

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING MINUTES
 FARMERS GRAIN DEALERS ASSOCIATION OF NORTH DAKOTA
 AS HANDWRITTEN IN ORIGINAL FORM, INCLUDING MISSPELLINGS

Delvils Lake, May 23rd 1911.

Meeting of Farmer Elevators representatives, held at commercial club rooms.

Meeting called to order when Mr. Fleming was elected temporary chairman.

Moved and seconded that a committee on credencials consisting of H.P. Larson, F.N. Pitkin, P.A. Lee appointed by chairman, and carried.

Committee reported and found representatives present as per report attached, which report was adopted as read.

The chairman was then instructed to appoint a committee on resolutions which was as follows; A.A. Lee, C.P. Peterson, W.A. Hassing, Also committee on By Laws and constitution which was as follows; E.A. Bowman, S.W. Unkenholz, and F.A. Plummer.

During the work of these committee an informal talk on general elevator topics and found very instructive.

Committee on resolutions made the following report which was received and adopted as attached, also committee on By Laws and constitution reported and their report was adopted as attached.

Moved and carried that we organize an association known as "The Far's Gr. Dealers Ass'n of North Dakota" Carried.

A very pleasing and instructive talk was given by, M.K. Culver, which was very much appreciated.

Another fine talk was given by S.A. Dalton of Mpls. on Co-Operation.

The credential committee made the following report;

<i>Martin H. Hangan,</i>	<i>Pres.</i>	<i>Far's Eltr. Co.</i>	<i>Mohall,</i>
<i>E.A. Bowman</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>" " "</i>	<i>Kulm</i>
<i>C.P. Peterson,</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>" " "</i>	<i>Bisbee</i>
<i>E.O. Engesather,</i>	<i>Ass't. Sec'y</i>	<i>" " "</i>	<i>Brocket</i>
<i>Ray Cummington,</i>	<i>Pres.</i>	<i>" " "</i>	<i>"</i>
<i>E.C. Brekken,</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>" " "</i>	<i>Pekin</i>
<i>S.W. Unkenholz,</i>	<i>Sec'y & Gen. Mgr.</i>	<i>" " "</i>	<i>Mandan</i>
<i>I.N. Dion,</i>	<i>Pres.</i>	<i>" " "</i>	<i>Grand Harbor</i>
<i>A. Belcourt,</i>	<i>Sec'y & Tres.</i>	<i>" " "</i>	<i>" "</i>
<i>W.A. Hassing,</i>	<i>" "</i>	<i>" " "</i>	<i>Ayr</i>
<i>T.T. Anderson,</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>Fars Mill & Ass'n</i>	<i>Devils Lake</i>
<i>F.A. Plummer,</i>	<i>Mgr.</i>	<i>Far's Eltr. Co.</i>	<i>Sarles</i>
<i>E.G. Aaker,</i>	<i>Pres.</i>	<i>" " "</i>	<i>Hatton</i>
<i>P.G. Melby,</i>	<i>Director</i>	<i>" " "</i>	<i>"</i>
<i>A.A. Lee,</i>	<i>Buyer & Seller</i>	<i>" " "</i>	<i>"</i>
<i>H.P. Larson,</i>	<i>Mgr.</i>	<i>" " "</i>	<i>Hoople</i>
<i>F.N. Pitkin,</i>	<i>Pres.</i>	<i>" " "</i>	<i>Sawyer</i>
<i>D.D. Whaley</i>	<i>Mgr. & Treas.</i>	<i>" " "</i>	<i>"</i>
<i>P.A. Lee,</i>	<i>Vice Pres & "</i>	<i>" " "</i>	<i>Pekin</i>

J.A. VanLiew Mgr & “ Mill & Eltr. Ass’n Devils Lake
Nominations of perminate organization for Pres. F.N. Pitkin of Sawyer, Ward Co., and A.A. Lee of Hatton, Mr. F.N. Pitkin elected.

For Sec’y Mr. S.W. Unkelholz of Mandan of Morton Co. was elected by acclimation.

For first Vice Pres. A.A. Lee of Hatton of Traill Co. was elected by acclimation.

For second vice Pres. O.N. Dion of Grand Harbor, Ramsey Co. was elected by acclimation.

For Treas. Mr. E.O. Engesather of Brocket of Ramsey Co. was elected by acclimation.

Nominations for Directors are the following;

E.C. Brekken, Nelson Co., Pekin, N.D.

H.P. Larson, Walch Co., Hoople, “

E.A. Bowman, LaMoure Co., Kulm, N.D.

P.G. Melby, Grand Forks Co., Hatton, “

C.S. Inman, Botteau Co., Antler, “

W.A. Hassing, Cass Co., Ayr, “

C.P. Peterson, Towner Co., Bisbee, “

were elected by acclimation.

Word was received from G.W. Bennett, Land agency, Alfred No.D. stating they were unable to send a representative due to their recent loss of elevator by fire, but hoped to be with us in the future.

The committee on Resolutions Reported as follows

Report of Committee on Resolutions.

Whereas:-

We the representatives of Farmers Elevator Companies of the State in meeting assembled at Devils Lake, May 23rd, 1911 called for the purpose of organizing a State Association after due consideration, do hereby resolve that, we consider such an organization would be inestimable value to the Farmers Elevator movement of this State.

Whereas:

It appears that the system of accounting made use of by many Farmers Eltr. Companies of this state are unsystematic and vague so far as giving a true record of the transactions and there seems to be a tendency on the part of some Managers to speculate in options, be it resolved that it is the sentiment of this meeting that an expert accountant be employed for the purpose of recommending a uniform system of bookkeeping and who should be kept employed to make annual or semiannual check up the books and further all speculation is condemned.

Resolved that we believe the managers of Co-Operative Elevators took a wise step in forming a National Ass’n for educational purposes and we, hereby, endorse this Ass’n and urge the managers of the companies of our state to become members that they may become better qualified for the duties of managing the affairs of their respective companies.

Resolved that we thank the local Far’s Mill and elevator Ass’n and the commercial club for their kindness and hospitality during this meeting.

Resolved that we thank the Co-operative Journal for promoting this movement and for taking the initiative in calling this meeting and we hereby endorse as the official organ of this association and urge all members to give it their support.

A.A. Lee C.P. Peterson W.A. Hassing

The Committee on Constitution and By laws, made the following report which was read article by article, and then adopted.

(Editor's note: A 23 Article Constitution and By-Laws was adopted at this point. More on this in future issue.)

After these Bylaws were adopted a few remarks were made by John F. Flemming of the American Co. Operative Journal., a motion to adjourn then prevailed.

S.W. Unkenholz

Secty.

A meeting of the directors was held right after adjournment and a motin was made by H.P. Larson and seconded That the annual dues and membership fee in this organization be put at \$20.00 per annum – which motion prevailed.

A motion to adjourn then was made and carried.

SW Unkenholz

Secty.