

appraised and sold to the highest bidder. The owner if he bids higher will be allowed to buy his own property back.

Not many know this little gimmick tied up with this huge project.

FLORENCE CADY,
Farmowner.

LAKE BYRON IMPROVEMENT AND PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION,
Huron, S. Dak., May 8, 1967.

SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE FOR WATER AND POWER RESOURCES,
Redfield, S. Dak.

HONORABLE SENATORS: The Directors of the Lake Byron Improvement and Protective Association are happy to add their small voice in support of the Oahe Irrigation Project. Our Directors initially indicated their support for this project in a resolution transmitted to the Directors of the Oahe Conservancy Sub-District on January 11, 1966.

Lake Byron is presently the best available water-based recreation site in the Huron vicinity. The 150 cottage owners, their families, plus some 30,000 other visitors each year, enjoy the available recreation opportunities.

Lake Byron is scheduled to be an integral part of the Oahe Project. To date, two alternate plans are being considered for storage of irrigation waters and flood waters at this location. The alternate with a dam at the site locally known as the "Hogsback" is the plan recommended by our Association and favored by users of Lake Byron. The plan would protect, enhance and increase the recreation base for a sizeable portion of the population in Central South Dakota.

Our Association is aware of the many benefits that can result from this project. We favor the Oahe Irrigation Project but are hopeful that the final plans for Lake Byron will provide benefits for the maximum number of people.

Very truly yours,

L. ARDWAY BENNETT,
President.

LOWER JAMES CONSERVANCY SUB-DISTRICT,
Mitchell, S. Dak.

The Directors of the Lower James Conservancy Sub-District wish to express our firm support for the Oahe Irrigation Project.

The Lower James Conservancy Sub-District consists of 6½ counties—created by vote of the electorate in 1962.

(1) The Lower James Conservancy Sub-District represents ¼ of the drainage area of the James River in South Dakota.

(2) Its members are vitally interested in the upper area of the James River.

(3) We believe the authorization and construction of the Oahe Irrigation Project will be a tremendous advantage to the economy of the entire state of South Dakota.

(4) It will be valuable in the control of floods in the Lower James area.

(5) It will provide additional water to the Lower James Conservancy Sub-District for irrigation and municipal use.

(6) We wish to urge support of the Oahe Conservancy Sub-District.

(7) We have a good deal of good land in the Lower James Conservancy Sub-District, and with the Oahe project we hope to extend irrigation in our area.

SOUTH DAKOTA STATE GRANGE.

GENTLEMEN OF THE UNITED STATES SENATE COMMITTEE:

The South Dakota State Grange believes that the development of the Oahe District irrigation system should be given favorable consideration by your committee for several reasons. First, to further the economic growth of the State itself and retain its farm population.

A report prepared by the State resources and planning council at the University of South Dakota tells us that the State is not a rich one because it has to depend so much on Agriculture, along with wholesale and retail trades and services.

The report states that South Dakotas low per capita income, \$1,879 in 1964, one of the lowest in the Nation, arises from the heavy dependence on farming, services and trade, yet accounts for 71% of all employment in the State.