

MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
AGENCIES II SUBCOMMITTEE

February 10, 1979  
9:00 A.M.  
Room 313  
State Capitol Building

Work Session: Department  
of Natural Resources

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The meeting was called to order by Chairman Rex Manuel with all members present. Also present were Bob Robinson, LFA; Jim Williams, OBI; Representative Curtiss, District 20; Senator Manley, District 11; Charlotte Easter, EIC, and from the the Department of Natural Resources: Ted Doney and Richard Bondy.

Senator Manley was present to ask that a bill appropriating \$50,000 for the repair of the spillway on the Nevada Creek Dam be amended to make the money available for general repairs on the dam and irrigation system. Senator Manley further explained that because of federal restrictions, the work originally planned cannot be done for less than \$1 million. Therefore, this money has never been spent. In the meantime, the funds have reverted. Senator Manley asked that the subcommittee try to again make this money available, but for general repairs.

It was suggested that this project could be added to the appropriations bill being introduced by Representative Day. This money is earmarked for renewable resource projects.

Representative Curtiss was present because she was concerned with three things within this department: 1) the department's slow development of criteria for allocation of renewable resource funds; 2) she objected to the priorities used by the department. It was her understanding that the funds were available for water resources first, when, in fact, parks and recreation have received a higher priority, and 3) the department is rather circumventing what is specified by their codes regarding the qualified recipients of these monies.

Mr. Doney agreed that the department has been remiss in not adopting a criteria policy sooner. He stated that they now have set criteria based on what they think is the intent of the program, mainly to reinvest the coal tax in renewable resource development. The department felt that the best purpose of that money was for projects benefiting the public in general, namely the park systems. He further stated that the legislature appropriates and approves these projects and can adopt any criteria they want. The department's only function is to make recommendations.

In response to a question by Bob Robinson, it was stated that the department did consider that parks and recreation were already receiving coal tax monies through the Department of Fish and Game.

The Department of Natural Resource staff were thanked for coming to the meeting, the department left the meeting at this time.

Representative Curtiss then explained the Glenn Lake project she had been attempting to fund through this program.

Chairman Manuel then presented the letter of intent drawn up to add 1 FTE to the Department of Livestock with regard to the scabies outbreak in South Dakota. It was decided that this could be amended into House Bill 415 as long as the Budget Office and the Fiscal Analyst approved.

Senator Boylan expressed concern that appropriations to soil conservation districts should be line itemed to be spent by the districts and not by the department.

#### Forest Resource (480)

The LFA explained that the Executive recommendation is better, due to CEPA positions taken out of the budget. There are 8.92 modified FTE recommended: 6 for county fire protection districts, .75 FTE for the helitack squad, 1 FTE to inventory state and county equipment, and a partial FTE to man the Rodgers Lookout.

This is also where the department is concerned that federal Clark-McNary funds may be cut to 0. The department would have to eliminate many positions if this happens.

If the slash burning fee is increased, the subcommittee may have to make adjustment to the budget at a later time.

There was discussion concerning adding the Legislative Timber Task Force to the Forest Resource budget. This would amount to \$14,960 each year. It was generally agreed that if this was done, the appropriation would be line itemed only for Timber Task Force expenses. The task force would only be attached to the department for administrative purposes. The propriety of such a move was questioned, but the members still felt this would be a good move. Senator Boylan made the motion to this effect, but withdrew the motion following discussion. The LFA and the OBPP were instructed to check into this further.

Senator Smith made the motion to accept the LFA recommendation for FTE. Representative Hurwitz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. This appropriates 155.99 FTE.

Senator Boylan made the motion to accept the Executive recommenda-

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tion for personal services. Representative Hurwitz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

In operating expenses there is a difference due to the placement of cash and cash bonding money. To avoid having this appear as an operating expense, the LFA has recommended placing this money in a separate agency account. Representative Hurwitz made the motion to accept the LFA recommendation. Senator Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Senator Boylan made the motion to accept the LFA recommendation for equipment. Representative Hurwitz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The department has stated a preference for the Executive recommendation for earmarked funding. The LFA stated that his recommendation over-estimated federal funding. It was decided to delay action on this until Monday, at which time the subcommittee will have more information to consider.

#### Energy Planning (776)

Senator Boylan made the motion to do away with the whole program. The motion died due to lack of a second.

The LFA recommends the continuation of the utility siting, adding the state conservation plan and all the FTE requested. The Executive recommended 3 of the 6 FTE requested for the state energy conservation plan, the Executive agreed there was an error in his recommendation. The 6 FTE are included at a cost of about \$102,000 each year. The remainder of the appropriation will go to contracted services. The LFA recommendation for operating expenses was based on actual expenses, but this program was not in this department for the full year. Therefore, the Executive recommendation is more realistic. This program is federally funded and is federally mandated.

Representative Manning made the motion to accept the LFA recommendation for FTE with the provision that the positions be dropped if the federal funds stop coming in. Representative Hurwitz seconded the motion. Included in this motion is the stipulation that no FTE be added for the energy forecasting program. But, if they do get funding from another source they may use it. The motion passed unanimously.

Representative Manning made the motion to accept the LFA recommendation for personal services. Representative Hurwitz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

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The Department has a request for equipment in 1981. Senator Smith made the motion to accept the LFA recommendation for 1980. Representative Manning seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

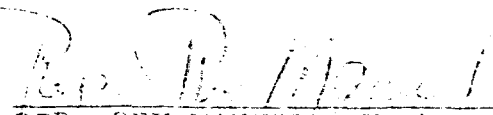
Representative Manning made the motion to accept the Executive recommendation for earmarked funds. Representative Hurwitz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

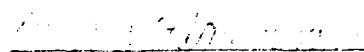
Representative Manning made the motion to accept the Executive recommendation for federal and private funds. Senator Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

It was decided to delay action on federal fund appropriation until a later date.

There was a short overview of next week's schedule.

There was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 A.M.

  
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REX. REX MANUEL, Chairman

  
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