

VOTING RECORD

The land owners of Hyde County at the November General Election in 1960 voted 89% in favor of the formation of the Oahe Conservancy Sub-District.

November 8, 1966 the land owners of Hyde County voted 81% in favor of Contract Authority for the Oahe Conservancy Sub-District.

NEEDS SURVEY

Land owners in Hyde County owning land located near proposed Oahe Project, Highmore Canal System, in a survey conducted in June 1964 indicated they would use irrigation water if available to irrigate 8,190 acres, and also could use 480 acre feet of water for stock dam recharge.

FEED SUPPLIES

With the exception of irrigation of land located near the Highmore Canal, benefits to the county of Hyde will be in the indirect benefit category.

The production of beef, mainly cow calf operations, are hampered by drought three years out of ten in Hyde County. With the formation and operation of the Oahe Irrigation Unit, feed supplies, mainly corn and alfalfa, will be in good supply for drought years in Hyde County.

The construction of the Oahe Irrigation Unit will stabilize the agricultural economy of the unit, and the State of South Dakota.

Employment in the area will be stabilized. A greater number of young people wishing to enter farming, will be accommodated by the construction of the Oahe Irrigation Unit.

South Dakota the most agricultural state in the United States, will greatly benefit, as will the rest of the nation, with the development of the Oahe Irrigation Unit.

We hear considerable of late in regard to a world food shortage which we face in the near future. With an early target date for construction of the Oahe Irrigation Unit a portion of this crisis could be avoided.

The Hyde County Water Development Committee strongly recommends the construction of the Oahe Irrigation Unit.

Elmer P. Faulstich, Chairman; Wm. Schuette, Everett Ellerton, Leigh Straight, Lawrence Stoley, F. U. Straight, D. E. Flynn, Clarence Bush, Jalmer Eldol, R. J. Very, James T. Olson.

BLACK HILLS CONSERVANCY SUBDISTRICT,
Rapid City, S. Dak., May 15, 1967.

WATER AND POWER RESOURCES SUBCOMMITTEE,
Senate Insular Affairs Committee.

GENTLEMEN: My name is Ed Glasgow and I am the Manager and Treasurer of the Black Hills Conservancy Sub-District was created by vote of the people of Pennington, Custer and Meade Counties of South Dakota in the General Election of 1964. Depending on the election district the people voted by a majority of 62 to 78% for a Sub-District through which to work for water conservation.

We are very pleased to see the progress in the Oahe Conservancy Sub-District area and wish to lend our whole hearted support. Knowing that it will be many years at the earliest before a gigantic project like this becomes a reality we would urge that everything possible be done to expedite the completion of the Oahe Irrigation Unit.

Our Sub-District is the only Sub-District west of the Missouri in South Dakota and our basic region for planning is the Upper Cheyenne River Basin. Within this area is the Belle Fourche Irrigation Project and the Angostora Irrigation Project. Although there seems to be limited possibilities for expansion of irrigation in our area we have had ample opportunity to witness the transformation that an irrigation project brings.

We feel, first and foremost, that we as Americans have a humanitarian responsibility to the rest of the world to use our resources in the wisest possible manner. Authorities predict with alarming clarity that the pressure on world food supplies will be inadequate meet the needs of our expanding world population. Our American philosophy and way of life is based on concern for the individual whoever and wherever he may be. The completion of the total project with