

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE
ON NATURAL RESOURCES
January 9, 1981

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Smith. Roll call was taken. Those present were:

Representative Hemstad Representative Cozzens
Representative Manuel Senator Smith

BOB ROBINSON, FISCAL ANALYST, presented the Supplementals left to act on.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES from the Department of Business Regulations has presented a more complete request (see Exhibit A). It was also suggested that the exact amount of money taken in from license fees be found out. It was acknowledged that the extra man short in Great Falls had been funded for but that the budget shortage did not allow the position to be filled. Senator Smith indicated that he felt if people paid their license fees they were entitled to have someone come and check their scales. The total request being \$28,500.00.

REPRESENTATIVE MANUEL made a motion that \$27,500.00 be approved. Motion passed with all in favor.

SENATOR BOYLAN came in late and was excused to go to another meeting.

THE MILWAUKEE RAILROAD request in the Department of Agriculture was then discussed. The Governor's emergency fund (see Exhibit B) was presented and explained that it was set up for natural disasters only. Senator Smith read part of the minutes of the February 2, 1980, Legislative Finance Committee meeting with regard to the Milwaukee Railroad (see Exhibit c). It was confirmed by Bob Robinson that no other presentation was made by either the Governor's office or the Department of Agriculture regarding the Railroad.

REPRESENTATIVE MANUEL made a motion that the \$65,000.00 to the Department of Agriculture be approved. A roll call vote was taken. Those voting "yes" were:

Representative Manuel
Representative Cozzens

Those voting "no" were:

Representative Hemstad
Senator Smith

Because of the tie vote, the action on this request was tabled until the next meeting.

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The meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.



CHRIS STOBIE, Chairman

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1981 Supplemental Request

EXHIBIT-1

Heights & Measures

1	2	3	4	5	6
	1981	FIRST		Required	Supple-
	Budgeted	6 months		to operate	mental
		Expenditure		to 6/30/81	Request
		FY 81			
1	<u>Contracted Services</u>				
2					
3	Consult. & Prof. Services	35-		-	
4	Data Processing	662.99		1500-	
5	Insurance & Bonds	654.25		-	
6	Laboratory Testing	30-		500-	
7	Printing	2571-		-	
8		3,953.24		2,000-	
9		402.62	Encumbered	1,055-	Overdrawn
10	3,300-	4,353.84		3,055	
11				Required	3,000
12					
13	<u>Supplies & Material</u>				
14					
15	Office	288.95		288.95	
16	Printing	319.03		319.03	
17	Vehicle	42.82		42.82	
18	Gasoline	* 14,516.75		*** 13,333.53	
19	Books	97.23		97.23	
20	Shop Supplies/Tools/Minor Equip.	51.83		51.83	
21	15,000-	* 11,316.61		* 14,183.39	
22			Bal in fund	- 3,683.39	
23	* Includes \$1,420.06 in		Required	* 10,500	* 10,500
24	outstanding gas bills				
25	for December				
26					
27	<u>Travel</u>				
28					
29	In-State Personal Car	175.13		175.13	
30	In-State Commercial Transport	313.35		313.35	
31	In-State Motor Pool	395.75		395.75	
32	In-State Meals	* 17,032.50		*** 7,526.50	
33	In-State Lodging	** 7,438.82		*** 7,812.81	
34	Out of State Commercial	345.57		-	
35	Out of State Other	8.00		-	
36	Out of State Meals	145.50		-	
37	Out of State Lodging	248.84		-	
38	17,327	* 16,103.46		* 16,223.54	
39			Bal in fund	- 1,223.54	
40			Required	* 15,000	15,000
41					
42	* Includes \$541 outstanding for last half of December 1980				
43	** Includes \$572 outstanding for last half of December 1980				
44	*** Includes 5 months meals and lodging for				
45	an Inspector in the Great Falls Division which				
46	has been vacant since Aug. 1, 1980.				
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W. GORDON MCOMBER
DIRECTOR

