

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
NATURAL RESOURCES SUBCOMMITTEE
MONTANA STATE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

February 11, 1985

The meeting of the Natural Resources Subcommittee was called to order by Chairman Manuel on February 11, 1985 at 8:10 a.m. in Room 132 of the State Capitol building.

ROLL CALL: All members were present.

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION

(Centralized Services)

Receptionist: Discussion was held.

Representative Spaeth made a motion to approve the LFA's budget of \$7,247 in FY '86 and \$14,507 in FY '87. Senator Lane seconded. A Voice vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Personal Services Adjustments: Discussion was held.

Representative Swift made a motion to approve the LFA's budget of \$8,083 in FY '86 and \$7,828 in FY '87. Representative Spaeth seconded. A Voice vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Printing Increases: They are asking to use outside funds from school districts to print pamphlets. If the school districts don't provide the funds they will not print the pamphlets.

Discussion was held.

Representative Swift made a motion to approve the addition of \$14,297 in FY '86 and \$5,365 in FY '87 for this and line item it so these pamphlets are only printed from other funds. Representative Spaeth seconded. A Voice vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously. Senator Smith said they shouldn't pay for any printing unless it is the whole truth.

Private Legal Counsel: The Board of Natural Resources has requested \$20,000 each year from the General Fund for the last four years for this legal counsel. This request was eliminated from the LFA's budget.

Discussion was held.

Representative Spaeth made a motion to approve \$9,000 per year for this private legal counsel. Senator Boylan seconded. A Voice vote was taken. The motion carried with Representative Swift voting no.

Travel Increase: The current level for travel is \$16,151.

The Department didn't travel much the last biennium and they reverted the money that was left over in the budget for travel.

Discussion was held.

Senator Smith made a motion to approve an additional \$4,640 in FY '86 and \$4,785 in FY '87 for travel. Representative Swift seconded. A Voice vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Rent on New and Old Building: The square footage of the new DNRC building has been reduced and the date of occupancy has been changed to December 1.

If they overlap the rent in December while moving it will increase the LFA's figures in FY '86 by \$10,194. It will decrease the LFA's figures in FY '87 by \$8,870.

Discussion was held.

Senator Boylan made a motion to approve the LFA's budget of \$289,642 in FY '86 and \$239,719 in FY '87 and leave this flexible. Representative Swift seconded. A Voice vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Agency wide Data Processing Package: Bob Robinson, Deputy Director, DNRC discussed the Data Processing Upgrade. See Exhibit "BBBB".

Discussion was held.

The Committee decided to work on this later.

Other Equipment: Discussion was held on the equipment.

Representative Spaeth made a motion to approve all of the equipment except the video camera for \$6,100 in FY '86. This would be \$5,675 in FY '86 and \$7,827 in FY '87. Senator Boylan seconded. A Voice vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Miscellaneous: Representative Spaeth made a motion to approve the Governor's budget of \$1,239 less in FY '86

and \$673 less in FY 87 than is contained in LFA current level. Representative Swift seconded. A Voice vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Inflation: Representative Spaeth made a motion to approve the LFA's budget of \$9,030 less in FY '86 than is included in the executive budget and the Governor's budget of \$2,439 less in FY '87 than is contained in LFA current level. Representative Swift seconded. A Voice vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Modified:

Adjudication Lawyer: The Department is requesting 1 FTE for an attorney to work on preliminary decrees that are being submitted by the Water Court.

Discussion was held.

Representative Spaeth made a motion to approve 1 FTE and \$39,751 in FY '86 and \$39,310 in FY '87. Senator Smith seconded. A Voice vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Data Processing Upgrade: George Caulfield (51:A:422) said the Data Processing upgrade would get them through at least four years. Mr. Caulfield said this upgrade would allow for more memory and storage.

Discussion was held.

Senator Lane made a motion to approve \$59,166 in FY '86 and \$7,032 in FY 87 for this upgrade. Senator Boylan seconded. A Voice vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Modified:

Programmer Analyst: Mr. Caulfield (51:B:004) said they need 1 FTE to help with the increased workload. This would be funded 1/3 out of Oil and Gas, 1/3 out of Water Development monies and 1/3 out of Alternative Energy.

Senator Smith asked for information on how Oil and Gas will benefit from the \$5,000 they are putting into this and how much benefits other parts of the Department will be receiving.

Mr. Caulfield said they have 5 programmers now and 1 will be leaving at the end of the year. This position will be eliminated out of the program.

Representative Swift made a motion to approve \$27,890 in FY '86 and \$27,278 in FY '87 and one FTE for this. They can try this for two years and if they can't show improvement and need it will be terminated. Senator Boylan seconded. A Voice vote was taken. The motion carried with Representative Nathe and Senator Smith voting no.

