

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE JOINT APPROPRIATIONS  
SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES  
February 21, 1981

The meeting was called to order by CHAIRMAN STOBIE on Saturday, February 21, 1981 at 7:00 a.m. in Room 431 of the Capitol Building.

Roll call was taken and all members were present except SENATOR STIMATZ, who was excused.

The meeting was called into EXECUTIVE SESSION.

BOB ROBINSON, FISCAL ANALYST gave a short review of Natural Resource's Facility Siting Division, and some of the other divisions under this department.

SENATOR SMITH MOVED to reappropriate from H.B. 908, \$500,000 and line item it for the MHD PROGRAM if it does become a reality. MOTION PASSED.

SENATOR SMITH made a MOTION to appropriate the 7 FTE core staff and that LFA budget recommendation for 1982 and 1983 be adopted. MOTION PASSED.

Discussion was talked regarding plugging abandoned wells.

SENATOR SMITH MOVED to add \$65,000, line itemed, to the Oil and Gas from RIT money, to plug oil and gas wells. MOTION PASSED.

NATURAL RESOURCES: WATER RESOURCES DIVISION.

The differences in FTEs between the LFA and the OBPP budget was discussed and it was in agreement to start at ground zero, 148.93 for FTEs and work from there.

MOTION was made by REPRESENTATIVE MANUEL to add an extra additional RIT funds of \$75,000 per year to provide for spillway improvements. MOTION PASSED.

SENATOR SMITH asked if there could be a safety report on dams made once a year.

SENATOR SMITH MOVED that a progress report be submitted on dam safety to the Legislature for the next session. MOTION PASSED.

SENATOR SMITH MOVED that an additional \$75,000 be added for dam improvements under Project Development. MOTION PASSED.

This would bring the total to \$225,000. There is \$60,000 in 1982 and \$70,000 in 1983 to file on water rights in Natural Resources. The LFA budget does not have this in their budget.

MOTION was made by SENATOR BOYLAN to add \$60,000 in 1982 and \$70,000 in 1983 to file water rights. MOTION PASSED.

The Daly Ditch modification was explained by JIM WILLIAMS, Budget Analyst from the Executive office.

SENATOR SMITH made a MOTION to approve \$29,000 on a line item to assist in the disposing of the Daly Ditch. MOTION PASSED.

Increase Water Planning Project:

SENATOR BOYLAN MOVED that the LFA recommendation of \$49,031 for 1982 and \$46,026 for 1983 for the water planning program do pass. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

It was noted that there is \$96,000 for on-going stream gauge support.

SENATOR SMITH MOVED to add \$3,000 per year for Board member compensation and to accept the 148.93 FTEs in 1982 and 145.68 FTEs in 1983 and to add \$15,000 for travel and accept the LFA budget; also to add \$96,000 per year for the stream gauge program. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

NATURAL RESOURCES: FORESTRY DIVISION.

Discussion was directed to equipment for the forestry (see Feb 6 minutes). The helicopter program was also discussed. Cost of the equipment and the age and availability of parts was discussed.

SENATOR SMITH made a MOTION to approve \$180,000 for the biennium for each nine new counties that requested to be in the Fire Suppression Cooperative Agreement and to provide equipment from there on. Also, to support the helitack program with \$317,567 in 1982 and \$324,155 in 1983. MOTION PASSED.

SENATOR SMITH MOVED to enter language requiring the staff that was added to develop the equipment for the six county fire districts, be used to develop equipment for nine new counties. The fifteen new counties will maintain their own equipment and pay operating expenses. MOTION PASSED.

The motor grader request would be placed under Equipment.

SENATOR BOYLAN made a MOTION for the \$341,830 in 1982 and the \$327,956 in 1983 for equipment. MOTION FAILED. REPRESENTATIVE MANUEL and SENATOR SMITH abstained.

MOTION was made by REPRESENTATIVE MANUEL that the \$341,830 for 1982 and 1983 for equipment be accepted. MOTION PASSED with SENATOR BOYLAN and REPRESENTATIVE STOBIE voting NO.

SENATOR BOYLAN made a MOTION not to allow the 1.5 FTE, additional brush disposal inspector. MOTION PASSED with REPRESENTATIVE MANUEL voting NO.

MOTION was made by REPRESENTATIVE MANUEL to add 2 FTEs to the Nursery Operation. MOTION PASSED.

SENATOR BOYLAN MOVED to add 1 FTE, a communication technician, to work on radios. MOTION PASSED.

SENATOR BOYLAN made a MOTION to replace the rotar blade on the helicopter in the FY 82 budget in the amount of \$20,000. MOTION PASSED.

REPRESENTATIVE MANUEL MOVED to allow \$59,958 and the \$66,108 federal and private spending for 1982 and 1983 respectively. MOTION PASSED.

SENATOR BOYLAN MOVED to allow 1 forester and 1 technician for expanded timber sales and allow 13.60 FTEs for timber sales with funds coming from earmarked funds. MOTION PASSED.

MOTION was made by REPRESENTATIVE MANUEL that the fiscal analyst adjust the funds that are available. MOTION PASSED.

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

  
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CHRIS STOBIE, CHAIRMAN

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