

We know that if we get a district formed that we will be in a later stage but we would like to see the first stage approved as early as possible so that our area can become a part of the project.

We think it will be a great benefit to the State of South Dakota as it will give the future farmers a chance to get started in the farming business.

As things are now, there is not a very bright future for our young boys to get started in the farming industry.

We think in another 10 years or so, where there are three operators now, there will only be two left and that is not good for the county, State, or Nation. The way conditions are now, you have to increase your acreage on dryland operation to make a living.

We think that the Oahe project, when fully developed, will have a great economic benefit to the State and Nation.

I have some resolutions and statements here. Here is a resolution from the Onida Jaycees and here is a statement from another one of my neighbor farmers, Clarence Strickland, and I have a statement from the mayor of the city of Onida, and I would like to present these for the record.

Senator McGovern: We will see that all of those statements are printed as a part of the record.

Mr. Cramer: I thank you.

Senator McGovern: We appreciate your statement.

(The statements and resolutions referred to follow:)

RESOLUTION OF ONIDA JAYCEES, ONIDA, S. DAK.

Be it resolved by the Onida Jaycees of Onida, South Dakota at a regular meeting as follows:

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Onida Jaycees assembled in Onida, South Dakota, this 19th of April, 1967 to support the initial development of the Oahe Irrigation Unit.

This organization recognizes the value of the many benefits and supports the First Stage development and early construction of the initial stages of the Oahe Irrigation Unit.

CLYDE SCHOECK, President.

STATEMENT OF CLARENCE STRICKLAND, SULLY COUNTY, S. DAK.

WHY SOUTH DAKOTA SHOULD HAVE IRRIGATION

I think irrigation would improve our economic conditions now, and in the future. It would provide more jobs and more farms for rent, which are now being farmed by the large operators. Irrigation would provide possible operation for new industry, which would be an incentive for our boys and girls to stay in South Dakota and not seek employment elsewhere.

In case of drought it would mean our staying in business, when otherwise we might fail.

I am a farmer and rancher in west Sully County in South Dakota and I think irrigation would be one of the finest things that could come to South Dakota.

STATEMENT OF PAUL KELLOGG, MAYOR OF ONIDA, S. DAK.

I, Paul Kellogg, Mayor of Onida, South Dakota, favor the First Stage development of the Oahe Unit and the ultimate development of the Missouri River Basin Project.

The City of Onida at present, has an adequate supply of water in quantity but of substandard or brackish quality.

An assured supply of good quality water is an attraction and an asset to any community for future development and attraction of industry.