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P R O P O S E D R E S O L U T I O N S

1959 ASSEMBLY, MINNESOTA CONSERVATION FEDERATION

The following resolutions are presented by the Resolutions Committee of the Minnesota Conservation Federation at the Annual Assembly in Little Falls, Minnesota, August 23, 1959.

RESOLUTION NO. 1

RESOLVED THAT THE Legislative Committee and Resolutions Committee shall be combined and be known in the future as the Legislative Committee, consisting of a Chairman and one representative from each district (selected by the districts) and said Legislative Committee shall meet a minimum of four times every year (which can be concurrent with the regular Board of Directors meetings), and shall perform the duties as called for in the constitution and by-laws. Said Legislative Committee members are to serve without compensation or reimbursement for out-of-pocket expenses, except during Legislative Sessions at which time the committee will select not to exceed five of its members, one of which shall be the chairman, to represent the Federation and they may be reimbursed for out-of-pocket expenses if approved in advance by the Board of Directors. *or Com. Committee*

RESOLUTION NO. 2

Reintroduces Resolutions Nos. 23, 24 and 26, passed at the Assembly August 19, 1956, at St. Cloud, Minnesota:

(#23) Recommended that Minn. statutes 97.48 Dubd. 15 be amended by striking out the phrase "upon which the public has a right to hunt or fish" and insert in lieu thereof the following language: "which the Commissioner shall determine to be suitable for use by the public for fishing or hunting or navigation in connection therewith." Recommends that this statute should also be amended to provide that in case of any lake containing less than 200 acres, within the meander lines, the authority granted herein shall apply where easements or rights of way are acquired by gift or purchase but not by condemnation.

(#24) Recommends that Minnesota statutes 505.02 and 505.04 be amended to require that plats of land bordering any body of water include a topographical survey so as to show contours thereon at intervals of one foot between the lowest known water stage and an elevation three feet above the highest known water stage and when the land adjoins a lake, the plat shall contain a statement describing the location of the outlet and submitting the same for approval of the Commissioner of Conservation prior to recording and filing.

(#26) Recommends that the following clauses be inserted in all conveyances of tax forfeited lands and any other state lands sold by the state for the purpose of protecting the public interest in the waters of the state, the language to read as follows: "All right, title, or interest in and to any body of water bordering upon the above described premises which is capable of beneficial public use is hereby expressly reserved to the State of Minnesota."

RESOLUTION NO. 3

Whereas, the airplane spraying of insecticides has been widely publicized by Readers Digest (June 1959 pg. 64) Coronet Magazine, Field and Stream (Aug. 1957 pg. 32) Confidential Magazine (Aug. 1959 pg. 32) U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service and many more;

Whereas, the Minnesota Conservation Federation feels that a large amount of money and more than enough study has already been put forth on how insecticides are wiping out our animals, fish and birds by the millions--what is it doing to human life?;

Whereas, court cases seem to be the only action to stop this spraying of insecticides

(Kansas courts and many other states now have cases pending);

Now be it resolved that the Minnesota Conservation Federation take proper steps to ban indiscriminate spraying of insecticides and herbicides in the State of Minnesota.

RESOLUTION NO. 4

Whereas drainage, small watersheds, 566 projects, pilot projects, etc., are of vital importance to wildlife in Minnesota;

Whereas several resolutions on this subject have been submitted to the Resolutions committee;

Whereas we believe this problem needs study and a firm legislative action expressing our united views on this subject;

Now therefore be it resolved that the committee chairman appoint a sub-committee to coordinate the resolutions on this subject presented to the committee at this meeting, and present its findings for consideration at the next Legislative Committee meeting. We feel this subject is important enough that we want to give it all of the time required to present a proper report.

Be it further resolved that this committee, in formulating said resolution, consult with the Office of River Basin Studies of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the similar office in the state division of game and fish and any other agencies which may provide assistance.

RESOLUTION NO. 5

We recommend that the deer season be set from November 1 to November 30, not to exceed 16 days, at the conservation commissioner's discretion.

RESOLUTION NO. 6

We recommend that bear be placed on the protected list, except when doing damage.

RESOLUTION NO. 7

We recommend that bounties on wolf, lynx and bobcat remain the same as at present.

RESOLUTION NO. 8

We recommend that beaver be given protection in 1959 on all streams emptying into Lake Superior.

