

MINUTES

**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
53rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE ON LONG-RANGE PLANNING

Call to Order: By Rep. Ernest Bergsagel, Chairman, on February 10, 1993, at 7:00 AM.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Ernest Bergsagel, Chair (R)
Sen. Bob Hockett, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Francis Bardanouve (D)
Sen. Ethel Harding (R)
Sen. Eleanor Vaughn (D)
Rep. Tom Zook (R)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Jim Haubein, Legislative Fiscal Analyst
Jane Hamman, Office of Budget & Program Planning
Sandra Boggs, Committee Secretary

Please Note: These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing: HB 7; RECLAMATION AND DEVELOPMENT GRANTS
Executive Action: COMMITTEE BILL; HB 6; AND HB 6, WATER
DEVELOPMENT & RENEWABLE RESOURCE
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS, Cont.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/DISCUSSION

SEN. BOB HOCKETT announced that a committee bill will be drawn up to extend the Department of Administration's building authority beyond the present \$25,000 limit to \$50,000. The Board of Examiners will not be required to approve each of the projects that fall below that \$50,000 limit. The Department of Administration is currently the only agency required to have the Board of Examiners approve projects.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON COMMITTEE BILL

Tape No. 1:A:051

Motion/Vote: **REP. FRANCIS BARDANOUE** moved to approve the drafting of a committee bill to change the construction costs and bidding requirements for the Department of Administration.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 6

Tape No. 1:A:003

Jim Haubein, Legislative Fiscal Analyst, provided a list of projects requesting grants and loan funds from HB 6. They are listed in priority order to receive funding. EXHIBIT 1.

John Tubbs, Chief of Resource Development Bureau, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, stated that, depending on how much the Appropriations Committee cuts in state special funds, there should be \$1 million to \$1.6 million to expend in grants. If the Appropriations Committee cuts a lot of State Special Funds, then there could be as much as \$2 million.

BUDGET ITEM #1 MALTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT:

Tape No. 1:A:443

Motion/Vote: REP. BARDANOUVE moved approval of a \$50,000 grant and a \$50,000 loan for the Water Use Efficiency Improvements project. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BUDGET ITEM #2 RICHLAND COUNTY:

Tape No. 1:A:455

Discussion: Mr. Tubbs provided a letter from Mark Marty, Civil Engineer Specialist for the Lone Tree Dam Evaluation and Design project. The letter addresses concerns previously expressed by the Long Range Planning Subcommittee. EXHIBIT 2. He stated that this is only a study and no work would be done at this time.

SEN. HOCKETT asked that in the future an estimate be included in the grant request of the cost of repairing the dam being studied. He realizes the estimate will not be accurate to the last dollar, but would appreciate having an idea of future costs of the actual project.

Motion/Vote: SEN. HOCKETT moved approval of a \$60,300 grant for the Lone Tree Dam Evaluation and Design project. MOTION CARRIED WITH REP. BARDANOUVE VOTING NO.

BUDGET ITEM #3 MONTANA DEPT. OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION - WATER DAM SAFETY SECTION:

Tape No. 1:A:824

Motion: REP. TOM ZOOK moved to not approve a \$100,000 grant for the Characteristics of Extreme Precipitation Study.

Discussion: REP. ZOOK stated that this study could change dam safety standards in such a way that it justifies what the facilitator would like to see accomplished.

SEN. HOCKETT asked if the study would be accomplished without

state grant funds. Mr. Tubbs stated that the Water Dam Safety Section of DNRC would try to accomplish the study without state funds, but state funds were seen as important in acquiring federal money to match.

Tape 1:B:013

Vote: MOTION CARRIED WITH REP. BARDANOUVE ABSTAINING.

HEARING ON HB 7; RECLAMATION AND DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

Tape No. 1:B:030

BUDGET ITEM PROJECT #17 VALLEY COUNTY:

Tape No. 1:B:030

Informational Testimony: REP. TED SCHYE, HD 18, Glasgow, spoke in support of a \$300,000 grant for a Fort Peck Reservoir Breakwater. He stated that bad weather prevented interested citizens from travelling to Helena and testifying on behalf of this grant. He provided written testimony from individuals and letters of support. EXHIBIT 3. He stated that the Corps of Engineers will match state grant money with approximately \$400,000. The project qualifies for Dingell-Johnson funds from the Fish and Game Division, but unfortunately there are none of those funds left to be allocated to this project. The community will provide in-kind donations to the project.

Questions, Responses, and Discussion: SEN. HOCKETT asked if the benefits received from the breakwater project would justify almost \$1 million in expenditures. REP. SCHYE replied that the money would be justified, perhaps not immediately, but recreational use is increasing every year on the Fort Peck Reservoir and the fishing is getting better all the time.

SEN. ETHEL HARDING asked if the Corps of Engineers would be doing the construction work. REP. SCHYE stated that the Corps would provide funds, but would not do the work. The work will be done by private contractors.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 6, WATER DEVELOPMENT & RENEWABLE RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS, Cont.

Tape No. 1:B:414

BUDGET ITEM #4 TOWN OF RYEGATE:

Tape No. 1:B:415

Motion/Vote: REP. BARDANOUVE moved approval of a \$33,750 grant and a \$66,250 loan for the Water System Improvement project. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BUDGET ITEM #5 YELLOWSTONE COUNTY:

Tape No. 1:B:465

Discussion: REP. BARDANOUVE commented that this project could

possibly be done with no state support. REP. ZOOK stated that he agreed with REP. BARDANOUVE, but realizes there has been a lot of local support for this project. The size of Billings makes it easier to raise large amounts of money in local support. He would rather give \$100,000 to the irrigation project that would improve tunnels providing water to farmers.

SEN. HOCKETT asked if the \$90,000 in donated construction work would be jeopardized if this project does not receive state grant funds. Mr. Tubbs stated that he does not know that, but does know that the community has a lot of enthusiasm for this project. There is currently \$392,000 in matching funds, and he assumes they would try to secure the \$100,000 elsewhere if necessary.

Motion/Vote: REP. BARDANOUVE moved approval of a \$50,000 grant for the Yellowstone River Project, instead of the \$100,000 recommended grant. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BUDGET ITEM TOWN OF RYEGATE:

Tape No. 1:B:566

SEN. HOCKETT stated that he had been informed that \$200,000 is now needed for the Ryegate Water System Improvement project. Jane Hamman, Office of Budget and Program Planning, stated that the town has revised its original request due to bids that have come in totalling \$200,000 to complete the work. The town is now seeking a \$49,000 grant and a \$149,000 loan.

REP. BARDANOUVE moved that the committee reconsider executive action on the Town of Ryegate's funding request. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Motion/Vote: REP. BARDANOUVE moved approval of a \$50,000 grant for Ryegate's Water System Improvement project. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Motion/Vote: SEN. HOCKETT moved approval of a \$150,000 loan for Ryegate's Water System Improvement project. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BUDGET ITEM #6 STOCKETT/CASCADE WATER & SEWER DISTRICT:

Tape No. 1:B:770

Motion/Vote: REP. BARDANOUVE moved approval of a \$50,000 grant and a \$150,000 loan for the Sewer System project. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Discussion: Jeanne Doney, DNRC, explained to the committee that Stockett was funded during the 1991 session.

Motion/Vote: SEN. HOCKETT moved to reconsider committee action on the Stockett/Cascade Water and Sewer District. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Motion/Vote: SEN. HARDING moved to remove the Stockett/Cascade Water and Sewer District from the funding list. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

CHAIRMAN ERNEST BERGSAGEL stated that, as a result of this action, there is a net gain of \$50,000 available in RRD grant funds.

