

of the Oahe Conservancy Subdistrict and speed its early authorization as this unit also will be beneficial to South Dakota and particularly to this area that is losing farms, small towns and the general economy is suffering; and

Be it further resolved that the construction of the Oahe irrigation unit be such that expansion and development of additional area in the future is not excluded and the maximum benefits be thereby derived.

I, Sam A. Merkel, Secretary of the Board of Directors of Cam Wal Electric Cooperative, Inc., Selby, South Dakota certify that the above resolution was approved at the regular Board of Directors meeting held April 21, 1967.

SAM A. MERKEL,
Secretary.

FAULKTON COMMUNITY CLUB,
Faulkton, S. Dak.

Whereas, the Oahe Unit is a plan proposed by the Bureau of Reclamation to irrigate 495,000 acres in north central South Dakota with Missouri River water; and

Whereas, the plan also provides water for municipal and industrial use, fish and wildlife developments at 28 locations, recreation and pollution abatement; and

Whereas, the State's economy will be improved by new markets and industries that will spring up in the area to meet the demands of the increased and diversified agricultural production; and

Whereas, the new industries will provide job opportunities to the young people of the State who presently have to go elsewhere to seek employment; now

Therefore, be it resolved that the Faulkton Community Club urges early authorization by Congress of the Oahe Unit Irrigation Project as set forth in the Bureau of Reclamation reports of May and June 1965.

EMERY T. JANKORD,
MILLIE ROBERTS,
Secretary.

Senator McGOVERN. I think these hearings in the course of the day have been near perfect congressional hearings. I don't know what we could have done that would have made any substantial improvement on the record that's been made here this morning and this afternoon. The witnesses have done a superb job in the way they have organized and presented their statements.

We are deeply grateful to everyone who has testified and to the organizations that are represented here.

We certainly want to express our appreciation to the hosts who were so kind and congenial to us here in Redfield, particularly to Mr. Jim Lewis and his staff who have done so much in the way of making arrangements for the meeting and lining up the witnesses and assisting every step of the way on these hearings today.

I want to express my own personal appreciation to Senator Burdick, who has stayed with us from early this morning through the hearings this afternoon. He is one of my very closest friends in the U.S. Senate and a man who will continue to be a tremendous help, not only to his own State, but to us here in South Dakota.

Some years ago he was an all-conference fullback at the University of Minnesota and I find that he is a great man to have on our side when you have some rough going ahead.

It is my own best judgment that we will probably get to full hearings in Washington somewhere between the middle and late summer.

I would anticipate perhaps in August or September that we could move ahead with extensive hearings in Washington that will build on the very fine record we have compiled here in South Dakota.