

GOVERNOR'S INTER-AGENCY COMMITTEE ON
OUTDOOR RECREATION

MINUTES

Department of Fisheries
October 8, 1964

I. PRESENT:

Mr. Charles H. Odegaard, Chairman
Mr. Ray Berlin, Central Budget Agency
Mr. Jud Wonderly, Department of Commerce and Economic Development
Mr. Hartly Kruger, Department of Commerce and Economic Development
Mr. Elmer Quistorff, Department of Fisheries
Mr. Don Erickson, Department of Fisheries
Mr. Norm Knott, Department of Game
Mr. William Albohn, Department of Highways
Mr. Mike Bigley, Department of Natural Resources
Mr. Philip Parker, Secretary, Parks & Recreation Commission

ALSO PRESENT:

Mrs. Gene Hopkins, Department of Highways
v Mrs. Rosemary Horwood, Department of
Commerce & Economic Development
Mr. Fred Overly, Regional Director,
Bureau of Outdoor Recreation, Seattle

- II. Minutes of previous meeting were corrected to show that Mr. William LeMay represented the Department of Licenses at that meeting. The minutes were approved as corrected.

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Plan Development

The recommended changes to the memorandum on criteria and policy submitted to the Committee at the September 10 meeting by the Subcommittee on Plan Development was presented by Mr. Berlin and Mr. Parker as directed in the minutes of the previous meeting. Those recommendations, together with letters of suggested changes received from the Departments of Game, Highways, and Natural Resources, are included in the official minutes as Exhibit "A". The presentation of the recommendations was made by Mr. Berlin, with lengthy discussions on each item ensuing.

During the course of the discussion under recommendation Item 1-a, Mr. Bigley asked for a clarification of the legal authority for member agencies to participate in financing jointly the services of a full-time secretary. It was pointed out that this method had been used to cover some of the costs involved in preparing and producing the Governor's Report on Outdoor Recreation. However, Mr. Bigley recalled that the Department of Natural Resources had not been permitted to participate in the sharing of that cost because of the lack of authority under the law.

Under Item 1-c, Chairman Odegaard asked that the Legislative and Budget Sub-Committees bring a report to the next meeting relating to the possibility of legislative appropriation and/or allocation of emergency funds by the Governor to cover the expenses of citizen members of the Inter-Agency Committee following passage of Initiative 215. He asked that the Sub-Committees also investigate the possibilities for a legislative appropriation to cover the administrative costs of operating the I-A-C.

Considerable discussion revolved around recommendation 1-e. It was generally agreed that there was a need for this section to be rewritten in order to broaden the general policy statement so as not to limit it only to matters of administration and financing. It was suggested that one helpful change in the rewriting would be to strike out the phrase "to carry" and substitute the phrase "to include" the functions assigned to it -----.

Items 1-b and 1-d were approved as presented in the recommendations.

Further discussion centered around the recommendations contained in Items 2, 3, and 4. Following a lengthy discussion of Item 5 pertaining to the criteria for selection of projects and the distribution of funds, Mr. Knott, seconded by Mr. Berlin, made the following motion:

"The Chairman, utilizing the heads of the Sub-Committees, meet and prepare a statement of recommendations embodying budget, legislation, and plan development and criteria. And that this proposed statement be submitted to the respective agencies in writing at least one week prior to the next meeting of the I-A-C. And that it be given final consideration at the next meeting."

MOTION carried.

B. Budget

Mr. Berlin reported in detail the work being carried out by Central Budget Agency in answer to requests by the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation made to Governor Rosellini for information pertaining to the status of outdoor recreation planning, and the amount of funds expected to be available in this State for matching purposes during the fiscal year 1966. Copies of his report together with related correspondence are included in the official minutes as Exhibit "B".

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Comments from other states

Chairman Odegaard reported that he has received several replies from other states in response to the I-A-C request for experience and background material relating to the administration and disbursement of matching funds for outdoor recreation programs. He said most states stressed the importance of keeping procedures as simple as possible. A more complete review of state's recommendations was scheduled at a meeting of sub-committee chairmen.

B. Status of Initiative 215 and Referendum Bill No. 11

Chairman Odegaard reported that the outlook for passage of both the Initiative and the Referendum on November 3 looked good. However, he said Citizens for Outdoor Recreation were somewhat concerned about the fate of the Bond Issue in certain sections of the State.

C. Chairman Odegaard reported that he had been designated by Governor Rosellini to represent the State of Washington at a meeting of State liaison officers with the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation in Chicago on October 26 and 27. He said one of the purposes of the meeting would be to obtain answers to the questions which the various State agencies may have concerning the implementation and administration of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Bill. He urged members of the I-A-C to submit to him questions which he might take back to the Chicago meeting.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Remarks of Mr. Fred Overly, Regional Director, Bureau of Outdoor Recreation, Seattle

Mr. Overly said his agency was currently seeking interpretations as to the meanings of the many amendments to the Land and Water Conservation Fund Bill which had been submitted in the House and Senate prior to its passage. He noted that administration funds will probably be required to carry out the Act and that supplemental appropriations to accomplish this will likely be sought in the next Congress.

Mr. Overly said that problems such as those listed above, will probably make the full scale implementation of the Act a slow process, and that disbursing of funds would not likely get under way to any extent until about July 1, 1965. He said he expected that the requirements for State-wide outdoor recreation plans to be submitted to the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation would call for a simple form because of the vast amount of technicalities involved. These plans, he said, would be preliminary in nature, and subject to amendment at a later date. A list of the types of recreational activities and facilities which could qualify for Land and Water Conservation matching funds is now being prepared. It was his feeling, at least at this point, that Initiative 215 or Referendum 11 matching monies could be used by counties and cities as matching monies for Land and Water Conservation funds.

Speaking on the availability of Land and Water Conservation monies for planning purposes, Mr. Overly said it was his opinion that if more money were spent on planning than is now available under the 701 Study, the excess spent would probably qualify for matching Land and Water Conservation funds.

Commenting on a question concerning land acquisition, Mr. Overly said he felt it was clear that federal money under this program could be used only to cover the cost of the acquisition and not the incidental cost of making the acquisition.

He said the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation is planning to render assistance to the states in several ways. Included among these is acting as expert witnesses in appearances before state legislatures to interpret the requirements of the federal law, and the supplying of information which will be required by cities, counties, and other local subdivisions of government. In the latter instance, he said he would prefer that the I-A-C act as the distribution agency for such materials.

B. Report on Job Corps

Chairman Odegaard invited member agencies of the I-A-C to explore

the possibilities which the Economic Opportunity Act offers in the development of outdoor recreation facilities. He offered the services of the Parks and Recreation Commission in helping to prepare application for E.O.A. projects.

- VI. Due to a conflict in schedules among the various members of the Committee, it was agreed that the next meeting should be held on November 24, 1964 at 8:30 a.m. at the office of the State Parks and Recreation Commission. It was anticipated that this meeting would be an all-day session.

MEETING ADJOURNED.