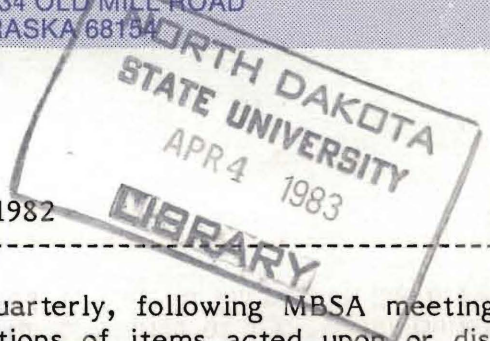


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THE MISSOURI BASIN STATES ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MET FOR THEIR FIFTH QUARTERLY AND FIRST ANNUAL MEETING on October 21, 1982 in Omaha, Nebraska. At the meeting, the Directors:

- Elected the existing slate of Directors for another year and elected Joe Sizer, Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Energy, Planning, and Development, as Minnesota Director replacing Robert Arnold, who resigned to enter private business.
- Elected Nebraska Director Jack Hart as MBSA President, Wyoming Director George Christopulos as Vice President, South Dakota Director Bob Neufeld as Secretary, and Iowa Director Bill Crews as Treasurer for the coming year. Executive Director Carroll Hamon was reappointed Assistant Secretary-Treasurer.
- Amended the MBSA bylaws to provide that an annual meeting will be held in November each year, and that the MBSA fiscal year will run from July 1 through June 30 beginning July 1, 1983.
- Authorized the Bureau of Reclamation to conduct a test of the MBSA Water Accounting System developed as part of the Missouri River Basin Hydrology Study.
- Authorized the creation of a Water Accounting System Management Group to oversee the operation and maintenance of the system. The management group will consist of an upper basin state representative, a lower basin state representative, the MBSA Water Accounting System Manager, and as technical advisors, representatives of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Bureau of Reclamation. Montana Director Jack Acord was elected as the upper basin state representative and Missouri Director Robert Dunkeson was elected as the lower basin state representative on the Water Accounting System Management Group.

- Authorized the release of information contained in the hydrology study data base for the estimated costs of reproducing the information and adopted a statement disclaiming responsibility for the use or interpretation of the data.
- Instructed the ad hoc committee appointed at the August 1982 MBSA meeting to continue to work with the Corps of Engineers to study cooperative efforts in analyzing basinwide water resource issues and to prepare tentative agendas for a future MBSA workshop on state water resource planning and a future seminar on the Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program.
- Invited Missouri Congressman Young to attend the MBSA meeting on February 10, 1983 in Kansas City, Missouri, for the purpose of discussing his proposed legislation authorizing the negotiation of an interstate compact allocating the waters of the Missouri River basin.
- Appointed a committee composed of Iowa Director Bill Crews (Chairman), South Dakota Director John Smith, Wyoming Director John Buyok, and Missouri Director Bob Dunkeson to oversee development of a final draft issue analysis report on out-of-basin water transfers. The committee is to present a final draft report for the consideration of the Board of Directors at the February 1983 MBSA meeting.
- Adopted a motion recognizing the contributions of former MBSA employees.
- Set the date of May 12, 1983 for the seventh quarterly MBSA meeting in Omaha, Nebraska. The date of February 10, 1983 was also confirmed for the sixth quarterly MBSA meeting in Kansas City, Missouri (place to be announced).

INCOMING MBSA PRESIDENT JACK HART termed 1982 a "watershed" year for interstate cooperation in water resource management in the Missouri River basin. He thanked outgoing President George Christopoulos for his leadership during the past year and challenged the Association to broaden public understanding of water resource issues in the basin in the coming year.

THE MBSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS REITERATED THEIR INTENTION NOT TO ALLOW "QUERIES" OF THE WATER ACCOUNTING SYSTEM until the Bureau of Reclamation test of the system was complete and additional use of the query program was authorized.

MISSOURI CONGRESSMAN YOUNG'S BILL TO AUTHORIZE THE NEGOTIATION OF AN INTERSTATE COMPACT to allocate waters of the Missouri River basin was generally termed "well intended" by MBSA Directors. Individually, MBSA Directors expressed concern that to their knowledge the affected states had not been consulted prior to introduction of the bill, that the introduction of such a bill was premature, and that clauses in the bill relating to no diminution of navigation or affect on water quality were impractical.