Grant and Loan Monitoring System: Mr. Fasbender (51:B:140) said it is very important to monitor these grants and loans very closely.

Mr. Fasbender discussed the resolution Representative Bardanouve has requested to take a look at Centralizing Services that are required as far as the loans of various agencies are concerned.

Discussion was held.

The money the Department is requesting in this is to develop a software system, purchase a prebuilt system or to contract with a financial institution to do the monitoring for them.

The split for the funds for this system are 30% Water Development, 30% Alternative Energy, 5% Rangeland Loan Fund, 5% Conservation District Grant Fund and 30% General Fund.

Discussion was held.

Senator Lane made a motion to apportion out the money according to the amount of money that is obligated.

Discussion was held.

Senator Smith seconded Senator Lane's motion. A Voice was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Representative Swift made a motion they be directed to work with all agencies that have bonding authority and work out a compatible system. Representative Nathe seconded. A Voice vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Special Consultants: Mr. Fasbender (52:A:050) said the Board of Natural Resources requested \$10,000 per year for special consultants as the Board needs expert testimony.

Discussion was held.

Senator Smith made a motion to disallow this request. Senator Boylan seconded. A Voice vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

(Oil and Gas)

Repairs for the Data Processing System: Ms. Rickman said they need approximately \$5,000 each year above the LFA's recommendation for repairs and maintenance of this system. About \$1,400 would be for maintenance of the micro-system being purchased this year.

Discussion was held.

Senator Smith made a motion to approve \$5,000 in FY '86 and \$5,000 in FY '87. Senator Lane seconded. A Voice vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Data Processing Software Rent: The current allocation of the Data Processing Software Rent for the Oil and Gas Division is \$6,708 per year. They are requesting an additional \$1,400 for repairs and maintenance.

Discussion was held.

Representative Spaeth made a motion to approve the Governor's request for an increase of \$6,021 in FY '86 and \$4,521 in FY '87. Senator Smith seconded. A Voice vote was taken and the motion carried with Representative Nathe voting no.

Processing Fees: Ms. Rickman (52:A:520) said they are requesting an additional \$10,000 per year for processing fees above the current level. Some of this would be reimbursed with fees collected.

Discussion was held.

Senator Smith made a motion to approve \$5,000 per year for the anticipated increase in the activities in the oil industry and that it be line itemed that if there is no increased activity it not be used. Senator Boylan seconded. A Voice vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Bond Defaults: Ms. Rickman said they would like to request spending authority if they receive money from bond defaults.

Discussion was held.

Representative Spaeth made a motion to have Mr. Nichols draw up language to allow the Department to spend any default funds that become available as they occur. Senator Smith seconded. A Voice vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

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Legal Fees for Potential Litigation: This will depend on if Legislation passes.

The Committee will come back to this.

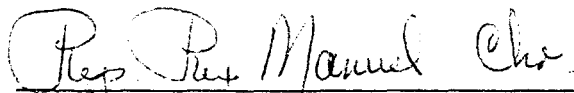
Ms. Rickman (52:B:050) said they had a request in the Legacy Program to reclaim old sites and a request in this budget for RIT funds for that purpose. They have had an appropriation of \$65,000 per year to do this for the last four years.

The LFA and the OBPP have allowed \$10,000 per year for this in this budget. Ms. Rickman said this would limit their ability if there are any of these problems that come about during the coming biennium.

Discussion was held.

Mr. Robinson said they would be satisfied with the \$10,000 and they would come in for a budget amendment if needed.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.



Representative Rex Manuel
Chairman

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DP UPGRADE - DNRC

Exhibit "BBBB"

	<u>86</u>	<u>87</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Memory	18 000		18 000
DISK STORAGE	19 300		19 300
PORTS	7 200		7 200
INSTALLATION & SHIPPING	850		850
MAINTENANCE	<u>2332</u>	<u>2332</u>	<u>4664</u>
	<u>47,682</u>	<u>2332</u>	<u>50,014</u>

FUNDING:

01100	18 125	889	19 014
02432 OTG	4 769	231	5 000
02435 WD	12 394	606	13 000
02437 AER	<u>12 394</u>	<u>606</u>	<u>13 000</u>
	<u>47682</u>	<u>2332</u>	<u>50 014</u>

DIVISION:

CSD	17 517 - GF 3814 - AER	21 331	CF 889	22 220
OTG	4769 - OTG 606 - GF	4769	OTG 231	5000
WRD	12394 - WD	13002	WD 606	13608
ED	8580 - AER	<u>8580</u>	AER 606	<u>9186</u>
		<u>47682</u>	<u>2332</u>	<u>50014</u>

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CSD	3828	4700	8528
WRD	3828		3828
ED	<u>3828</u>		<u>3828</u>

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