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INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE FOR OUTDOOR RECREATION

Conference Room, General Administration Building

Olympia, Washington

Saturday, March 6, 1965 - 9 a.m.

Marvin B. Durning, Chairman

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairman Durning, Thomas O. Wimmer, Jack Hilson, Judson Wonderly, Acting Director, Department of Commerce & Economic Development; George C. Starlund, Director, Department of Fisheries; Bert L. Cole, Commissioner, Department of Natural Resources; Charles G. Prahl, Director, Department of Highways; and George F. Prescott, Administrator.

Chas. H. S. Degaard, Director, Parks & Rec. Comm.

REPRESENTING MEMBER AGENCIES

Department of Commerce & Economic Development

Rosemary Horwood, State Planner

Department of Natural Resources

A. R. O'Donnell, Technician

Parks and Recreation Commission

William A. Bush, Coordinator, Statewide

Outdoor Recreation and Open Space Plan

John R. Clark, Supervisor of Planning and Development

Dick Huebner, Real Property Agent

Department of Game

Norman P. Knott, Chief of Land Management Division

Department of Highways

Willa Mylroie, Research Engineer

REPRESENTING OTHER AGENCIES

Office of the Governor

David Peyton, Assistant to the Governor

State Finance Committee

Roy A. Pitt, Jr., Executive Secretary

Bureau of Outdoor Recreation

Fred J. Overly, Regional Director

Cecil M. Ouellette

Department of Licenses

William T. Southworth, Assistant Director

GUESTS

Frank B. Duester, Northwest Marine Industries, Inc., Seattle; Leonard F. Jansen, A. Horneg, Ritzville; Jack Giseburt, Tacoma; Sam Boddy, Jr., Chelan Industrial Council, Wenatchee.

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The meeting was opened at 9:08 a.m. by Chairman Durning. Minutes of the two previous meetings were not ready, as Chairman Durning and Mr. Prescott reported, but will be ready for consideration at the next meeting.

The Chairman asked for self-introduction of all present.

NORTHWEST REGIONAL CONFERENCE FOR NATIONAL RECREATION ASSOCIATION.

The Chairman announced the Northwest Regional Conference for National Recreation Association in Seattle, March 28-29-30-31, at the Benjamin Franklin Hotel, the 18th Annual Pacific Northwest Conference; to be followed immediately in Wenatchee on April 1-2-3 by the OUTDOOR RECREATION CONGRESS, sponsored by the Wenatchee Daily World. National figures will be in attendance, he said, as well as representatives from five western states and three Canadian provinces.

Mr. Durning suggested that Mr. Prescott attend the conference in Seattle to introduce the Interagency Committee, its program and become acquainted. Mr. Odegaard said that the WASHINGTON STATE RECREATION SOCIETY, meeting on Sunday, March 28, would be a good place to introduce Mr. Prescott and the Committee. Mr. Odegaard said he would send out notifications to the Interagency Committee.

Next Meeting and Recreational Congress. The Chairman moved to Item VI. on the Agenda to discuss the date, time and place of the next meeting. He asked if the Committee would want its next meeting in Wenatchee during the time of the National Congress, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, April 1-2-3. (John Biggs and Mr. Durning would be on panels on Friday.) He said the Committee could meet Thursday morning, April 1, before the Congress convened at noon. The Administrator was asked to set up the meeting for 9 a.m. Thursday, April 1, in Wenatchee.

Meeting with Attorney General. Chairman Durning reported that he and Mr. Prescott were meeting with Attorney General John J. O'Connell on Wednesday, March 10, to request help from the Attorney General's office and assignment of a staff member to this agency.

Coordinating Committee. Judson Wonderly read a letter of February 17, 1965 addressed to Chairman Durning, with attached Statement on the Function of the Coordinating Committee For Outdoor Recreation Planning Agreement to furnish the Interagency Committee with accounting facilities through June 30, 1965.

Mr. Cole suggested the Chairman appoint a committee of three to work on future fiscal management. He also moved that the Interagency Committee accept the proposal presented by the Department of Commerce and Economic Development. Motion carried.

Newsletter. Mr. Wimmer stated he would like a description of the Committee's idea of a Newsletter -- one page, pamphlet, several pages, or what?

Office Facilities. Mr. Prescott reported on office facilities. Furniture has been ordered but is not yet in the office; and a Secretary has been hired. Item V. on the Agenda stated a tour of the facilities, if the Committee is agreeable and time allows.

Report on Bond Sale Proposal. Mr. Roy Pitt, Executive Secretary of the State Finance Committee, was introduced by the Chairman and discussed the sale of \$10 million in bonds as approved by Referendum 11. Mr. Cole suggested the Chairman appoint a committee to work with Mr. Pitt. The Chairman asked Mr. Pitt approximately how much time would elapse before any money would be available to the Committee if a letter was written immediately. Mr. Pitt stated that bonds are sold, generally twice each year in order to get the best interest rate.