MBSA STAFF MEMBERS PRESENTED REPORTS TO THE ASSOCIATION NOTING:

- The newly published Coordination Directory of State and Federal Water Resource Officials in the Missouri River Basin has been distributed to MBSA Directors and state and federal water resource agencies in the Missouri River basin. Additional copies are available for the cost of printing and mailing, \$4.00, from the MBSA. The directory contains the names, addresses and telephone numbers of state and federal water resource agencies in the Missouri River basin and, for the first time, a brief description of the water related responsibilities of each agency.
- The Midwestern Conference of the Council of State Governments has invited persons to testify on planned and proposed Missouri River water diversions at a series of hearings to be held in the basin beginning November 9, 1982. The hearings will be held at the Sheraton Yankton, Yankton, South Dakota, on November 9, the Ramada Inn-Airport in Omaha, Nebraska, on November 10, and in Kansas City, Missouri, (place to be announced) on December 1. Advance registration and submission of testimony is requested and information may be obtained from James H. Bowhay, Regional Director, Midwestern Council of State Governments, Suite 1200, 203 North Wabash, Chicago, Illinois 60601, telephone (312) 236-4011.
- A draft report of the Lower Missouri River Basin Flood Plain Management Study will be distributed to the MBSA Directors in the lower basin states. Comments on the report are due within two weeks from the receipt of the report.
- Technical papers from the hydrology study work groups on agricultural water use, surface water supply, ground water depletion and municipal, industrial, energy and rural domestic water use have been published and are available from the Association.

FEDERAL AGENCIES PRESENTED REPORTS AT THE ASSOCIATION MEETING THAT NOTED:

- The Federal Emergency Management Agency has released flood hazard maps for all counties in Missouri.
- The Corps of Engineers Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors has given favorable recommendation to the Gregory County, South Dakota, Pumped Storage Hydroelectric Project and the Missouri River Fish and Wildlife Mitigation Project and has transmitted the reports for state and agency review.
- The Western Area Power Administration's proposed rate increases for Missouri River basin power are being delayed pending submissions of substitute rates by opponents. At contention are opponents' charges that the rates include precollections for Missouri River basin projects not yet completed.
- Modifications to Buffalo Bill Dam in Wyoming have been authorized by Congress, and the Bureau of Reclamation is moving forward with planning for the project. The modifications should take 6-7 years to complete.
- The Audubon Society's suit regarding the Garrison Project has been dismissed without prejudice. Only those portions of the project not causing return flows into Canada are now being considered for construction.

- The U.S. Geological Survey has suffered budget cuts that will reduce their data gathering programs as much as 5 percent. The effects will be noticed in their water sampling program.
- The U.S. Coast Guard is studying the possibility of private maintenance of navigational aids.
- The Environmental Protection Agency's ground water protection strategy, originally scheduled for release in September, will not be released until sometime in December.

MBSA DIRECTORS REPORTED:

- A Wyoming court ruled that the Secretary of State can invalidate petition signatures, thereby apparently killing efforts to force legislation regarding instream flow for the present.
- The Minnesota Water Planning Board is presently preparing revisions to the State Water Plan. They will also undertake an urban wetlands study.
- The merger of the Iowa Natural Resources Council and the Department of Environment Quality to form the new Department of Water, Air and Waste Management is moving smoothly and on schedule. The new department is scheduled to become effective on July 1, 1983. The Iowa Water Resources Research Institute will begin development of a model simulating bed degradation on the Missouri River.

GUESTS AT THE OCTOBER MBSA MEETING included the Leagues of Women Voters - Missouri River Basin States, the Five-State Legislative Water Task Force (legislators from the States of Wyoming, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota and Nebraska), and Owen Ambur, Aide to Senator James Abdnor (SD). The guests briefly addressed the MBSA Board of Directors and were complimented by incoming MBSA President Jack Hart for their interest in water management issues in the basin. The League and the Task Force held follow-up meetings in Omaha on October 22.



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