

Secretary of the Interior, Stewart Udall, Assistant Secretary of the Interior, Kenneth Holm; Commissioner of Reclamation Floyd E. Dominy and Fred Holscher, Chairman, Oahe Conservancy Sub-district.

Adopted by the Board of Directors of the Garrison Diversion Conservancy District this 5th day of April, 1967.

VERNON S. COOPER
Secretary-Manager.

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April 13, 1967.

Senator CLINTON P. ANDERSON of New Mexico,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR SIR: I have seen your name used different times in connection with the Oahe irrigation District, so thought I should give you a little of the other side, rather than the side of the promoters, speculators, and bureaucrats.

When they first started holding propaganda meetings a few years ago on the proposed project, they told us it was entirely up to the land owners—if the majority was in favor, they would try to get it, if the majority was opposed it would be dropped, as it would take local approval.

The landowners twice has indicated they don't want irrigation as it is trying to be pushed in by the bureau. When they see, the second time wasn't going to work, they sent in a lawyer to try to bulldoze it in, so at this time the Missouri Slope of the Oahe project is in the courts.

The original project was, I believe, all in 4 or 5 townships, now in order to maintain their claimed acres, the Missouri Slope is scattered over 16 townships.

As I understand it the 19,000 A. of Brown and Spink Counties that is in Congress at this time, that their first try, it only carried by something like 22%, so they done kind of like Hitler, they eliminated the opposition by leaving out the ones that was opposed. And on the second try they claimed, I believe, something like 86%. So it would rather indicate that on the original proposed project they only had 10 or 12% approval, but they still claim the same acres they started out with, of which is a rather strange accomplishment, for either the bureau or Congress.

We've heard and read about conserving water. I have before me original plans for the Oahe project. It calls for 2,336 miles of canals, 2,804 miles of open drainage ditches, also 14,000 miles of closed drains, 3 dams, 3 reservoirs and 307 pump stations. And also, I have the proposed fish and wildlife acres in the Oahe project—their figures are 57,740 acres of which a lot of that is to be developed marsh lands. I wouldn't have any idea how much water would be lost thru evaporation in that sort of a project, but I do have an article that says the Butte Co. S. Dak. stock ponds loose enough water to supply Sioux Falls, S. Dak., with water for 2 and a half years!

If you are aware of the court action that took place in Mont. in 1951 you are probably aware that the Bureau didn't have much luck making their figures they used, stand up in court.

Yours truly,

DONALD G. MARTIN.

CAMPBELL COUNTY COURTHOUSE,
Mound City S. Dak., April 24, 1967.

To: Senate Interior and Insular Affairs Committee.

From: Pollock-Herreid Irrigation Board—Leslie Heisler, Chairman; Myron Johnson, Vice-Chairman; Lawrence Brandner, Member; Leslie Knudson, Treasurer; Karl Mitzel, Assessor; G. Martinez Senftner, Secretary; Michael Madden, Assistant Secretary.

We are highly in favor of the development of the Oahe Irrigation Project. Our people have showed great interest in the development of Irrigation in the Oahe Conservancy Subdistrict.

Fifty-eight farmers made a bus tour to the Belle Fourche and Angostura Irrigation Districts.

Forty-two Campbell County people attended the National Reclamation Meeting at Albuquerque, New Mexico in 1966.

Excellent interest has been shown in State and County Irrigation Educational Meetings.

Our people are interested because the development of Irrigation will give our whole State and Area an excellent chance to improve our Economy and Valuation.