

If the first stage of the Oahe Unit is authorized, it is my intention to request the Oahe Conservancy Sub-District to consider plans and a request for delivery of water to Onida for municipal use.

Your consideration and efforts in supporting the First Stage Development of the Oahe Unit, will very definitely make it possible for a beneficial economic impact upon the rural and urban people of this community.

Senator McGovern. Mr. Norman Paul is our next witness. Mr. Paul is from Faulk County.

After we have heard from him, we have two Clark County gentlemen, Mr. Jerry Kloster, and Mr. Morgan Tollefson, and if they will be getting ready, we'll hear them immediately after Mr. Paul.

STATEMENT OF NORMAN PAUL, CHAIRMAN, FAULK COUNTY WATER USERS ORGANIZATION, FAULKTON, S. DAK.

Mr. PAUL. Senator McGovern and Senator Burdick, my name is Norman Paul. I am a farmer and chairman of the Faulk County Water Users Organization. My farm is located near and partially within the proposed bounds of the Cresbard Reservoir. My headquarters will be almost completely surrounded by the water in the reservoir. My brothers and I stand to lose a lot of good land by flooding.

I am interested and favor the proposed water development and plan on taking advantage of the water for irrigation. The directors of our organization have devoted many hours toward hastening the day when this proposed project becomes a reality.

From the interest shown at the meetings of our organization many people of this community appear to be anxious for a stable water supply.

Mr. Chairman, at this time I would also like to have some more material and resolutions from the Faulk County Board of Commissioners and I'd like to file them at this time, and from the Faulk County Crop Improvement Association director, and from the Faulk County Water Users Organization.

Senator McGovern. Thank you, very much, for those statements. (The resolutions follow:)

Whereas, the Oahe Unit Irrigation Project is a plan to ultimately irrigate 495,000 acres in north central South Dakota with Missouri River water; and

Whereas, the project will also provide water for municipal and industrial use, fish and wildlife development, pollution abatement and recreation; and

Whereas, the project will help to stabilize the economy of the area and the State; and

Whereas, it will also help stop the dwindling farm population and outflow of young people from the State by providing new markets for farm products and new job opportunities; now

Therefore, be it resolved that the Faulk County Commission meeting at Faulkton, South Dakota this 5th day of April 1966 urges Congress to authorize, as soon as possible, the Oahe Unit Irrigation Project as outlined in the Bureau of Reclamation Reports of May 1965 and June 1965.

FAULK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS,
HERBERT COWHECK, *Chairman*.

Whereas, The Faulk County Crop Improvement Association is a voluntary organization consisting of farmers and residents from every portion of Faulk County, and

Whereas, this organization is vitally interested in the development of South Dakota's water resources and in particular the Oahe Irrigation Unit, and