Discussion followed regarding the amendment for \$3 million.

Chairman Durning restated an earlier motion by Mr. Cole: To (1) Consult with the State Finance Committee regarding the carrying out of necessary steps regarding the \$10 million Bond Issue and, (2) Advisability of asking the Legislature for authority to request \$3 million instead of \$2 million. It was added that the committee be empowered to investigate and take the necessary steps to proceed in two directions as contained in the motion. Motion Carried.

Chairman Durning appointed himself, Mr. Cole, Mr. Odegaard, Mr. Biggs and Mr. Wimmer to the Committee; Mr. Wimmer was appointed Chairman. The Chairman said he would also invite a representative of Governor Evans' Office to meet with the committee.

National Wheat Museum. Mr. Durning introduced Leonard Jansen, Attorney from Ritzville, who spoke on the new National Wheat Museum, the first of its kind in the country. He suggested to the Committee that a park facility be built on land adjacent to the Wheat Museum, adding that 6,000 cars daily pass by the location. Mr. Jansen said he was looking for advice, and the Chairman suggested he discuss the proposal with Mr. Odegaard.

Marine Gas Study. William Southworth, Assistant Director, Department of Licenses, representing Mr. Douglas Toms, Director, reported on the Marine Gas Study. He said it was important that the study encompass a 12-month period, and that there was hope it could be underway by April 1, 1965.

In discussion, committee members asked Southworth if some estimates as to the amount of gas tax monies could be made by Fall, 1965; the possibility of cooperating with the federal government, now preparing a similar study; whether or not preliminary hearings could be held by July 1, 1965; and suggested that Mr. Toms get together with Mr. Prah for additional information. The Chairman also asked Mr. Southworth for a copy of the Wilbur Smith study on unreclaimed gas tax monies when that study has been completed for the state of California.

Mr. Knott moved, seconded by Mr. Wimmer, that a letter be directed by the Committee to the Director of Licenses, recommending a complete and thorough study, but that it be so designed to make progress reports at the earliest possible date. The motion was unanimous.

Relationship With Coordinating Committee, Technical Groups, Policy on Funding. The Chairman said he had not followed through on the Committee's request for him to notify the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation of the change in contact from State Parks to the Interagency Committee. He said this matter was discussed with James Dolliver of the Governor's office and that office would follow through.

Fiscal Contract. In other action, the Committee approved a contract proposed by Mr. Wonderly for serving the Interagency Committee as its fiscal office, copies of which are on file at the Department of Commerce and Economic Development and the Interagency Committee's office.

701 Study. The 701 study was discussed in detail, and Mr. Durning asked that the Administrator sit in at all sessions of the study group, and directed him to take pages 9 through 14 of the December, 1964 report from Mr. Odegaard to Governor Rosellini and begin preparation of applicant criteria, funding formulas and make specific recommendations concerning the Interagency Committee's overall program. It was pointed out here that the Interagency Committee was a funding agency and as such was concerned primarily with a three-pronged program: 1) Establishing criteria for applicants; 2) Working with proper technicians in developing an analysis of the application and recommendations to the Committee, and 3) Acceptance or rejection of the application by the Interagency Committee.

General Office Procedure. Mr. Durning appointed Mr. Odegaard, Mr. Wonderly and Mr. Bishop to work with the Administrator to make recommendations for general office procedures and to report these recommendations back to the Committee at its next meeting.

Minutes of Previous Meetings. Mr. Hilson asked that minutes of previous meetings and agendas of upcoming meetings be forwarded to members in advance of the session.

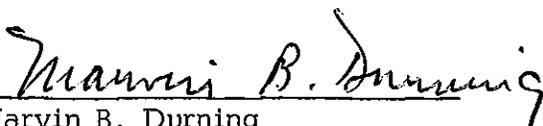
There being no further business, Mr. Cole moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE F. PRESCOTT
Administrator

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APPROVED:


Marvin B. Durning
Chairman

STATE OF WASHINGTON

Interagency Committee
for Outdoor Recreation



Daniel J. Evans Governor

Marvin B. Durning Chairman

May 20, 1965

MEMORANDUM

TO: All concerned

FROM: George F. Prescott, Administrator

SUBJECT: ADDENDUM to minutes of March 6, 1965

The minutes of the March 6, 1965 meeting of the Interagency Committee For Outdoor Recreation were approved at the May 15, 1965 meeting, with the following correction:

"On Page 1, in the section entitled 'Members Present', add the following:
Charles H. Jdegaard, Director, Parks and Recreation Commission."

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● DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES ● DEPARTMENT OF GAME ● DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS
● DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES ● PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION