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ADJOURNMENT

MINUTES OF THE
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE FOR OUTDOOR RECREATION

10:00 A.M., Monday, September 30, 1968 Friar Tuck Room, Sherwood Inn, Tacoma, Wn.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. John Biggs, Acting Chairman; Mr. Bert Cole, Commissioner of Public Lands; Mr. Jack Rottler; Mr. Omar Lofgren, Mr. Thor Tollefson, Director, Department of Fisheries; Mr. Dan Ward, Director, Department of Commerce and Economic Development.

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Charles Odegaard, Director, State Parks & Recreation; Mr. Charles Pahl, Director, Department of Highways; Mrs. Frederick Lemere; Mr. Warren Bishop, Mr. Lewis Bell.

STAFF OF MEMBER AGENCIES PRESENT

Department of Highways

Mrs. Willa Mylroie, Research Engineer

Natural Resources

Lloyd Bell, Administrative Assistant

Department of Fisheries

Elmer Quistorff, Assistant Chief, Contract Services

Department of Game

Stan Scott, Recreation Resource Specialist

State Parks and Recreation Commission

Milt Martin, Recreation Resource Specialist

Planning & Community Affairs Agency

Gerald Pelton, Recreation Planner

Paul Benson, Superintendent, State Planning Division

Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation

Edward V. Putnam, R. Philip Clark, Kenn Cole, Beverly Nyborg

REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER AGENCIES PRESENT

Bureau of Outdoor Recreation

Fred J. Overly, Regional Director

Clarence Maesner, Project Officer

William R. Thomas, Asst. Regional Director

Howard Chadwick, Planner

I. Opening of Meeting, Introduction, Determination of Quorum

Acting Chairman John Biggs called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. There were six members present. A quorum was declared.

II. Addition to, and Approval of Agenda Items

Mr. Biggs stated that Item II (d) Financing Operating Budget and Item II (f) Salary Adjustments for Non-Classified Positions would not be considered at this meeting because of the absence of one subcommittee (Bishop, Lemere, Bell); these items were rescheduled for the October 28 special meeting previously set.

Chairman Biggs called the Committee's attention to the Agenda and stated that the items to be discussed were II a, b, and e. The first topic would be II b--Statewide Plan Review Subcommittee Report.

II-B Statewide Plan Review Subcommittee Report

Mr. Biggs reported that the Subcommittee consisting of Mr. John Biggs, Mr. Jack Rottler and Mr. Omar Lofgren met on September 24, 1968 (a copy of the subcommittee report dated September 26, 1968 is enclosed). Also in attendance were Messers. Stan Scott, Fred Overly, Ernest Allen, Howard Chadwick, Paul Benson, Gerald Pelton, Ed Putnam, Phil Clark and Dr. Richard Slavin. Mr. Biggs said that the Subcommittee wished to express to the IAC its appreciation for the whole-hearted participation of the people in its deliberations. Mr. Biggs said that after reviewing the earlier efforts of previous plans, the Subcommittee concluded that the present revision of the plan was more comprehensive and more useful than those preceding it.

Mr. Biggs reported that Mr. Overly had indicated that the life of the plan would not exceed 5 years, and that it might be less than that depending on federal approval. The action program would have a useful life of approximately 2 years but would have to be brought up to date from time to time.

Mr. Biggs stated that the Subcommittee had reached agreement on the following points:

1. It is essential that statistical records such as those maintained by the Game Department, State Parks, and Department of Natural Resources be used to confirm data or to indicate obvious errors in the revision of the present plan.
2. The updating of the plan is the responsibility of the PCAA with the exception of the Summary of Findings and the Action Program.
3. The completion of the Summary of Findings and the Action Program is the responsibility of the IAC.
4. It was recommended that the Technical Committee select a chairman and that the Technical Committee meet at the call of the PCAA staff to assist in the review of drafts as they become available, and to serve in a like capacity to the IAC or the Summary of Findings and the Action Program drafts.
5. The format outline for the plan as presented by Mr. Pelton is thorough and provides good guidelines for the work to be accomplished.

Mr. Biggs requested that the report be accepted.

MR. LOFGREN MOVED, SECONDED BY MR. TOLLEFSON, AND PASSED, THAT:
THE SUBCOMMITTEE'S REPORT ON THE STATEWIDE OUTDOOR RECREATION PLAN AS PRESENTED
TO THE INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE BE APPROVED.

Mr. Tollefson expressed the appreciation of the IAC for the continued help Mr. Overly
has been to the IAC and proposed the following motion:

MR. TOLLEFSON MOVED, SECONDED BY MR. COLE, AND PASSED, THAT:
THE INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE FOR OUTDOOR RECREATION CHAIRMAN, MR. LEWIS A. BELL
DIRECT A LETTER TO MR. OVERLY'S SUPERIORS EXPRESSING THE APPRECIATION OF THE
IAC FOR THE CONTINUED ASSISTANCE, GUIDANCE AND COOPERATION MR. OVERLY HAS GIVEN
THIS COMMITTEE OVER THE YEARS.

11-A Hal Wise Phase I Report

Mr. Hendrickson introduced Mr. Hal Wise and stated that this meeting had been
scheduled in order for Mr. Wise to present his Phase I working paper and that it
would be followed by a second meeting on October 28 and a final report on
November 25.