BUDGET ITEM #7 MT STATE UNIVERSITY, MONTANA WATERCOURSE:

Tape No. 2:A:017

Motion/Vote: REP. ZOOK moved to not approve a \$94,900 grant for the Innovative Water Resource Education project. **MOTION CARRIED WITH SEN. ELEANOR VAUGHN AND REP. BARDANOUVE ABSTAINING.**

BUDGET ITEM #8 BUTTE-SILVER BOW GOVERNMENT:

Tape No. 2:A:047

Discussion: Mr. Tubbs reminded the committee that during testimony, the project sponsors requested the full amount of the grant instead of a loan/grant combination. SEN. VAUGHN asked if the community will still receive project sponsor money if the committee denies this funding request. Ms. Doney stated that if this funding is denied, the town will have to seek funds elsewhere. The town can no longer inject their sludge into the ground and must find another way of dealing with the sludge. At this time, the compost production system is the community's only viable option.

Motion/Vote: REP. ZOOK moved approval of a \$50,000 grant and a \$49,864 loan for the Municipal Compost Production project. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH REP. BARDANOUVE ABSTAINING.**

BUDGET ITEM #9 DARBY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 9:

Tape No. 2:A:122

Discussion: Ms. Doney informed the committee that this project will be funded with 1991 funds.

Motion: SEN. HARDING moved to delete Darby School District No. 9 from the funding list.

Discussion: SEN. HOCKETT asked how DNRC would determine the most worthy projects if all Montana school districts start requesting funds for recreation projects. He feels the grant funds are not being used the way they were originally intended. Mr. Tubbs stated that DNRC cannot prevent school districts from applying for RRD funds. School districts are a local government entity and are therefore fundable under statute. In addition, the statute lists recreation as a qualifying activity.

Ms. Doney informed the committee that this small school district's budget has been stretched due to the unprecedented number of handicapped children that now attend the school.

Therefore this park project is different from standard park projects.

Vote: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BUDGET ITEM #10 MT DEPT. OF STATE LANDS, FORESTRY DIVISION :

Tape No. 2:B:270

Discussion: REP. BARDANOUVE stated 1500 acres of state lands need to be reforested. He is increasing the grant recommended by DNRC to \$60,000 for this reforestation work.

Motion: REP. BARDANOUVE moved to approve a \$60,000 grant for Reforestation Projects on State Lands.

Discussion: REP. ZOOK stated that the Timber Stand Improvement fund should be changed to include excess funds for inflation and contingencies. Ms. Doney stated that the committee can put a contingency on the grant to require better management of state lands.

REP. ZOOK stated that the fact that DSL is having to seek funds from another source for reforestation activities is proof that the lands are not being managed well.

REP. BARDANOUVE commented that DSL is attempting to charge more for timbering on stated lands, but the State Land Board has not been cooperative. The State Land Board recently approved a 22% increase in fees for timber sales.

SEN. HOCKETT stated that a forestry management program is in the process of being developed. The program should have been completed many years ago. He believes that the legislature should be asking for and encouraging a management plan for state forests. Ms. Hamman stated that ten years ago a management plan was presented to the legislature. The legislature started increasing yields and anticipated revenue in regards to the School Equalization Account. The program in the works now will be an updated version of the previous plan. In addition, the Natural Resources Subcommittee reduces the amount of authority in the Timber Stand Improvement Fund when funds are needed elsewhere. Therefore, DSL sometimes brings in the revenue they need, but are not able to spend it on needed projects.

Vote: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BUDGET ITEM #11 HUNTLEY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT:

Tape No. 2:A:511

Motion/Vote: REP. BARDANOUVE moved approval of a \$50,000 grant and \$50,000 loan for a Water System Rehabilitation project.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BUDGET ITEM #12 RUBY VALLEY CONSERVATION DISTRICT:

Tape No. 2:A:551

Motion/Vote: SEN. HOCKETT moved approval of a \$100,000 grant for an Upper Ruby Riparian Area Improvement project. MOTION CARRIED WITH REP. BARDANOUE ABSTAINING.

BUDGET ITEM #13 BUTTE-SILVER BOW GOVERNMENT:

Tape No. 2:B:582

Discussion: Ms. Doney stated that this project was funded by HB 6 in the 1991 session.

Motion/Vote: SEN. HOCKETT moved to delete the Blacktail Creek Restoration project from the funding list. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BUDGET ITEM #14 MONTANA BUREAU OF MINES & GEOLOGY:

Tape No. 2:B:614

Discussion: REP. BARDANOUE stated that he does not see the value of educating children about the water problem in that area.

Motion/Vote: REP. ZOOK moved to not approve a \$94,184 grant for the Groundwater Protection/Education project. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH REP. BARDANOUE ABSTAINING.

BUDGET ITEM #15 TOWN OF WINNETT:

Tape No. 2:A:666

Motion/Vote: SEN. HOCKETT moved to approve a \$50,000 grant and a \$50,000 loan for the Sewer Reconstruction and Rehabilitation project. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BUDGET ITEM #16 FORT PECK RURAL WATER DISTRICT:

Tape No. 2:A:689

Motion: REP. BARDANOUE moved approval of a \$40,000 grant for the Water Engineering Study.

Discussion: REP. BARDANOUE stated that this study is necessary to plan a successful project to provide water to this rural area. This area has deplorable water.

SEN. HOCKETT stated that he does not understand why a pilot project is necessary when the same system is already being used elsewhere on water from the same source. Ms. Doney stated that DNRC recommendations include removing the costs for the pilot project and mandating the grant funds to be used for the study only.

REP. BARDANOUE asked if the district could be encouraged to cooperate with the Fort Peck Reservation on this project. CHAIRMAN BERGSAGEL stated that he will draft a letter and bring it back to the committee for approval.

Vote: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BUDGET ITEM #17 TOWN OF DUTTON:

Tape No. 2:A:890

Discussion: Ms. Doney stated that this project will be funded from funds of the 1991 session.

Motion/Vote: SEN. HOCKETT moved to delete the Water System Improvement project of Dutton from the funding list. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BUDGET ITEM #18 PETROLEUM COUNTY:

Tape No. 2:A:956

Motion/Vote: REP. ZOOK moved to not approve a \$50,000 grant and a \$50,000 loan for the Crooked Creek Recreation Center. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BUDGET ITEM # 19 EAST GLACIER WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT:

Tape No. 2:A:997

Motion/Vote: REP. BARDANOUVE moved to approve a \$25,905 grant and a \$76,537 loan for the Midvale Diversion Structure and to remove the prior Water Treatment Plant contingency. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BUDGET ITEM #20 TOWN OF NASHUA:

Tape No. 2:A:120

Motion/Vote: REP. BARDANOUVE moved approval of a \$50,000 grant for Water Storage System Improvements. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BUDGET ITEM #21 CARBON COUNTY:

Tape No. 2:A:175

Motion/Vote: REP. BARDANOUVE moved to approve a \$50,000 grant and a \$50,000 loan for the Water System Improvement project. MOTION CARRIED WITH REP. ZOOK VOTING NO.

Discussion: SEN. HOCKETT wondered if the state is not rewarding the lack of planning and maintenance by municipalities by bailing communities out when their systems have been deteriorated beyond repair. Mr. Tubbs stated that requests do often come in from municipalities that have done little to maintain their water and sewer systems. The committee should consider, however, that the Public Service Commission often prevented municipalities from running their water and sewer systems like a business; now, through no fault of their own, communities cannot maintain their systems.

SEN. HARDING wondered if the committee should not require

communities to develop a plan for maintenance of these systems when they receive RRD funds. Mr. Tubbs stated that there are such contingencies for RRD loan funds, but not for grant funds. The committee may want irrigation districts to have that requirement too.

REP. BARDANOUVE suggested that the committee take action to raise the Carbon County water fees to \$25 and reduce the grant by that much. REP. ZOOK suggested giving them the loan but not the grant.