RESOLUTION NO. 9

We recommend that the commissioner be requested to expand the policy of rescuing fish from polluted lakes or rivers and transferring them to neighboring lakes.

RESOLUTION NO. 10

Resolved that in memoriam to the late Judge G. J. Kolander, who was a great conservationist, a leading citizen, a lover of the great out-of-doors, a faithful public servant, and a loving husband and father, the Minnesota Conservation Federation wishes to convey its condolences to Mrs. Kolander and family in their hour of sorrow.

RESOLUTION NO. 11

Resolved, that the Minnesota Conservation Federation go all out in its program for soil and water conservation. Be it further resolved that the Federation work with school authorities, newspapers, the Soil Conservation Service, or any other conservation groups in order to further the education of children and adults in practices that will conserve our soil and water.

RESOLUTION NO. 12

Resolved, that club or clubs originating any resolution which is adopted at the Minnesota Conservation Federation's annual assembly shall be notified by the Minnesota Conservation Federation's Legislative Committee as to when the bill or bills resulting from or concerning such a resolution will come up before the legislative committees or on the floor of the state legislature.

RESOLUTION NO. 13

Whereas the problem of water pollution is becoming more and more acute with each passing year, attracting state-wide, national and international attention, and

Whereas, the pollution of Minnesota's waters poses a serious health problem, and

Whereas Minnesota's profitable tourist industry depends to a great extent upon clean waters, and

Whereas water pollution is making serious inroads upon the use of our waters for recreational purposes, and

Whereas the present laws governing the pollution of Minnesota's waters have been proven to be inadequate, and

Whereas, the Minnesota State Legislature has not seen fit to amend the present laws or to pass new laws adequate to control this serious problem,

Therefore be it resolved that the Minnesota Conservation Federation makes every effort to arouse public opinion by means of informing the general public of the necessity for such water pollution control laws; and that the Minnesota Conservation Federation, and all its members, individually and collectively, make every effort to secure adequate and effective water pollution control laws for the State of Minnesota.

RESOLUTION NO. 14

We recommend that the South American rodent "Coypu " or "Nutria"^{be} classified as a predator and that adequate measures to control its invasion into wildlife areas be studied.

RESOLUTION NO. 15

We urge Congress to appropriate funds, as previously authorized, to continue the program of acquisition of private lands in the Superior National Forest Roadless Areas until the project is completed.

RESOLUTION NO. 16

We urge the U. S. Senate to pass the Blatnik bill (already passed by the House) for extending and increasing federal aid for sewage treatment plant construction.

RESOLUTION NO. 17

We reaffirm the resolution adopted last year on the Minnesota Wetlands Acquisition program, and urge a state-wide campaign to build up support for the program so that it may be realized at the 1961 session of the Legislature.

RESOLUTION NO. 18

We recommend that the executive committee be selected by the president from the membership of MCF (and not be limited to members of the board of directors) subject to the approval of the board of directors, as stated in Section 4, Article 4, of the by-laws.

RESOLUTION NO. 19

We urge that the Pittman-Robertson project, known as the Sunrise River project, be completed at the earliest possible date.

RESOLUTION NO. 20

We recommend that the Minnesota Conservation Federation enter into a five-year contract with Fred Clemens for the selling of advertising space in "Minnesota Out-of-Doors", said contract to be approved by the Executive Committee.

RESOLUTION NO. 21

Resolved that the Pine Edge Inn in Little Falls and the City of Little Falls be given our thanks for their kindness and hospitality during the seventh annual Assembly of the Minnesota Conservation Federation.

RESOLUTION NO. 22

Resolved that a letter of thanks be sent to Otto Clark of Osakis for his services as chairman of the Legislative Committee during the 1959 Legislative session.

RESOLUTION NO. 23

MINNESOTA CONSERVATION FEDERATION

FINANCIAL REPORT

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR AUGUST 1, 1958, TO JULY 31, 1959--PREPARED BY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The following statement shows income and expenditures for the fiscal year August 1, 1958, to July 31, 1959, as estimated when the budget was drawn up August 1, 1958, AND the ACTUAL income and expenditures for the fiscal year, also showing how much each line item was above or below the estimate.

