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RESIDENTS OF CORLISS TOWNSHIP

Members of the Board of Corliss Township attended the meeting regarding the Red River Valley Water Supply Project.

To inform the members of Corliss Township, this was some of the issues discussed at the meeting:

1. The surrounding areas of Fargo, Grand Forks, Wahpeton, East Grand Forks, Moorhead and Breckenridge cities are in need of water and if they continue to grow as they are now, there is not sufficient water in North Dakota to provide the cities and their industries with enough water if there was a drought for a period of time. North Dakota is looking for ways to prevent this. The City of Fargo produces 52% of North Dakota's income and North Dakota will protect Fargo.

2. The State of North Dakota has done research and they have come up with some plans to pipe water to the North Dakota cities. Their plans are as follows:

- A. No action - they run out of water and the cities must move.
- B. Pipe water from the Missouri River.
- C. Pipe water from our area (cost \$550 - 750 million dollars).

Build more Dams on - use this
reservoirs to hold water pipe from the

We are the number two choice on their list. What they are proposing is that 108 wells be drilled in the Vergas/Frazee/Perham/Ottertail areas and they will pipe the water (in around four foot pipes that will be buried) to Fargo/Moorhead where they put in their water system.

Dam up the Red - Put in huge reservoirs - you should have caught all this spring run off.
The water will be pumped out of our aquifer on years of drought. The concerns that people expressed at the meeting were:

- 1. When are we in drought? Answer: When the Red River and Sheyenne Rivers are too low to provide them their water supply. *Dam them in spring run off - get holding ponds all over your state.*
- 2. Who has control over how much water is pumped, when it is pumped and when they shut it off? Answer: Unknown. *the big wheeler dealers will - then Minn. will be out of water also.*
- 3. What happens when there is a drought for a period of time and we are not getting our water supply replenished? What happens to us and who helps us *NOBODY!*
when our wells are going dry? Answer: If you have a sand point, your well will probably go dry anyway, it may be a few months earlier. It shouldn't have too much of an impact on deeper wells, but that is unknown because the research has not been done. *Bull*

4. Why has the research not been done? Answer: Money.

If you don't have money - ~~the~~ to Conserve water all year. shut down - swim pools all nonsense you use water far.

5. Our irrigators are already on "off peak" regarding our electricity, what happens when there is a drought and they are pumping all this water, what happens to our electricity? Answer: We were not aware that you were on off-peak *this is a snow job. answer*

6. Why can't you move some industries to other smaller towns in North Dakota and help your State by helping schools, etc., in those small towns? Answer: We don't think they will move to other towns in the State of North Dakota, we believe they will move to Minneapolis or Sioux Falls.

they will stay with their job if they need jobs if you do this
7. What has Fargo done to conserve water now? Answer: We have put a restriction on watering lawns to every other day. Comment: That is not very much conserving. Answer: We believe it is. *you are living in a dream world - Dams - reservoirs you need*

8. If you put these wells and pipes in, are you not going to run them until a drought occurs? Answer: No, we would have to maintain them. Water would have to be pumped through the wells and pipes approximately three days every month to keep them going and to stop bacteria from growing in them. *grow into every day* *Witch will quickly*

9. Otter Tail County is expected to grow in the future, what happens when our water demands increase? Answer: Unknown. *there is a lot of unknowns in this plan.*
I have enclosed a copy of a map that shows what the proposal may look like.

Our concerns as Board Members and as individuals are that when we have no water for a period of time, our water supply will not be replenished and they are pumping thousands of gallons out to another State, free of charge? What happens to us when we have no water, when we expand and grow bigger in homes and industries? Who has control of the shut off values? Why should Minnesota give our water away and pay for coal from North Dakota? *Not - A - good Plan at all*

The Board believes this is not a good situation for our area. *ditto - ditto!*

The Board encourages each and every one of you to review the website for more information. The address is: www.rvwsp.com.

The only way our area will not be picked is by comments the Red River Valley Water Supply community hears from us. The comments, concerns or questions must be writing and submitted to them **prior to April 14, 2006**. The Board **STRONGLY** urges you to write to the community and voice your opinion.

The address is:

Bureau of Reclamation
PO Box 1017
Bismarck ND 58502-1017

Sincerely,

Board of Corliss Township

your farmers need to give up their crop lands to have reservoirs - Gov. + state & county - just take ours when they get big wheel dealers.

you have a great State.

your people - farmers need
to give up some of their
river area for Dams + build
Reservoirs state wide