Motion/Vote: SEN. HARDING moved to reconsider action on Carbon County. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Motion/Vote: REP. ZOOK moved to remove the \$50,000 grant, and authorize up to \$100,000 in loan funds for the Carbon County Water System Improvements project. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BUDGET ITEM #22 CHINOOK DIVISION IRRIGATION ASSOCIATION:

Tape No. 2:B:108

Motion: SEN. HOCKETT moved approval of a \$34,217 grant and a \$65,783 loan for the Repair of Lohman Dam project.

Discussion: REP. ZOOK commented that \$10.50/acre water charge is not very high. REP. BARDANOUVE stated that the Milk River Valley does not produce as much as other parts of Montana.

Motion: REP. ZOOK made a substitute motion to not approve the grant and to approve a \$100,000 loan for the full project. MOTION CARRIED WITH REP. BARDANOUVE VOTING NO.

BUDGET ITEM #23 CHINOOK DIVISION IRRIGATION ASSOCIATION:

Tape No. 2:B:191

Motion/Vote: REP. BARDANOUVE moved approval of a \$36,173 grant and a \$63,827 loan for the Headwork Measuring Devices project. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BUDGET ITEM #24 LIBERTY COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT:

Tape No. 2:B:211

Motion/Vote: SEN. HOCKETT moved to delete the Sweetgrass Hills Groundwater Evaluation project from the funding list. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BUDGET ITEM #25 CUSTER COUNTY:

Tape No. 2:B:

Motion/Vote: REP. BARDANOUVE moved approval of a \$4,725 grant for the County Recycling Project. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BUDGET ITEM #26 TOWN OF CIRCLE:

Tape No. 2:B:231

Motion/Vote: REP. BARDANOUVE moved approval of a \$15,000 grant for a Water Quality Improvement Project. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Discussion: The committee discussed this project at length and determined it wise to fund the pilot project request at this time.

Motion/Vote: REP. BARDANOUVE moved to fund the study and the pilot project with an additional \$21,000. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BUDGET ITEM #27 EASTERN SANDERS CONSERVATION DISTRICT:

Tape No. 2:B:2:711

Motion/Vote: REP. BARDANOUVE moved approval of a \$99,000 grant for the Accelerate Soil Survey on Forestlands project. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BUDGET ITEM #28 MT INSTITUTE OF TOURISM AND RECREATION:

Tape No. 2:B:750

Motion/Vote: REP. ZOOK moved to not approve a \$35,494 grant for a Study of the Impact of Tourism. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BUDGET ITEM #29 TOWN OF HOT SPRINGS:

Tape No. 2:B:766

Discussion: Mr. Tubbs provided the committee with information that clarified the amount funding from all sources on the Camas Therapy Center project. EXHIBIT 4.

Mr. Tubbs stated that this project fits under the Reclamation Development Grants program in HB 7. He commented that the committee could decide how many total dollars should be granted to the project, then place all the funding in HB 7 for easier administration of state funds. DNRC has recommended a total of \$250,000 in state grants. There are no loan funds recommended due to the other loans the project will incur.

SEN. HOCKETT moved to deny the \$100,000 grant for the Camas Therapy Center with the intent of providing funds for this project in HB 7. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BUDGET ITEM #30 GLASGOW IRRIGATION DISTRICT:

Tape No. 2:B:054

Motion/Vote: REP. BARDANOUVE moved approval of a \$50,000 grant and a \$50,000 loan for the Installation of Headgate Measuring Devices. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BUDGET ITEM #31 HILGER COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT:

Tape No. 2:B:106

Motion/Vote: REP. BARDANOUE moved approval of a \$50,000 grant and a \$50,000 loan for Sewage and Collection Treatment Facilities. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

BUDGET ITEM #32 VALLEY COUNTY:

Tape No. 2:B:145

Discussion: REP. ZOOK feels that this is a sporting project not a water development project. He also does not see a lot of local support for the project. **CHAIRMAN BERGSAGEL** stated that the community has been extremely supportive through community efforts via the Two Rivers Growth Council.

SEN. HOCKETT commented that tourism is becoming a big part of business in other parts of the state and the eastern part of the state needs to receive a balance of that tourism development.

Tape 3:A:002

CHAIRMAN BERGSAGEL stated that he would vote no if there is a tie vote.

Motion: **SEN. HOCKETT** moved to approve a \$100,000 grant for the Fort Peck Breakwater project.

Discussion: **SEN. HOCKETT** stated that for every new dollar spent on construction, there is a \$.64 increase in per household earnings in Montana.

SEN. HARDING stated that she served on the Park Futures Committee and has dealt with the Fort Peck Dam. The people of eastern Montana will not have the privilege of a large water recreational area if the area is not developed for recreational use. She will vote to support this project.

REP. ZOOK voiced his concern that there are many economic development programs available to fund this type of project. He simply believes RRD funds should not be used for it. He believes it is a worthwhile project.

SEN. ELEANOR VAUGHN stated that the Fort Peck Reservoir is known nationwide and could draw tourism funds into the state. She will support the motion.

Vote: **MOTION FAILED ON A TIE VOTE.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS/DISCUSSION

CHAIRMAN BERGSAGEL stated that REP. JOE QUILICI, HD 71, Silver Bow, is in support of the Walkerville Reclamation Project in HB 7.

BUDGET ITEM #32 VALLEY COUNTY:

Tape No. 3:A:275

Motion/Vote: REP. ZOOK moved to approve a grant of \$10,000 for the Fort Peck Breakwater project. MOTION CARRIED WITH SEN. HARDING ABSTAINING.

BUDGET ITEM #33 MILE HIGH CONSERVATION DISTRICT:

Tape No. 3:A:316

Motion/Vote: REP. ZOOK moved to not approve a \$99,812 grant for Radon Assessment of Montana's Aquifers. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BUDGET ITEM #34 DNRC WATER RESOURCES REGIONAL OFFICE:

Tape No. 3:A:332

Motion: REP. BARDANOUE moved to approve a \$100,000 grant for the Flathead Valley Cooperative Groundwater Study.

Discussion: Mr. Tubbs stated that this grant proposal had \$135,000 in unsecured funds for this project. He asked if the committee wished DNRC to hold back funding the project until that match is secured, or if the current \$74,000 match is sufficient to allow DNRC to start funding this project. During testimony the sponsor of the grant application requested to be allowed to begin the study without the additional \$135,000 match.

REP. BARDANOUE stated that he would prefer that some incentive be given to match the state funds. Mr. Tubbs stated that typically if a project's scope of work is reduced, DNRC reduces the grant funds proportionally. Ms. Doney stated that some of the required match is provided by a match in DNRC staff salary and time.

Motion/Vote: REP. BARDANOUE made a substitute motion to approve the grant based on a proportional match provided by the Water Resources Regional Office. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BUDGET ITEM #35 MISSOULA URBAN TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT:

Tape No. 3:A:639

Discussion: Ms. Doney stated that no one showed up to testify for this grant application.

Motion/Vote: REP. BARDANOUE moved to not approve a \$56,185 grant for the Alternative Fuels Initiative. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BUDGET ITEM #36 LITTLE BEAVER CONSERVATION DISTRICT:

Tape No. 3:A:695

Discussion: REP. ZOOK stated that this grant is important to

help these people retain their water rights at a time when water rights are being challenged.

REP. BARDANOUE commented that his concern is that the committee will provide funds so that two government agencies can fight each other. **REP. ZOOK** stated that in this case the government seems to have the advantage over these conservation districts in terms of resources. In addition, the conservation districts need to be concerned about out-of-state interest in water in Montana.

Motion: **REP. BARDANOUE** moved to approve a \$35,000 grant for the Water Reservations Implementation project.

Motion: **REP. ZOOK** made a substitute motion to approve an \$85,000 grant for the Water Reservations Implementation project.

Discussion: **SEN. HARDING** asked **REP. ZOOK** to convince her to support his motion. **REP. ZOOK** replied that this project will serve eleven conservation districts. The grant request summary states that agriculture must have the ability to replace land taken out of production and be afforded equal footing with in-stream flow claims. The summary states that North Dakota and the extreme southeast will benefit if this water is not protected.

Mr. Tubbs stated that eighteen conservation districts in the upper Missouri River basin just spent \$57,000 in a water rights case. DNRC scaled back this grant recommendation because of that case. **REP. ZOOK** stated that during testimony the committee was told that the DNRC recommendation was not enough. **REP. BARDANOUE** stated that eleven districts should not need more than the \$57,000 for the case involving eighteen districts.

REP. ZOOK withdrew his substitute motion.

Vote: MOTION CARRIED WITH **REP. ZOOK** VOTING NO.

BUDGET ITEM #37 RAVALLI COUNTY:

Tape No. 3:A:980

Discussion: **REP. BARDANOUE** stated that he would support a contingency to require the county to provide a larger match to state grant funds. He suggested the county match with an additional \$17,668.

Motion/Vote: **REP. BARDANOUE** moved to approve a \$70,672 grant and to require \$17,668 in matching funds in addition to the current \$4,600 in matching funds. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BUDGET ITEM #38 YELLOWSTONE COUNTY:

Tape No. 3:A:240

Motion: **SEN. HOCKETT** moved to require that state grant funds be matched by 25% with community funds.

Discussion: Mr. Tubbs stated that DNRC has already reduced this grant recommendation by 15% with the same line of reasoning as SEN. HOCKETT. He asked if SEN. HOCKETT meant to take 25% off of the original request for \$100,000 or if he wants to take 25% off the recommended grant of \$85,000.

SEN. HOCKETT stated that at this time the community is not providing any funds. His motion is meant to require a 25% cost share no matter what funding level is used to determine that share.

CHAIRMAN BERGSAGEL stated that his motion will provide a \$75,000 grant requiring a \$25,000 match by the grant recipients

Mr. Tubbs stated this study can be done through the county, but to do the project the community will have to form a water district. He commented that the committee could place a contingency requiring the successful formation of a water district. SEN. HOCKETT stated that he supports a contingency requiring the creation of a rural water district.

Motion/Vote: SEN. HOCKETT made a substitute motion to approve a \$75,000 grant and a requirement of a \$25,000 match for state funds contingent upon the creation of a rural water district.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/DISCUSSION

Mr. Tubbs stated that the committee has approved \$1,170,775 in grant funds. Mr. Haubein stated the committee has saved \$1,160,707 in funds.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:00 AM



ERNEST BERGSAGEL, Chair



SANDRA BOGGS, Secretary

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

LONG - RANGE PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEE

ROLL CALL

DATE

2/10/93

NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
SEN. BOB HOCKETT, VICE-CHAIR	✓		
REP. FRANCIS BARDONOUVE	✓		
SEN. ETHEL HARDING	✓		
SEN. ELEANOR VAUGHN	✓		
REP. TOM ZOOK	✓		
REP. ERNEST BERGSAGEL, CHAIR	✓		

WATER DEVELOPMENT & RENEWABLE RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

Project Recommendations

Fiscal Years 1994-95

Approved 11/17/92

EXHIBIT 1

DATE 2-10-93

HB _____

Applicant	Project Name	Recommended Grant Funding	Accumulative Grant Funding	Loan Funding
1. MALTA IRRIGATION DIST.	WATER USE EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENTS	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
2. RICHLAND COUNTY	DAM EVALUATION AND DESIGN	\$60,300	\$110,300	\$0
3. MT DNRC - WATER DAM SAFETY SECTION	CHARACTERISTICS OF EXTREME PRECIP.	\$100,000	\$210,300	\$0
4. TOWN OF RYEGATE	WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT	\$33,750	\$244,050	\$66,250
5. YELLOWSTONE COUNTY	YELLOWSTONE RIVER PROJECT	\$100,000	\$344,050	\$0
6. STOCKETT/CASCADE WATER & SEWER DIST.	SEWER SYSTEM	\$50,000	\$394,050	\$150,000
7. MT STATE UNIVERSITY, MONTANA WATERCOURSE	INNOVATIVE WATER RESOURCE EDUCATION	\$94,900	\$488,950	\$0
8. BUTTE-SILVER BOW GOVERNMENT	MUNICIPAL COMPOST PRODUCTION	\$50,000	\$538,950	\$49,864
9. DARBY SCHOOL DIST. NO. 9	SCHOOL PARK PROJECT	\$25,300	\$564,250	\$0
10. MT DEPARTMENT OF STATE LANDS, FORESTRY DIV.	REFORESTATION PROJECTS ON STATE LANDS	\$21,974	\$586,224	\$0
11. HUNTLEY WATER AND SEWER DIST.	WATER SYSTEM REHABILITATION	\$50,000	\$636,224	\$50,000
12. RUBY VALLEY CONSERVATION DIST.	UPPER RUBY RIPARIAN AREA IMPROVEMENTS	\$100,000	\$736,224	\$0
13. BUTTE-SILVER BOW GOVERNMENT	BLACKTAIL CREEK RESTORATION PROJECT	\$100,000	\$836,224	\$0
14. MT BUREAU OF MINES & GEOLOGY	GROUNDWATER PROTECTION/EDUCATION	\$94,184	\$930,408	\$0
15. TOWN OF WINNETT	SEWER RECONSTRUCTION AND REHABILITATION	\$50,000	\$980,408	\$50,000
16. FORT PECK RURAL WATER DIST.	WATER ENGINEERING STUDY	\$40,000	\$1,020,408	\$0
17. TOWN OF DUTTON	WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT	\$50,000	\$1,070,408	\$0
18. PETROLEUM COUNTY	CROOKED CREEK RECREATION CENTER	\$50,000	\$1,120,408	\$50,000
19. EAST GLACIER WATER AND SEWER DIST.	MIDVALE DIVERSION STRUCTURE	\$25,905	\$1,146,313	\$76,537
20. TOWN OF NASHUA	WATER STORAGE SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS	\$50,000	\$1,196,313	\$0
21. CARBON COUNTY	WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS	\$50,000	\$1,246,313	\$50,000
22. CHINOOK DIVISION IRRIGATION ASSOCIATION	IRRIGATION WATER MEASURING DEVICES	\$34,217	\$1,280,530	\$65,783
23. CHINOOK DIVISION IRRIGATION ASSOCIATION	REPAIR OF LOHMAN DAM	\$36,173	\$1,316,703	\$63,827
24. LIBERTY COUNTY CONSERVATION DIST.	SWEETGRASS HILLS GROUNDWATER EVALUATION	\$100,000	\$1,416,703	\$0
25. CUSTER COUNTY	COUNTY RECYCLING PROJECT	\$4,725	\$1,421,428	\$0
26. TOWN OF CIRCLE	WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT	\$15,000	\$1,436,428	\$0
27. EASTERN SANDERS CONSERVATION DIST.	ACCELERATE SOIL SURVEY ON FORESTLANDS	\$99,000	\$1,535,428	\$0
28. MT INSTITUTE OF TOURISM AND RECREATION	STUDY OF THE IMPACT OF TOURISM	\$35,494	\$1,570,922	\$0
29. TOWN OF HOT SPRINGS	CAMAS THERAPY CENTER	\$100,000	\$1,670,922	\$0
30. GLASGOW IRRIGATION DIST.	INSTALLATION HEADGATE MEASURING DEVICES	\$50,000	\$1,720,922	\$50,000

