

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
AGENCIES II SUBCOMMITTEE

February 9, 1979

8:15 A.M.

Room 343

State Capitol Building

Subject: Work Session

Department of Natural Resources

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Rex Manuel with all members present. Also present were Bob Robinson, LFA; Jim Williams, LFA; Charlotte Easter, EIC, and Dr. Glosser, Department of Livestock.

This meeting was not recorded, due to a malfunction of the tape recorder.

DEPARTMENT OF LIVESTOCK

Dr. Glosser was present to bring to the subcommittee's attention an outbreak of scabies in South Dakota. In order to protect Montana's interests Dr. Glosser requested 1 FTE to be assigned in South Dakota to supervise cattle dipping. The cost of the FTE will be paid by South Dakota, Montana is requested to supply the FTE in order to insure no infected cattle enter Montana. This is an emergency situation and Dr. Glosser urged that the subcommittee take action immediately. This position will open up three more dipping vats.

Senator Smith moved that an FTE be hired by the Department of Livestock to include a letter of intent that a budget amendment be expedited through the process. Also, to include language that the position be terminated when this money is no longer available. Representative Hurwitz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Representative Hurwitz made the motion to add 1 FTE to the Department of Livestock budget for 1980 and 1981. Representative Manning seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The livestock department was instructed to supply the committee with proper figures to adjust the budget.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE LANDS

A contract for this department has been negotiated at \$5 per square foot for the next five years. Representative Hurwitz made the motion to accept the figure \$17,700 from centralizer services and \$1,333 from the resource development division. Representative Manning seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The LFA and OBP were instructed to make adjustments to the Department of State Lands budget.

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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Charlotte Easter brought to the subcommittee's attention that House Bill 555 has been introduced to prohibit the Department of Natural Resources from constructing plants generating power on state owned lands.

Water Reservation Bill

It was brought to the subcommittee's attention that upon showing of good cause for an extension of time to submit a plan, the Board of Natural Resources may extend the time up to 5 years of the effective date of the adoption of a water reservation. The subcommittee could not fund this request in the budget but not fund it, this way, the districts would have to come up with their own source of funding.

Mr. Williams stated that the budget director did not state that he favors this request, but that it should be brought before the committee for their information. The Executive has no recommendation as to the source of funding.

The members decided to delay action on this matter until a later date.

Centralized Services

The LFA took out 3 CETA positions twice in this budget and therefore, recommended taking the Executive recommendation.

Senator Smith made the motion that no FTE be put on board for janitorial services. Senator Boylan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Representative Manning made the motion to accept 37 FTE and the executive recommendation for personal services for 1980 and 1981. Senator Stimara seconded the motion. The motion also included language that 3 FTE modifications will only last as long as there is federal funding. The motion passed with Senator Boylan opposed. This would be \$663,596 for 1980 and \$665,538 for 1981.

Representative Smith made the motion to accept the LFA recommendation for operating expenses. Representative Hurwitz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Representative Manning made the motion to accept the LFA recommendation for equipment both years. Senator Smith seconded the motion. This makes \$3,000 for 1980 and \$4,740 for 1981. The motion passed unanimously.

Representative Manning made the motion to accept the Executive recommendation for federal and private funds and the LFA recommendation for earned funds. The LFA and OBPP were requested to get

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together to determine the balance needed for the general fund. Senator Stimac seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Conservation District Supervision

Representative Manning made the motion to accept the LEA budget in total for 1980 and 1981. Senator Boylan seconded the motion. After some discussion, Representative Manning changed his motion to include the LEA recommendations for FTE, personal services, operating expenses and equipment. Representative Hurwitz seconded this motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Senator Smith made the motion to accept the Executive recommendation for general and unmarked funds. Representative Hurwitz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Representative Manning made the motion to increase operating expenses by \$24,000 to cover the nonpoint pollution contract through 1981. No FTE shall be added and the money will pass on to the conservation districts. Also, \$35,000 shall be added to federal and private funds. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Oil and Gas Regulation

There is a \$5,000 error by the Executive because other compensation was not included in his recommendation. Senator Smith made the motion to accept the Executive budget in total, adding \$5,000 each year to personal services. Representative Manning seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Water Resources and Planning

The LEA stated that the Executive figures were better because of CETA positions included in the LEA recommendation. The difference in FTE relates to the position requested for small hydropower development. This position was included by the Executive and not by the LEA. The LEA included 3 FTE for the dam safety inspection program.

Representative Boylan made the motion to keep the division at current level, 91.28 FTE. The subcommittee would like to see the division absorb the dam safety program with current staff. Personal services allocation would be \$1,365,937 for 1980 and \$1,367,818 for 1981. Representative Manning seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.


Representative Manning made the motion to accept the Executive recommendation for operating expenses for 1980 and 1981. Representative Hurwitz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

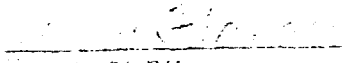
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Mr. [Name] made the motion to accept the LFA recom-
mendation for equipment for 1980 and 1981. The motion was seconded.
The motion passed unanimously.

The subcommittee will meet again Friday, 10,
February 1979. At this time the subcommittee will discuss
the [Name] department.

There was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00
A.M.


REP. REX MANUEL, Chairman


Secretary