural Coordinating Committee meeting at Huron, South Dakota, on April 17, 1967.

Secretary-Treasurer, South Dakota Agricultural Coordinating Committee.

SOUTH DAKOTA SOCIETY OF FARM MANAGERS AND RURAL APPRAISERS. January 7, 1966.

Be is resolved by the South Dakota Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers assembled in Annual meeting that:

1. We fully support the Conservancy Districts and State of South Dakota in their request to the U.S. Congress for funds to construct the Oahe Irrigation Project as soon as feasible.

2. Completion of the Oahe Project is urgently needed to more fully develop the economy of the area and State particularly to stabilize and increase incomes and production as they are affected by extreme year-to-year variation in rainfall.

- 3. Irrigation will slow down the rapid migration of our young people from farms and small towns as farms decrease in number and small town businesses decline.
- 4. Irrigation development will partially offset the adverse effects on our farms and ranches of withdrawal of substantial acreage of rich bottomland inundated by Missouri River main stem reservoirs.

TRACY S. WALSETH, President.

SOUTH DAKOTA ENGINEERING SOCIETY, April 20, 1967.

U.S. SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE ON IBRIGATION AND RECLAMATION, Senator George McGovern

(In care of).

Mr. JIM LEWIS,

Oahe Conservancy Subdistrict,

Huron, S. Dak.

GENTLEMEN: On November 20, 1965 the South Dakota Engineering Society at its annual convention passed the following resolution:

"Whereas, the development of the Oahe Irrigation Unit will provide economic benefits to the State, region and nation; and