31. HILGER COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DIST.	SEWAGE AND COLLECTION TREATMENT FACILITIES	\$50,000	\$1,770,922	\$50,000
32. VALLEY COUNTY	FORT PECK BREAKWATER	\$100,000	\$1,870,922	\$0
33. MILE HIGH CONSERVATION DIST.	RADON ASSESSMENT OF MONTANA'S AQUIFERS	\$99,812	\$1,970,734	\$0
34. MT DNRC - WATER RESOURCES REGIONAL OFFICE	FLATHEAD VALLEY COOP. GROUNDWATER STUDY	\$100,000	\$2,070,734	\$0
35. MISSOULA URBAN TRANSPORTATION DIST.	ALTERNATIVE FUELS INITIATIVE	\$56,185	\$2,126,919	\$0
36. LITTLE BEAVER CONSERVATION DIST.	WATER RESERVATIONS IMPLEMENTATION	\$47,318	\$2,174,237	\$0
37. RAVALLI COUNTY	GROUNDWATER VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT	\$88,340	\$2,262,577	\$0
38. YELLOWSTONE COUNTY	RURAL WATER SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT	\$85,000	\$2,347,577	\$0
39. MT STATE UNIVERSITY	GUIDE TO MONTANA WATER LAW	\$31,740	\$2,379,317	\$0
40. HILL COUNTY	SALINITY CONTROL PROJECT	\$50,000	\$2,429,317	\$50,000
41. ROOSEVELT COUNTY CONSERVATION DIST.	RECREATIONAL ENHANCEMENT OF MISSOURI RIVER	\$7,000	\$2,436,317	\$0
42. FORT SHAW IRRIGATION DIST.	"A" SYSTEM DIVERSION	\$50,000	\$2,486,317	\$0
43. DODSON IRRIGATION DIST.	WATER USE EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENTS	\$31,569	\$2,517,886	\$31,326
44. FORT SHAW IRRIGATION DIST.	REHABILITATION AND BETTERMENT STUDY	\$50,000	\$2,567,886	\$0
45. FLATHEAD JOINT BOARD OF CONTROL	FISH FRIENDLY IRRIGATION	\$44,500	\$2,612,386	\$54,500
46. WHITEFISH COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DIST.	PROTECTION OF SWIFT CREEK PILOT PROJECT	\$13,921	\$2,626,307	\$37,485
BIG HORN CONSERVATION DIST.	ROCKY RANCH DEEP WELL RESTORATION	\$0	\$2,626,307	\$0
CITY OF DILLON	WATER TREATMENT PLANT	\$0	\$2,626,307	\$0
FERGUS COUNTY	WELL REVITALIZATION PROJECT	\$0	\$2,626,307	\$0
MADISON COUNTY	INTEGRATED WASTE PROGRAM	\$0	\$2,626,307	\$0
MEAGHER COUNTY CONSERVATION DIST.	SOUTH SIDE CANAL LINING PROJECT	\$0	\$2,626,307	\$0
MT BUREAU OF MINES & GEOLOGY	EVALUATION OF GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES	\$0	\$2,626,307	\$0
CITY OF POLSON	RESERVOIR RECONSTRUCTION	\$0	\$2,626,307	\$0
CITY OF SHELBY	WATER SUPPLY DEVELOPMENT	\$0	\$2,626,307	\$0
Total Loans Recommended				\$995,572

MEMORANDUM

FOR: John Tubbs

FROM: Mark Marty *MM*
Civil Engineer Specialist

DATE: February 8, 1993

RE: Proposed Costs for Lone Tree Ranch Dam Study

Last week during the presentations by grant applicants, the cost of the proposed study for the Lone Tree Ranch (LTR) dams was questioned by Representative Bardanouve. He indicated that he was present at a recent meeting where bids were opened to study the Powell Lake Dam (PLD) on the Montana prison ranch. Representative Bardanouve said that the study for the dam on the prison ranch will cost approximately \$8,000. He questioned why the LTR study will cost nearly \$71,000.

I contacted Pam Joehler, administrator of the Management Services Division of the Department of Corrections and Human Services. She confirmed that a bids were recently opened for the study of the PLD. The bids received ranged in cost from approximately \$8,000 to over \$55,000. She referred me to the Dam Safety Section at DNRC for the particulars of the study.

I then talked to Mike Olerich and Gary Fischer at Dam Safety. They were able to provide me with reasons why the proposed LTR study will cost more than the study of the PLD. Those reasons are as follows:

1. The LTR study will address stability of the embankments and spillway capacity. The PLD study will only address the stability of the dam embankment. It will not address spillway capacity. The cost of studying the spillways is very high because of the modeling of stream flows that must be done to ensure adequate sizing of the respective spillways.
2. The LTR dams are on-stream structures and all flow in the channel must be routed through or over the two dams. The PLD is an off-stream storage site. High flows can be diverted past the reservoir to relieve pressure put on the dam.
3. The LTR study will have to address two separate structures (Vaux #1 and Vaux #2 dams). The PLD consists of only one structure.
4. The LTR dams are considerably larger than the PLD. Vaux #1 dam impounds 685 acre-feet of water and Vaux #2 dam impounds 1175 acre-feet. In comparison, PLD impounds only 250 acre-feet of water.

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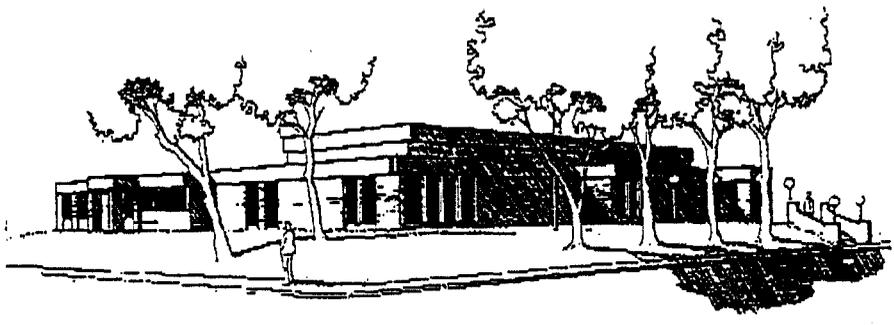
5. Dam Safety Section has already completed much of the work necessary to complete the PLD study. The successful bidder accepted the information presented by the Dam Safety Section and will not redo that portion. Other bidders did not accept the information at face value and included costs for re-evaluating that work (Hence the wide range in the bids.)

If you need any further information, please let me know.

Valley County

501 Court Square
Glasgow, Montana 59230

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Chairman Bergsagle and committee members thank you for allowing time today for the presentation of testimony in support of the Fort Peck Breakwater.

Valley County is prepared to commit to in-kind participation in the Breakwater project -- administration of the grants and construction.

We, the Board of Valley County Commissioners, feel this Breakwater is a key element to promote economic development, and it is identified in the Master Plan.

A Breakwater at the northwest end of Fort Peck Lake can be considered as the FOUNDATION FOR THE FUTURE.

There are many stages in the development of the Lake. For example:

- In the early 80's, a Program for Fisheries was formulated.
- Wildlife Management has been developed and now plays a big part on and adjacent to the Lake property.
- The building of the Breakwater is needed now to continue development.

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To <i>Ted Sledge</i>	From <i>Gonskowski</i>
Co.	Co. <i>Valley City</i>
Dept.	Phone #
Fax # <i>444-4809</i>	Fax # <i>228-9027</i>

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What the Breakwater will do:

1. Provide an adequate safe harbor;
2. It is the key element for development of tourism in Eastern Montana;
3. Increase recreation benefits on the local, regional and national levels;
4. Increase interest in wildlife, fishing and camping.

At a time when the State of Montana's economy is in need of a BOOST, the Breakwater would be the critical component for long-term benefits. It would give security to the private investor who is willing to be a pioneer in the resort and recreation business for the life of the lake - 1,080 years.

It is very important, and we especially call your attention to the fact that \$400,000 has been allocated and set aside by the Federal Government for this project.. Our greatest fear is that if the State of Montana does not provide the required match monies, the federal monies will be at risk and possibly lost forever.

