Public Law 952

AN ACT

To reauthorize construction by the Secretary of the Interior of Farwell unit, Nebraska, of the Missouri River Basin project.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the authorization for construction, operation, and maintenance of the Farwell unit of the Missouri River Basin project contained in section 9(c) of the Act of December 22, 1944 (58 Stat. 887), as amended and supplemented, is hereby amended to authorize the construction, operation, and maintenance of works to furnish irrigation water for approximately fifty-two thousand five hundred acres of land in Howard, Sherman, and Valley Counties, Nebraska. The principal works of said unit shall consist of a reservoir at or near the Sherman site, works for the diversion of water from the Middle Loup River and its delivery to said reservoir, and necessary pumping facilities, canals, drains, and related works. There shall also be included as a part of the Farwell unit such watershed management and channel works as are necessary to provide channel stability in the light of the anticipated application of irrigation water to the lands involved and appropriate portions of the costs of constructing, operating, and maintaining such works shall be allocated to irrigation and returned in the same manner and under the same conditions as other irrigation costs of the Missouri River Basin project: Provided, That any contract entered into under section 9, subsection (d), of the Reclamation Project Act of 1939 (53 Stat. 1187, 1193, 43 U. S. C, sec. 485 (h)) for payment of those portions of the costs of constructing, operating, and maintaining the Farwell unit which are allocated to irrigation and assigned to be repaid by the contracting organization may provide for the repayment of the portion of the construction cost assigned to any project contract unit or, if the contract unit be divided into two or more irrigation blocks, to any such block over the period specified in said section 9 (d) or as near thereto as is consistent with the adoption and operation of a variable payment formula which, being based on full repayment within the period stated under normal conditions, permits variance in the required annual payments in the light of economic factors pertinent to the ability of the organization to pay. The Farwell unit shall be integrated, physically and financially, with the other Federal works in the Missouri River Basin constructed or authorized to be constructed under the comprehensive plan approved by section 9 of the Act of December 22, 1944, as amended and supplemented. The Secretary is authorized to transfer to the Department of Agriculture from funds available for construction of the Farwell unit such sums as are reasonably required to construct necessary water management and channel works as hereinbefore provided.

Approved August 3, 1956.