

The Park District of the City of Bismarck has just acquired clear title to the west half of Section eight, Range 80, Township 138 in Burleigh County which is along the river front. A recreation complex has been planned for this area which includes an 18 hole golf course, picnic area, a horse arena and facilities, an archery range, and possibly river front activities; such as: Boating, bathing, a boat dock, etc. All these are under construction, or consideration at the present time. About \$170,000.00 has already been spent on the construction of the golf course which is almost completed.

The Bureau of Outdoor Recreation has participated in the construction and land acquisition of the Golf Course in a matching fund basis.

Up until this past winter the river was cutting in on the area of section seven. The Park Commission and City Commission were concerned about this erosion and have cooperated with the private citizens by offering old curb concrete and other materials in the attempt to stop the cutting away of the bank. As I mentioned above, it did not solve the problem and during the past year another 100 to 150 feet has been washed away.

In checking the area this Spring, at low water level, we find that a new area has been developed where considerable eroding is taking place. This is some 250 to 300 yards north of the one in Section seven. We estimate that from 250 to 400 feet of river bank has been washed away at this point which is in Section eight. If the erosion at this point continues as it is and in the same general direction, the river channel will cut through our golf course, on south through the archery range and horse area and hence down through the City Lagoon.

It is quite possible too, that if conditions continue to change and shift, as they have done in the past, that it could jeopardize parks lands directly north of this area on which are located the Bismarck Zoo and Sertoma Riverside Park, which has been developed into one of the finest picnic and recreation facilities in this area.

It is quite obvious why the Park Commission and the City of Bismarck are very much concerned about this situation and urge that immediate action be taken to stabilize the river bank along this whole section of land.

Mr. Chairman, we urge your favorable recommendation for the passage of H.R. 3402.

Mr. CLAUSEN. Are there any questions?

Mr. JONES (presiding). You have done such a magnificent job, we have no inquiry to make.

Mr. CLAUSEN. You have been most diligent in this pursuit of this particular project and certainly I am hopeful that you will convey my own personal thanks for the time that your people spent when they came down here to visit us. It was very pleasant to be with you.

Mr. JONES. Mr. Milo W. Hoisveen, chief engineer, North Dakota State Water Commission.

STATEMENT OF MILO W. HOISVEEN, CHIEF ENGINEER, NORTH DAKOTA STATE WATER COMMISSION

Mr. HOISVEEN. Mr. Chairman and committee members, my name is Milo Hoisveen. I am chief engineer of the North Dakota State Water Commission and State engineer. I have held this position for almost 15 years; consequently, I am well acquainted with the Missouri River and its development.

North Dakota has been most cooperative in the development of the Missouri River Basin project as envisioned in the Flood Control Act of 1944 and the O'Mahoney-Milliken amendment. Approximately 566,000 acres of land have been removed from tax rolls in our State to meet the land acquisition requirements for the project. Most of these lands carried an irrigation potential and when developed would have contributed greatly to the economy of our sparsely populated State.