	Estimated in Budget Prepared 8-1-58-- full year	Actual 8-1-58 to 7-31-59-- full year	Over or Under Estimate
GENERAL FUND--INCOME			
Assembly income	700.00	712.50	12.50 over
Mid-winter meeting income	150.00	125.00	25.00 under
Membership dues--affiliated clubs	1300.00	1449.50	149.50 over
Membership dues--associate, sustaining, • commercial, life	900.00	708.25	191.75 under
Club donations	50.00	13.94	36.06 under
Merchandise sold	75.00	182.70	107.70 over
Transfer from Newspaper Fund	8000.00	8000.00	-----
	<u>11175.00</u>	<u>11191.89</u>	<u>16.89 over</u>
GENERAL FUND--EXPENDITURES			
Executive director's salary	7000.00	7002.63	2.63 over
Executive director's travel	500.00	253.05	246.95 under
Social Security taxes--Federation's share	108.00	134.98	26.98 over
Workmen's compensation insurance	20.00	17.92	2.08 under
Office rent	420.00	420.00	-----
Telephone and telegraph	300.00	254.03	45.97 under
Postage	300.00	350.97	50.97 over
Equipment upkeep and repairs	25.00	16.40	8.60 under
Office supplies and printing	400.00	311.56	88.44 under
Office equipment	50.00	25.39	24.61 under
Cost of merchandise sold	60.00	89.78	29.78 over
Bank charges on checks	20.00	101.71	81.71 over
Cost of Assembly at Duluth, 1958	700.00	767.25	67.25 over
Cost of Winter Meeting in Minneapolis	150.00	89.25	60.75 under
Reporter at Assembly in Duluth	30.00	30.00	-----
Custodial service	75.00	93.25	18.25 over
Repayment of loans	185.00	185.00	-----
Bond premium and insurance	20.00	54.40	34.40 over
Agnes Nelson, secretary's expense	-----	15.00	15.00 over
Transfer to Legislative Fund	500.00	564.66	64.66 over
	<u>10863.00</u>	<u>10777.23</u>	<u>85.77 under</u>
NEWSPAPER FUND--INCOME			
Advertising, gross	45000.00	48420.62	3420.62 over
Affiliated club member subscriptions	1200.00	1357.75	157.75 over
Associate member subscriptions	200.00	157.25	42.75 under
	<u>46400.00</u>	<u>49935.62</u>	<u>3535.62 over</u>
NEWSPAPER FUND--EXPENDITURES			
Advertising manager, commissions	22500.00	24209.73	1709.73 over
Exchange on checks	100.00	4.90	95.10 under
Commercial Press, printing and mailing	14300.00	13436.79	863.21 under
Transfer to General Fund	8000.00	8000.00	-----
	<u>44900.00</u>	<u>45651.42</u>	<u>751.42 over</u>
(over)			

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT--(Continued from Page 1)

	Estimated in Budget Prepared 8-1-58-- full year	Actual 8-1-58 to 7-31-59-- full year	Over or Under Estimate
LEGISLATIVE FUND--INCOME			
Transfer from General Fund	500.00	564.66	64.66 over
Donations from clubs	-----	300.00	300.00 over
	<u>500.00</u>	<u>864.66</u>	<u>364.66</u> over
LEGISLATIVE FUND--EXPENDITURES			
Budget estimated expense	500.00		
Phillips Legislative Service		240.00	
Actual expense of committee chairman and members of legislative committee		<u>624.66</u>	
	<u>500.00</u>	<u>864.66</u>	<u>364.66</u> over

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RECAPITULATION

Actual receipts, General and Newspaper Funds, 8-1-58 to 7-31-59	61127.51
Actual expenses, General and Newspaper Funds, 8-1-58 to 7-31-59	<u>56428.65</u>
Net gain, fiscal year 8-1-58 to 7-31-59	4698.86
Balance on hand in General and Newspaper Funds 8-1-58	<u>3651.19</u>
Balance on hand at beginning of fiscal year plus net gain for fiscal year 8-1-58 to 7-31-59	8350.05
Balance on hand in Insurance Fund 8-1-58 and 7-31-59	514.18
Total cash balance as of July 31, 1959	<u>8864.23</u>

BALANCE ON HAND AS PER TREASURER'S REPORT
July 31, 1959

Newspaper Fund	7541.92
General Fund	<u>808.13</u>
	8350.05
Insurance Fund	<u>514.18</u>
	<u>8864.23</u>