TOURIST AND RECREATION MONEY IS BIG BUSINESS. MONTANA CANNOT AFFORD NOT TO INVEST IN THE BREAKWATER AT FORT PECK LAKE NOW! Just imagine the impact to the economy if the existing primitive facilities were replaced with modern facilities.

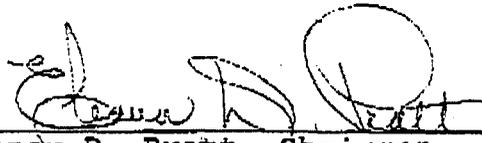
Mr. Chairman and Committee members, all of the people of Montana are in the "Fort Peck Breakwater Project" boat. Let's not let it

sink! We, therefore, respectfully request that the Committee fund the Breakwater Project.

We would be happy to answer any questions the Commission may have, now or at a later time.

Respectfully submitted,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

By: 
Eleanor D. Pratt, Chairman

By: 
Gene C. Reinche, Member

By: 
Arthur A. Arnold, Member

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att: Ted

Montana legislators,

The Glasgow Courier newspaper, Valley County's voice since 1913, is writing this letter of support for state appropriated funds toward a breakwater at Fort Peck Lake.

While we acknowledge the economic difficulties our great state and our legislators face, we must look forward to the future and the economic impact the breakwater would have toward development and tourism in Northeastern Montana.

Thousands of anglers and recreationists flock to Fort Peck throughout the year to enjoy water-related activities. The need for a "safe harbor" is great, not only for boaters, but for enhancing the area's economic development and bringing those who recreate on Fort Peck Lake back time and time again.

For the past several years, Fort Peck Lake has played host to the Governor's Cup Walleye Tournament. Anglers and media from throughout the United States and Canada have participated or provided coverage of that tournament---this Montana legislators, is yet another reason to fund a breakwater at Fort Peck.

Couple the aforementioned with the fact that water levels at Fort Peck are currently at near record lows.

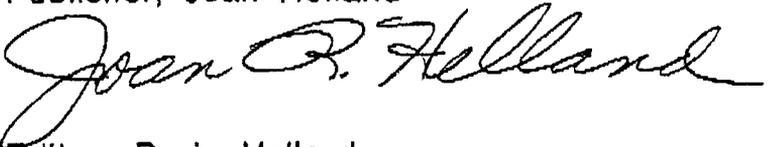
Given the low water levels, crews working on a new breakwater at Fort Peck would have to contend with fewer problems in constructing the breakwater, and probably at a lower cost.

We urge you to appropriate the necessary funding for a breakwater at Fort Peck Lake.

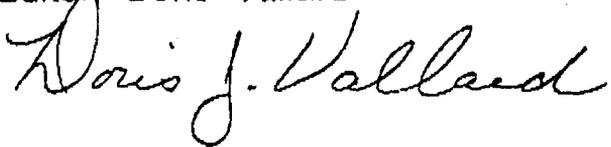
A hearty Western welcome is extended to each of you to visit the lake this summer--it is truly one of Montana's angling, scenic and recreating pleasures.

With regard,

Publisher, Joan Helland



Editor, Doris Vallard





**first national bank
glasgow, montana**

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February 8, 1993

Sam Waters
Two Rivers Growth
Glasgow, MT 59230

RE: BREAKWATER AT FORT PECK

Dear Sam:

I am writing in support of the proposed breakwater at Fort Peck Lake. The breakwater is necessary at the Fort Peck Marina area. It not only protects the person's boat that is in the Marina but it also protects the Concessionaire at the Marina and without him there we don't have any services on the water. The Marina is one of the three on the water service areas now.

Back in the late 70's when the dam was at its full pool I had a boat at the Marina in the docks and at least once a year I would get a call from the Concessionaire asking me to come out and remove my boat from the docks because the wind was tearing up the docks and also tearing up my boat.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Timothy M. Newton', written over the word 'Sincerely'.

Timothy M. Newton
Vice President

TMN/jml

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Glasgow, Montana 59230
Post Office Box 1203

Sam Waters
Two Rivers Development
Glasgow, Montana

8 February 1993

Dear Sam:

Your work in trying to get proper safety for boats and a well developed marina at Ft. Peck gets our full support.

We have a bit of wind in Montana with no shelter for the marina and boats. This severely limits the development of the marina and the recreational and economic potential of this great asset increasingly used by all of Eastern Montana, not just good old Glasgow.

We are well aware that such breakwaters have been so constructed all along the Missouri mainstem reservoirs, except Ft. Peck, with large increases in fishing and recreational use. Persons attending the several fishing tournaments here comment on the poor boating facilities but the great fishing.

The time to develop this great body of water is long past due. With the present temporary low water, the construction costs will be much less, so postponement will be more costly.

Sincerely yours,

Pat Gregory *David Gregory*

Pat and David Gregory
Cabin Number 11, The Pines.

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Box 1134 - B-N Right-of-Way
Glasgow, Montana 59230

Feb 4, 1993

Phone 228-8038 or 228-8572

Two Rivers Growth
% Sam Waters, First National Bank
P.O. Box 191
Glasgow, Mont. 59230

Dear Sam:

We are very much in favor of any projects to improve the Fort Peck area and the rest of the community.

In regard to the Break Water Project, we feel this is a much needed endeavor and will do whatever we can to promote this work being done.

In an effort to help, we will donate as an in kind service to the community. As we don't know the scope of the project and there aren't any plans or specs out, it would be impossible to set a figure at this time. However, if we were awarded the bid, we would definitely do something.

Please feel free to call on us for any help or information you may need.

Sincerely,


Orville G Fossum

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**Montana Department
of
Fish, Wildlife & Parks**



1420 East Sixth Avenue
Helena, Montana 59620
February 5, 1993

Two Rivers Growth Council
c/o Mr. Sam Waters
First National Bank
Box 191
Glasgow, Montana 59230

Dear Mr. Waters:

You recently inquired about the availability of Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks funding for construction of a breakwater at the Fort Peck marina. This letter will explain that although the breakwater would be an eligible project for certain funding from this department, no funds are currently available.

Bobbi Balaz of my staff informed me that the cost of the project is estimated to be \$800,000. Apparently, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will contribute \$400,000, and another \$400,000 in non-federal funding would be needed. Alternatively, if Corps funding is not used, \$800,000 from other federal and/or state or private sources would be needed.

The breakwater project may be an eligible use of Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration, sometimes referred to as Dingell-Johnson, funding. At least one state dollar must be used as match for every three federal dollars. The department receives \$4.5 million annually. We typically use state license dollars as the match.

Each year, over \$400,000 of the \$4.5 million must be spent for motorboat access. This money is typically used to improve fishing access sites and water-based state parks. In recent years we spent nearly \$1 million in Federal Aid and state funds at Fort Peck to improve county roads serving the Pines, Rock Creek, Fourchette Bay, Hell Creek and Crooked Creek, and to construct boating facilities at Duck Creek. In addition, the department has used other funding sources to make needed improvements at Fort Peck sites.

As noted earlier in this letter, at this time no funding is available for the project. All available funds are already designated for other projects statewide. Because funds are limited, the breakwater could only be accomplished by displacing other projects.

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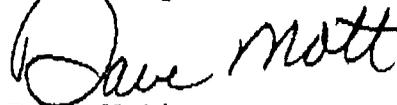
The department has a long list of unmet needs at facilities that we own or manage. In the past, the legislature has generally agreed that our limited funds should be used to improve department sites. In this case, a federal agency--the Corps--is responsible for the breakwater.

The department prepared a list of site improvement needs. This was approved by the Governor's office and the Long Range Building Subcommittee.

