

PROPOSED  
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NORTH AND  
SOUTH TWIN  
LAKES

Mr. Hutton called the attention of the Commissioners to an article in the Fort Dodge paper relative to the possibility of dredging North and South Twin Lakes. He also reported a letter from Mr. E. I. Leighton, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Twin Lakes Restoration Association, Fort Dodge, Iowa, along the same line. He said he had advised Mr. Leighton that such dredging was considered feasible, but that he thought a dredging program was something that should consist of a state-wide program with legislative action and appropriations. He said he had further advised Mr. Leighton that tentative plans called for 800,000 cu. yds. of dredging at North Twin Lake, but that such plans were not final and ready for release.

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The Director reminded the Commission that Mr. Stewart, Mrs. Parker, and himself had at the May 2nd meeting been appointed a committee, with power to act, in connection with the expenditure of the Special Appropriation and a dredging program.

He explained to the Commission that the Governor had requested Anson Marston, Dean Emeritus, Iowa State College, and F. M. Dawson, Dean, College of Engineering, State University of Iowa, to make an investigation and report concerning the proposed dredging projects at Storm Lake and North Twin Lake. He read to the Commission a report by the Deans under date of May 19, 1939, to Governor Wilson, stating that the plans prepared by the Conservation Commission for the dredging of North Twin Lake dated March, 1938 had been examined particularly; that the plan for the excavation of 1,273,400 cu. yds. of material, most of which would be deposited in South Twin Lake, and for 10.9 acres of fill adjacent to the State Park, was feasible, and could be constructed by contract for approximately \$157,000.00; that, in their opinion, the dredging of about 800,000 cu. yds. would be of material benefit, and that a sufficient depth of 15 ft. or more would be obtained over a large enough area to provide a safe haven for fish during the cold months; and that they thought it questionable if the project of dredging 1,273,400 cu. yds. would be advisable at the present time. They recommended in their report

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that dredging at the south end of North Twin Lake be authorized, and that such work be prosecuted to capacity; also that the dredged material be placed in South Twin Lake as indicated in the plans. They also stated that the reduced project and confining the work to two years would appear to be the better and more economical program.

The Director stated that he had been authorized verbally by the Governor to advise the Works Progress Administration that the state would proceed with the project at North Twin Lake, and that he had done so by letter. He also stated that the power contracts had not been completed, but that the work was proceeding, in any event.

Mr. Hutton told the Commission that Senator Chrystal had evidently made arrangements with a Mr. Burns, one of the landowners, whereby some of his low land would be filled with the dredged material in exchange for access, etc. He stated that Mr. C. E. Sayre had been requested to work out the proper arrangements with Mr. Burns.

The Director said it was his understanding that expenditures would be handled out of the Governor's Fund until July 1st, and that the new Special Appropriation or what remained in the old would handle them thereafter.

Mr. W. A. Bents entered the meeting.

It was moved by Dr. Colby, seconded by Mr. Stewart, and unanimously carried that the Director be authorized to negotiate any necessary contracts with private property owners, sign power contracts, and do anything necessary for the progress of the work.