

This happens when the weather cooperates. One irrigator on our system now pumps from a well and regularly gets 80-bushel yields.

The western half of our system contains a large number of livestock feeding operations—some of them pretty good sized. This year and in nearly every past year, some of the feed for those livestock had to be hauled in. In dry years, some feed has to be imported from a great distance.

Because 190,000 acres could be irrigated by the first stage of Oahe, the local source of alfalfa, corn-for-feed, and other feed grains could be assured for the stock growers of Marshall and Day Counties.

Attached herewith are copies of our members' resolution urging immediate authorization and construction of this most important project.

RESOLUTION BY THE LAKE REGION ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC., JUNE 1, 1967

Whereas; Every REA member of Lake Region Electric and of every other REA cooperative in South Dakota as water users of the Missouri River Basin project, has a vital interest in the fullest development of all phases of river development, for all of these many uses of water relate directly to payout of the costs of the development and;

Whereas; Irrigation development like power will benefit the agriculture of South Dakota, and;

Whereas; There are in Lake Region service area some 60,000 acres of potential irrigatable lands, and;

Whereas; the use of electric power is essential and will be greatly expanded for pumping purposes, and perhaps to increase the area on which water may be applied.

Now therefore; We urge the continued cooperation of this cooperative with orderly development of the irrigation projects, Garrison and Oahe.

ARTHUR JONES, *Secretary*.

RESOLUTION BY THE BON HOMME YANKTON ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

Whereas, the Oahe Irrigation Unit has been under investigation for approximately 15 years; and

Whereas, this Cooperative believes that such irrigation project will benefit and improve the economy and well being of this State, be it

Resolved: That the Bon Homme Yankton Electric Association, Inc. support the Oahe Irrigation Unit, and we respectfully urge our Congressman to support it, be it further

Resolved: That a copy of this resolution be submitted to the proper authorities and to the Oahe Conservancy Sub District, Huron, South Dakota.

RESOLUTION BY THE SIOUX VALLEY EMPIRE ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC., APRIL 29, 1967

Whereas, if sufficient rainfall was assured, South Dakota could greatly increase its agricultural production, thus, making a larger contribution to the supply of food and fiber, and

Whereas, the requirements for food and fiber for the growing population of both our nation and the world will demand greatly increased agricultural production, both here and abroad, and

Whereas, the multi-purpose development of the water resources of the Missouri Basin provide the impoundments of water needed to support irrigation, and

Whereas, federal revenue from the sale of hydro-power provides a substantial portion of the funds needed to ultimately finance the investment for the Oahe project,

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Board of Directors of the Sioux Valley Empire Electric Association, Inc., urge the Congress of the United States to approve the legislation authorizing the Oahe Project at the earliest possible date and that construction funds be appropriated as soon as possible thereafter.

DOUGLAS DOGGETT, *Secretary*.