~~In conclusion, it is unlikely that a proposal to reallocate Fish, Wildlife and Parks money to the breakwater would fare very well. The main reasons are: it would displace other projects being considered by the legislature; large amounts of department funding have recently been used at Fort Peck sites; and a federal agency, rather than the State, is responsible for the breakwater.~~

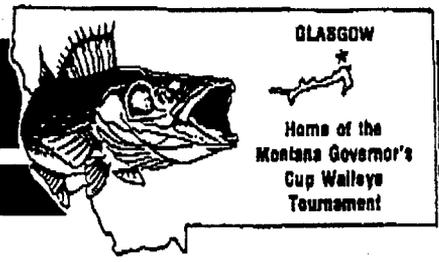
I hope that we have provided the information that you need.

Sincerely,



Dave Mott
Associate Director

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Glasgow Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture

Highway 2 East - Box 832 - Glasgow, Montana 59230

PHONE: (406) 228-2222

February 8, 1993

Two Rivers Growth
 c/o Sam Waters
 First National Bank
 P. O. Box 191
 Glasgow, MT 59230

Dear Sam:

On behalf of the Glasgow Area Chamber of Commerce I would like to take this time to express our support for Two Rivers Growth in their effort to acquire the remaining funds needed to construct the breakwater at Fort Peck West. As you know, the continued development of Fort Peck Lake as a point of destination for tourists coming through Montana is one of the major goals, not only for Two Rivers, but for the Chamber of Commerce.

Continued development of the tourism industry in Eastern Montana is critical to help balance the area's overall economy. Not only will the breakwater establish a safe port, it will be the foundation for continued development of the marina facilities, motels, restaurants, campgrounds, etc., which are desperately needed at Fort Peck Lake if the tourism potential for the Lake is to be realized.

If the Chamber of Commerce can be of any assistance in the future, please feel free to contact us.

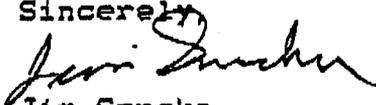
Sincerely,

 Jim Smrcka
 President

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AND CONVENTION CENTER

P.O. Box 1240 - Highway 2 East - Glasgow, Montana 59230 - Telephone 406/228-8213

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To: Long Range Planning Committee

This letter is to urge your support of the Breakwater Project at Fort Peck.

I am a director on the following boards: Glasgow Chamber, Two Rivers Growth, Missouri River Country, and Eastern Plains RC & D. I recognize and applaud the efforts being made by these groups to promote recreational use of Fort Peck Lake.

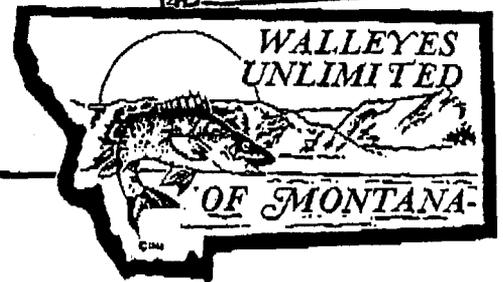
The Breakwater Project is a vital part of the facilities needed at Fort Peck. These services must be in place for successful promotion of the Lake. The tourists, recreationists, and residents who use the lake impact our local economy with the money they spend on motels, gas, food, and sporting equipment. This is a direct economic benefit to our area.

I urge you to include funding for the Breakwater Project.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Betty Stone".

Betty Stone
General Manager



HCR 272 - 3008
GLASGOW, MONTANA 59230

Dear Sir:

I am writing this letter in support of the Breakwater project located at Fort Peck Lake.

As President of the local chapter of Walleyes Unlimited Of Montana I represent nearly 300 members. We ask you to please consider the Breakwater Project a vital and necessary link to economic recovery of eastern Montana. This along with the the prospect of safeguarding boats and countless dollars of valuable equipment make the Breakwater Project a very desirable asset to all concerned. At present there is a group of private investors looking at the possibility of further development of the Marina at Fort Peck Lake.

Once again Sir, I (we) urge you to consider the necessary funding of the Fort Peck Lake Breakwater Project

Sincerely Yours,

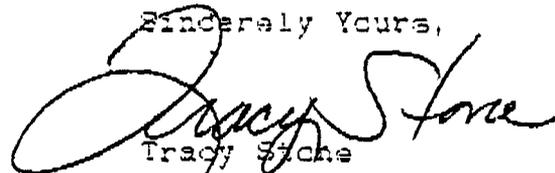
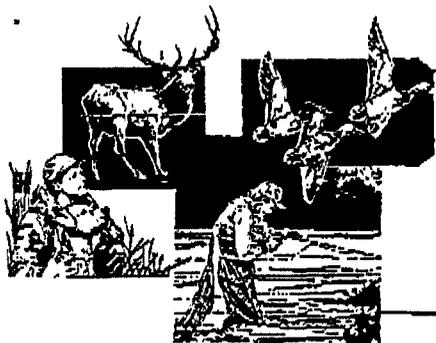

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VALLEY COUNTY SPORTSMEN'S CLUB

P.O. Box 664 - Glasgow, MT 59230

February 5, 1993

Two Rivers Growth
Glasgow, MT 59230

Re: Fort Peck Marina Breakwater

Dear Two Rivers Growth Committee:

The Valley County Sportsmen's Club, 180 members strong, aggressively supports the building of a breakwater in the Fort Peck Marina bay.

The primary need for the breakwater is to provide a safe harbor for the numerous watercraft docked there in the summer. Without the protection provided by a breakwater, we'll certainly continue to experience substantial property losses to boats caused by wind-generated waves. In addition, a breakwater will help prevent shoreline erosion which is very prevalent in the area.

Without a breakwater, it's not practical for anyone to invest dollars in creating a better marina facility to service the growing recreational demands; not only by the locals, but by the non-residents who recognize what Fort Peck Reservoir has to offer. With a breakwater, it's likely there will be a lot more entrepreneurial development.

Sincerely,

Mark Combs

Mark Combs, President
Valley County Sportsmen's Club

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D & G Sports & Western^{INC}

215 - 4th Street South
GLASGOW, MONTANA 59230

Phone 406-228-9363



Two Rivers Growth
c/o Sam Waters.

Dear Sam

As a area businessman I strongly support the Fort Peck Breakwater Project. I believe the breakwater project is a vital part of the development of Fort Peck Lake. A break water as been needed at Fort Peck for many years. Over the years many thousands of dollars of damage as been done to Boats and property at Fort Peck. I Congratulate the Two Rivers Growth for the work they have done on the Breakwater project.

Sincerely
Darrell Morehouse

Sam's Supper Club

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GLASGOW, MONTANA 59230

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Feb. 8, 1993

To Senators and Representatives of Long Range Planning Committee:

I am writing to you about the Fort Peck Lake Breakwater Grant. Last week you received testimony pertaining to the tourism and economic benefits of construction of a breakwater; I currently serve on the State Tourism Advisory Council, Missouri River Country boards of directors, and I am a member of the Fort Peck Advisory Council executive board. Through my involvement on these councils, I am keenly aware of the effect tourism has in Montana and Fort Peck Lake if given the opportunity for development.

I would like to provide testimony today wearing another hat, that of a small business person. I have been in partnership at Sam's Supper Club for the last 15 years. Small business survival in the state of Montana has been like playing a game of chicken. I feel fortunate to still be in business. You as legislators are trying to get the state out of debt, searching for ways to pay bills, trying to consolidate services and the painful task of cutting workers jobs. You are looking for ways to reform the welfare system and get new jobs. You only have to confront these problems every two years. The small business person must do this every month to survive - because if you don't, you're another labor statistic.