Mr. Wise presented his written Phase I report entitled Interagency Committee for
Outdoor Recreation Draft Working Paper Phase I to the Committee and recommended
that they review the 18 pages of conclusions carefully. He stated that it is his
understanding that the basic responsibility of his organization was to determine
what fundamental guidelines or processes can be arrived at in the development of
the Action Program. The first step taken in Phase I was to identify those factors
which determine how decisions are to be made, what types of projects are to be
considered, the nature of the plan, and the nature and the kind of state govern-
ment in which the IAC must function. In short, the first look was to identify
things that might inhibit the IAC in making decisions.

At the second report on October 28 the firm will provide proposals on how to apply
priorities in meeting the obligations of the state, and in the third meeting they
will supply the IAC with a set of tools to help evaluate priorities.

Mr. Wise stated that one of the tough problems the IAC faces is the matter of
determining what the outdoor recreation goals of the State of Washington are and
communicating this information to the local agencies in clear-cut language so that
projects may conform to the desired goals and objectives of the State of Washington.

Mr. Wise also pointed out that outdoor recreation must be defined and that there
appears to be confusion in the scope of resource-oriented projects and people-
oriented projects as the wording in his contract with the IAC presently suggests
that there is a distinct difference between outdoor activity objectives and re-
sources objectives. He stated that the principal job that they are charged with
is to provide to the IAC a set of working tools, or in other words, methods of
determining priorities that will enable the IAC to effectively evaluate the demand
study.

Mr. Cole expressed the hope that a functional plan will be forthcoming as he felt

little had been accomplished in the past six years in the way of a timely functional plan. He emphasized that the IAC should be the programming agency and that it should be making decisions within a framework of established guidelines known and understood by all agencies involved.

11-E Advance Bond Sale

Mr. Hendrickson directed the Committee's attention to the memorandum dated September 27, 1968 entitled Sale of Referendum 11 Bonds and to the accompanying back-up material. He reported that a request had been made to Governor Evans to consider an early sale of Referendum 11 bonds in the event that Referendum 18 is approved. Without these funds many projects would have to be postponed as presently available funds have been committed. Mr. Hendrickson recommended Committee approval of a resolution requesting advance sale of Referendum 11 bonds.

MR. COLE MOVED, SECONDED BY MR. TOLLEFSON, AND PASSED THAT:
THE INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE FOR OUTDOOR RECREATION ADOPT THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION FOR THE ADVANCE SALE OF REFERENDUM 11 BONDS.

WHEREAS, in the event of passage of Referendum 18, the Committee is desirous of funding pending local applications on November 25, 1968, from Referendum 11, and

WHEREAS, an estimated 42 percent of such applications could be approved if Referendum 11 funds are utilized, as compared with only 10 percent of the projects without Referendum 11, and

WHEREAS, early 1969 sale of Referendum 11 bonds coupled with the November 25 approval of local projects based on Referendum 11 funding would provide for continuity of work performance in 1969.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Committee hereby authorize the Administrator to make an immediate request to the Governor for an early 1969 sale of the remaining Referendum 11 bonds in the event of the passage of Referendum 18.

11-C Game Department High Valley Ranch Project Proposal

Stanley Scott delivered the membership a booklet entitled The High Valley Wildlife Resource and Mr. Biggs stated that he wished to comment on this proposed project which consists of a total 98,890 acres, of which 76,390 acres is deeded land, and 22,500 acres of leased timber and range lands. It extends 36 miles along the Cascade Mountains, and along its northern edge are included some seven miles of Yakima River frontage. A proposal has been made to the owners and a final decision will be reached not later than October 18. Purchase price of the property would be \$1,800,000 or \$23.50 per acre, with a down payment of \$200,000. The purchase would be made in 3 phases at a cost of \$600,000 per year for 3 years. Grazing rights to the rangeland will be reserved to the West Fork Timber Co. for a period of 10 years with first right of refusal for a second 10 year grazing privilege. Merchantable timber will be reserved to West Fork Timber Co. for a period of 25 years with no right of renewal. Mr. Biggs assured the members that an application would be perfected promptly within the budget and allocation constraints reviewed orally to the Committee.

Mr. Overly commented that if the property is acquired in 3 phases a separate appraisal by a disinterested appraiser would be necessary on each parcel and 3 separate deeds to the State would be required.

Mr. Overly pointed out that the retroactive restrictions on the purchase of the property could be waived by the BOR in the event that the Game Department has to move ahead before the BOR project agreement can be signed.

Mr. Hendrickson asked for a report on how this project relates to the plan and program. Mr. Benson of PCAA stated that this project was accommodated within the Statewide Outdoor Recreation Plan and that it met the plan criteria.

Mr. Biggs yielded the chair to Mr. Lofgren who called for the motion.

MR. BIGGS MOVED, SECONDED BY MR. TOLLEFSON, AND PASSED THAT:
THE DEPARTMENT OF GAME BE AUTHORIZED TO UNDERTAKE THE HIGH VALLEY RANCH ACQUISITION PROPOSAL IN THE EVENT THAT THE GAME DEPARTMENT'S OFFER TO PURCHASE THE PROPERTY IS ACCEPTED AS OUTLINED, AND IN THIS EVENT, THE GAME DEPARTMENT BE AUTHORIZED TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT OF \$200,000 FROM REFERENDUM 11 FUNDS TO ACCOMPLISH THIS PURPOSE PRIOR TO APPROVAL OF THE PROJECT BY THE BOR.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:30 P.M. until the next special meeting of October 28, 1968.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

EINAR H. HENDRICKSON
Administrator

Einar H. Hendrickson

Ratified by the Committee:

11/25/68 Date

Lewis A. Bell
LEWIS A. BELL
Chairman