

the James Diversion Dam and Lake Byron are also located. We feel that along with the direct effects of irrigation, stabilized water supply, and recreational benefits; Beadle County will also receive many indirect benefits from this program.

Stabilized feed supplies, markets, water flow from upstream programs, additional labor demands for irrigation projects and other related programs and many other side benefits will serve to improve opportunities and developments made use of by our members both active and associate.

Therefore we support this Oahe Irrigation Project, and appreciate the efforts being made by this Senate Committee to consider our reaction and response to this program.

Yours truly,

FRED GUTHMILLER,  
*President.*  
RALPH BRAUN,  
*Vice-President.*  
CLYDE DILLMAN,  
*Secretary.*

MADISON, S. DAK., May 22, 1967.

Senator GEORGE MCGOVERN,  
*Old Senate Office Building,*  
*Washington, D.C.:*

May I offer the following comments favoring the speediest possible development of the Oahe irrigation project?

No testimony with which I can disagree was offered in favor of the project. While I, living in Madison, expect no personal benefit, I adopt as my own the words of one witness: "I want to see my neighbors prosper." To all who pointed out the economic, social and cultural benefits the project will bring to our state and nation I can say only "amen."

The arguments extolling the growth in jobs, enhanced stability, economic expansion and the fact that our food "surpluses" suddenly disappeared and that we will see unprecedented demands for food both at home and abroad before water can flow were all well-founded.

One benefit was mentioned only briefly and needs more stress: the project's salubrious effect on wildlife and tourism.

Let me also point out that disaster dispersal of cattle herds due to drouth works a hardship on all livestock producers the nation over by wrecking prices and by creating a glut that must be consumed before prices can recover. Such dispersal destroys part of our productive plant.

DANA C. JENNINGS.

FAULKTON, S. DAK.,  
May 22, 1967.

Mr. Chairman, Honorable Senators, 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 Crescent 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.

NORMAN PAUL,  
*Chairman of the Faulk County Water Users Organization.*

BATH, S. DAK.

Water resources development is an important means to improve and stabilize the economy of South Dakota. Further work on irrigation, in connection with small watersheds, could result in a large increase in the annual average income of many South Dakotans.

Reading from the Congressional Record Tuesday April 4, 1967, Senator George McGovern said, "These small watershed projects reduce flood hazards and, in some cases, provide for water supply, water based recreation, and wildlife de-