January 7, 1981

MILWAUKEE BACKUP PLAN - EXPLANATION OF EXPENSES

1. Professional Contract Services
 - a. \$52,304 - Creighton & Associates
 - b. \$4,004 - Page
 - (a) developed operation & purchase plan of former Milwaukee (Miles City/Marengo) line, developed input & output models; income, expense, labor, financial, etc.
 - (b) acted as liason between farm groups & department, participated & assisted in preparation of background information & application
2. Court Costs - \$140 - filing fee in U.S. District Court
3. Printing - \$1,357 - (each document is a pleading), applications, amendments of application and about 40 copies of every filing required before ICC & US District Court. Filed application for purchase; appeals, objections, motions, etc.
4. Supplies - \$46 - ring binders - cover stock for application
5. Phone - \$1,205 - prepare & putting together applications, negotiations, etc.
6. Travel - \$5,712
 - a. met with Congressional delegation (DC)
 - b. 2 meetings with federal financing agency-took papers for filing to purchase Milw.-effort to get financing
 - c. pre-trial conference with 7th Circuit Court of Appeals
 - d. attended 2 hearings-US District Court
 - e. Sen. Melcher requested meeting
 - f. to Chicago to negotiate with Trustee Ogilvie
 - g. met with utility companies in Washington state
 - h. met with unions at international union (21 various representatives), coal officials to explain & solicit support
 - i. met with Idaho & Washington state officials, Governor's staff-transportation
 - j. in-state hearings & meetings in Butte, Great Falls, Billings
 - k. various meetings dealing with raising money for purchase-Denver, Billings, Minneap, Gt. Falls, Butte, Missoula Boise and others.

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7. Rent - \$198 - met with coal company & public utilities as to possible monetary contributions from them for equity funding for acquisition of Milwaukee
8. Registration Fee - \$12 - conference as speaker - ASCS - meeting regarding Milwaukee
9. Freight - \$22 - mailing of applications (boxes of papers)

Side 1, Track 3

The meeting of the legislative finance committee reconvened at 8:00 a.m., Saturday, February 2, 1980.

Railroad Proposal (001)

Mr. Dean Hart, federal-state coordinator of the executive office, gave an overview of where the Governor stands concerning alternatives for operation of the Milwaukee railroad and explained action taken over the past week prior to the legislative finance committee meeting.

Mr. Hart stated the Governor's ultimate decision was communicated to the Milwaukee railroad on Friday afternoon. He stated the governor remains strongly supportive of the "new Milwaukee" proposal. However, he has some concern of whether it will ultimately be successful. Also in the press conference on Friday, the Governor indicated that none of the actions taken would in any way encumber the state financially and does not want the state in the railroad business but finds it necessary for the state to take it and then pass it on to a qualified carrier.

Mr. Hart commented on the fall-back positions if the "new Milwaukee" proposal should fail.

Mr. Gordon McComber, director, department of agriculture, Mr. Terry Whiteside, manager of the department's transportation unit and Mr. Ray Brault, attorney for the department were available for specific questions of the committee.

There was discussion of calling a special session. Chairman South expressed his concern and that of the committee members with not having the representation of the entire state unless the legislature collectively could make a decision in regard to the state's liability should the "new Milwaukee" proposal and the fall-back alternatives fail.

Mr. Hart stated he would relay the sentiment of the committee for legislative involvement.

There was continued discussion of the state taking over the railroad line.

University Funding Study (560)

Mr. John Richardson, commissioner of higher education, briefly outlined the procedures to be used by representatives of the university system in testifying on the legislative finance committee staff proposal for university funding.

Commissioner Richardson in his testimony to the committee commented on the progress of the study to date, made observations regarding the formula funding approach in American higher education, commented on the proposed scope for the study and expressed cautionary notes for future developments in the revisions of the methods used to provide financial resources for the university system. He then introduced the following who gave testimony:

President Richard Bowers, University of Montana
President Fred DeMoney, Montana Tech
President John Van de Wetering, Eastern Montana College
President Robert Thomas, Western Montana College
President William Tietz, Montana State University
President James Erickson, Northern Montana College

Mr. Pat Davison, President of ASMSU
Mr. Mark Johnson, President of ASEMC
Mr. Tom McKay, President of ASMT
Mr. Brian Patrick, President of ASWMC
Mr. Tim Azheimer, President of ASNMC
Mr. Terry Homes, President of ASUM

Mr. Dennis O'Donnell, U of M Faculty Representative
Mr. Bob Holdsworth, Tech Faculty Representative
Mr. Maury Evans, EMC Faculty Representative
Mr. Terence Watters, WMC Faculty Representative
Mr. Eric Strohmeier, MSU Faculty Representative
Ms. Thelma Anderson, NMC Faculty Representative