What does all this have to do with a Breakwater somewhere on the Prarie? Last week I paid my state and federal taxes and workman's compensation for the quarter. The money you received was tourist dollars from the summer of 1992 generated through visitation at Fort Peck Lake. If visitation increased at the lake, if our tourist season was May thru October instead of June, July and August, if a breakwater was constructed and development was allowed to occur, what would that mean to Sam's and other regional small businesses? We could make greater profits, or for some just a profit, we could expand. We could build, we could buy newer equipment. Most important we could contribute to your welfare reform programs. I could provide health benefits to my employees, minimum wage workers could receive steady wage increases, single mothers could pay their baby sitters and maybe even buy a car to get to work in.

Sam's Supper Club

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GLASGOW, MONTANA 59230

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Until agriculture recovers and the economy begins to diversify, we need to develop and promote the resources we have. Fort Peck Lake is a natural resource that belongs to all of Montana. It should be given a fair chance for growth and development. The approval of the breakwater Grant and construction of a breakwater isn't a pile of rocks in a bay out in the prairie. It's a long-term investment for economic growth in Montana, it's an opportunity for jobs. It's our future in Eastern Montana!

I ask that you give serious consideration to this request.

Respectfully Yours,
Diane Brandt
Diane Brandt
Co-owner Sam's Supper Club

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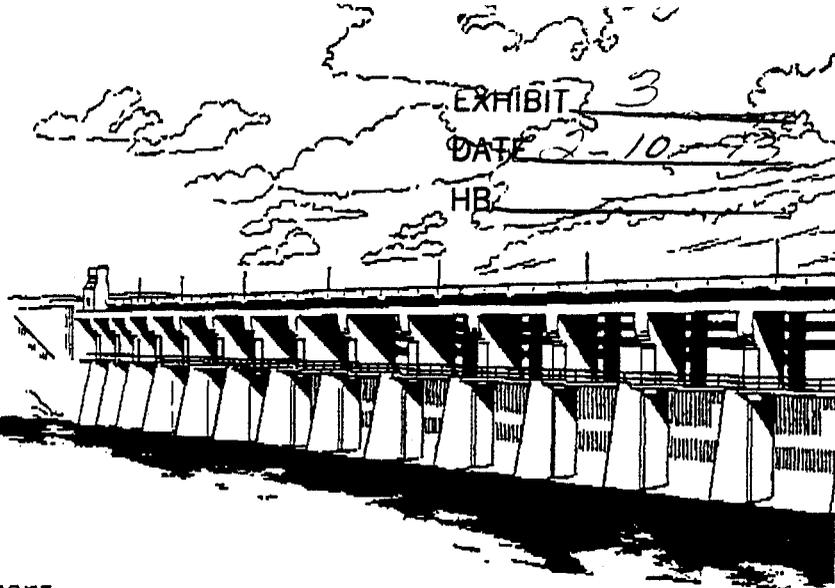


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DATE 2-10-93

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February 8, 1993

Chairman Bergsagel and Committee Members
Long-Range Planning Sub-Committee
State Capitol Building
Helena, MT 59601

Dear Chairman Bergsagel & Committee Members:

I am requesting your support for the Breakwater at Fort Peck Lake.

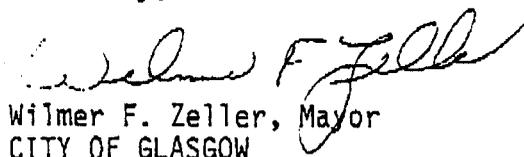
As you are painfully aware, the cities in Eastern Montana along with Valley County as a whole have been losing population. As the people go, so do the jobs, creating a downward economic spiral.

The construction of this breakwater will provide immediate employment in Valley County and give a positive long term stimulus to a much needed and used facility in Eastern Montana.

This money is needed as a match to a Federal Grant that we have been able to tentatively secure for our part of the State. We have to raise \$400,000 as our share of the match. With 8,000 total people in Valley County--this is impossible to do locally.

I hope the Long Range Planning Committee can see its way to approving the funding of our grant request. Strong action must be taken to again get Eastern Montana moving in a positive economic direction.

Sincerely,


Wilmer F. Zeller, Mayor
CITY OF GLASGOW

TOWN OF FORT PECK

Box 304
Fort Peck, Montana 59223

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February 9, 1993

Representative Ted Schye
House of Representatives
Montana State Capitol
Helena, Montana

Dear Ted,

We are writing to request your support of the grant application to provide matching funds for the breakwater at the Fort Peck Marina. Our community believes that the breakwater will bring more Montana boaters to dock their boats at the Marina all summer and thereby increase utilization of the lake. This increased usage will have a positive affect on our economy. We are very proud of Fort Peck Lake and all it offers in recreational opportunities for all Montanans. We would appreciate your efforts in support of the application.

Respectfully yours,



Thomas L. Ramsbacher
Mayor of Fort Peck

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To <u>Ted Schye</u>	From <u>Town of Fort Peck</u>
Dept./Agency	Phone # <u>526-3220</u>
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2-8-93

Ted Schye
Break water

I Am in favor of the
breakwater of Fort Peck
LAKE for future develop-
-ment of the lake and

I understand the corp
of Engineers has money
AVAILABLE for half of
the funding

Sincerely
Kip Hertges

Ted Schye
Breakwater

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We are in favor of the breakwater at the Fort Peck Reservoir due to the growing economic development in this area. Another plus in this situation is that the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers has agreed to forgo one-half the cost of this project.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Jennick Jr.

Ted Schye
Breakwater

I'm in favor of the breakwater at Fort Peck Reservoir due to the growing economic development in the area.

Dayl Kemp
Fort Peck MT

Ted Schye 2/7/93
"Breakwater"

We support the breakwater for Fort Peck Lake for economic development and that we do understand that the Corps of Engineers has put up half of the money for the funding.

James E. and Evelyn S. Lambert

Ted Schye
Breakwater Fort Peck

I am in favor of the breakwater

at Fort Peck Lake due to growing
development in the area

It is understood that the Corp
of Engineers has agreed to
fund half of the breakwater

Tim Dees

Ted Schye
Breakwater Fort Peck Mt.

I support the breakwater at
Fort Peck Lake to growing
economic development in the
area. The Corp of Engineers has
said they will fund 1/2 half

Tom J. Zimkus

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Ted Schye - Breakwater

I would like to state that I am in support of the development of a breakwater at Fort Peck lake. I understand that half of the funds are already available, and think it would be good for economic development of the area as well as a useful facility for recreation.

Roll Kelm
cabin owner
Fort Peck lake

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~~HB~~RECLAMATION AND DEVELOPMENT GRANTS
PROJECT 21. TOWN OF HOT SPRINGS

Funding Source

Reclamation and Development Grant	150,000 (requested \$300,000)
Water Development Grant	100,000
Community Development Block Grant	300,000
Farmers Home Administration Loan	250,000
Economic Development Administration Grant	900,000
Small Business Administration Loan	250,000
Private Funds Grant	54,837
U.S. Dept. of Transportation TSI Grant	47,000
Sanders County (in kind for tank removal)	12,000
Total Funds to Date	<hr/> 2,063,837

Table of Major Outlays by Category

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Water Development	Cost	Critical Needs	Cost
Drainage	20,000	Oil Tank Removal	12,000
Hot Tub Area	96,000	Demolition	16,000
Plumbing	134,000	Asbestos	100,000
Pool/deck/equipment	192,000	Construction	
Water Related		Roof	50,000
Road/trails	12,000	Elevator	80,000
Landscaping	100,000	Electrical	112,000
Miscellaneous		Mechanical/heat	128,000
Sidewalks/curbs	6,000	Entrance/lobby	128,000
Parking	14,000	General Renovation	286,000
Utilities	40,000		
Contingency (10%)	61,400	Contingency (10%)	91,200
Architectural Fees	74,294	Architectural Fees	110,352
Sub Total	749,694	Sub Total	1,113,552
Total Costs		1,863,246	

This table of expenses constitute 91 percent of the total funding. The remaining 9 percent of the funding will be used to pay immediate salaries and other expenses until a positive cash flow is maintained.

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