

The Columbia Basin irrigation project in Washington State, had 608 farms in 1949. Now there are well over 2500 farms, as nearly a half million acres have been developed for irrigation. We believe the Oahe District, in comparison, can equal this figure. Adding millions of dollars in income yearly for the State of South Dakota and aid in keeping the young folks on the land in our state. There are at present only about 400,000 acres under irrigation in South Dakota, a state that relies heavily on Agriculture and is, on the average, short of rainfall.

Therefore, we urgently recommend your favorable consideration of this project.

VERNIE UNRUH,
Deputy State Master.

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CIVIL ENGINEERS,
SOUTH DAKOTA SECTION,
May 5, 1967.

On behalf of the South Dakota Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers, I hereby offer our whole-hearted support to the Department of the Interior to construct, operate and maintain the first stage of the Oahe unit, James division, Missouri River Basin project, South Dakota.

The benefits to be derived as a result of this ambitious project are boundless. The enhancement to the economy of the area is of prime importance in the development and diversification of its agricultural, industrial, municipal and recreational purposes.

The above-named factors justify proceeding with this project in the most expeditious manner.

Sincerely,

ROBERT L. BROTSKY, P.E.,
President.

DAY COUNTY SPORTSMAN CLUB, INC.,
Bristol, S. Dak., May 5, 1967.

At the regular meeting, of the Day County Sportsman Club, held on May 2nd, 1967

Went on record, with recommendations that we the members of the Day County Sportsman Club, draw up a resolution, pin pointing our stand, relevant to Wildlife Habitat destroyed or ruined, by the Oahe Dam irrigation project.

RESOLUTION

Whereas: A question has arose, among the Members of the Day County Sportsman Club. What is going to happen, to the Wildlife habitat, destroyed or ruined, in the carrying out of this up coming, Oahe Dam irrigation project.

Be it hereby resolved, that the Day County Sportsman Club, and its members, take the stand, that there should be compensation, relevant to Wildlife habitat, destroyed or ruined, in the implementation, or the carrying out of this Oahe Dam irrigation project.

ALEX MAXWELL,
President.
LLOYD CAVANAUGH,
Secretary.

SOUTH DAKOTA FARM BUREAU FEDERATION,
Huron, S. Dak., May 8, 1967.

Mr. Chairman, members of the Senate Interior and Insular Affairs Subcommittee on Water and Power Resources, the South Dakota Farm Bureau appreciates the opportunity to submit the following statement. South Dakota Farm Bureau since the adoption of the Missouri River Basin project in the Flood Control Act of 1944 has endorsed, by delegate action, all of the steps taken in the past to assure South Dakota its fair share of Missouri River water for multiple uses within the state.

The legislation and various steps taken to bring us up to this state of development have always received our support and, as the records will indicate, a tremendous support from the voters.