

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

February 19, 1985

The meeting of the Natural Resources Subcommittee was called to order by Chairman Manuel on February 19, 1985 at 8:05 a.m. in Room 132 of the State Capitol.

ROLL CALL: All members were present.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE LANDS

(Forestry)

Log Scaling: The LFA current level for this is \$3,500.

Dennis Hemmer (62:A:246), Commissioner, Department of State Lands, said it is cheaper to contract scalers in the more remote areas than it is to send their scalers out. This money would come from General Fund.

Discussion was held.

Representative Spaeth made a motion to approve \$2,000 in FY '86 and \$2,000 in FY '87 above current level. Senator Boylan seconded. A Voice vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Soil and Containers for Green House-2nd Crop: Earmarked funds would be used for this.

Discussion was held.

Representative Swift made a motion to approve an additional \$8,501 in FY '86 and \$5,501 in FY '87. Senator Smith seconded. A Voice vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Building Materials: Mr. Hemmer said they don't really need these.

Representative Spaeth made a motion to approve the Governor's Budget of \$10,467 in FY '86 and \$10,467 in FY '87. Senator Boylan seconded. A Voice vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Aircraft Rent: Mr. Hemmer said they would change their request to \$36,790 in FY '86 and \$28,040 in FY '87.

Part of this is for departmental aircraft rental and part is for private aircraft rental. They spent about \$43,000 in the base year, Fiscal 1984.

Mr. Hemmer said the base year had no aircraft rental for the Libby block, which was picked up last session.

The biggest portion of this request is for the Libby block and a portion is for machine rental to keep the pilots current.

This would come out of General Fund.

Discussion was held.

Mr. Hemmer said they would like to contract a machine.

Senator Boylan made a motion to approve \$36,000 in FY '86 and \$36,000 in FY '87. Representative Swift seconded. A Voice vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Building Repair and Maintenance: Mr. Hemmer said this is for routine maintenance.

Discussion was held.

Senator Smith made a motion to approve the Governor's budget of \$129,576 in FY '86 and \$129,546 in FY '87. Representative Swift seconded. A Voice vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Equipment: Mr. Hemmer said the Governor's budget took out all of their radios and replacement equipment.

Mr. Hemmer said they are requesting the committee put the radios and equipment back in their budget. This would be \$156,890 in FY '86 and \$131,000 in FY '87.

Discussion was held.

Approximately \$58,000 per year of this request would be for radios.

Discussion was held.

Senator Boylan made a motion to approve \$76,666 in FY '86 and \$97,176 in FY '87 for this equipment. Representative Swift seconded. A Voice vote was taken. The motion did not carry with Senator Smith, Representative Spaeth and Representative Manuel voting no.

Senator Boylan made a motion to approve \$100,000 in each year. Representative Swift seconded. A Voice vote was taken. The motion did not carry with Senator Smith, Representative Spaeth and Representative Manuel voting no.

Representative Spaeth made a motion to approve \$70,000 in FY '86 and \$75,000 in FY '87. Discussion was held. Representative Spaeth withdrew his motion.

Discussion was held.

Representative Spaeth made a motion to approve \$70,000 in each year. Senator Boylan seconded. A Voice vote was taken. Senator Smith and Representative Swift voted no.

Mr. Hemmer (62:B:300) said \$105,240 in FY '86 would get them the county equipment and half of the radios and \$97,350 in FY '87 would get the county equipment and half of the radios.

Discussion was held.

Senator Smith made a substitute motion to approve an additional \$105,000 in FY '86 and \$97,000 in FY '87 for equipment. Senator Boylan seconded. A Voice vote was taken. The motion carried with Representative Spaeth voting no.

Capital Outlay: Mr. Hemmer said if they don't get the money to replace the trailers from Long Range Building Funds they would like to use this money for that purpose instead of for a paint booth and miscellaneous.

Discussion was held.

Senator Boylan made a motion to approve \$25,000 in FY '86 and \$25,000 in FY '87 and if it gets into Long Range Planning this will be taken out. Representative Swift seconded. A Voice vote was taken. The motion carried with Representative Spaeth voting no.

Miscellaneous and Inflation: Representative Nathe made a motion to approve the Governor's budget of \$4,981 less in FY '86 and \$5,535 less in FY '87 for Miscellaneous and \$14,292 less in FY '86 and \$75,293 less in FY '87 for Inflation than was included in the LFA current level. Senator Smith seconded. A Voice vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Modified:

Expanded Brush Program/Expanded Timber Sales/Expanded Timber Stand Improvement: Discussion was held.

Representative Swift made a motion to drop from 6.28 FTE's to 4 FTE's in the Expanded Brush Program, drop from 10.42 FTE's in FY '86 to 7.92 FTE's and from 12.0 FTE's in FY '87 to 9.5 FTE's in the Expanded Timber Sales, and drop from 2.75 FTE's in FY '86 to 1.75 FTE's and drop from 4.5 FTE's in FY '87 to 3.5 FTE's in the Expanded Timber Stand Improvement and have them contract that work. Senator Boylan seconded. A Voice vote was taken. The motion did not carry with Senator Smith, Representative Spaeth and Representative Nathe voting no.

Discussion was held.

Senator Boylan made a motion to reconsider action. Representative Nathe seconded. A Voice vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Forest Economist: Senator Boylan made a motion to disallow 1 FTE and \$29,215 in FY '86 and \$30,374 in FY '87 for the Forest Economist. Representative Nathe seconded.

Mr. Hemmer (63:A:116) said the Forest Economist is a continuation of a budget ammendment. This is from Federal money supplied to the Department by the Forest Service. They are supposed to go into cost benefits for many of their programs. They need to do that to qualify for additional federal funding. Mr. Hemmer said when the Forest Service quits supplying the money this position will be terminated.

Senator Boylan withdrew his motion.

Senator Boylan made a motion to approve the Forest Economist for 1 FTE and \$29,215 in FY '86 and \$30,374 in FY '87. Representative Swift seconded. A Voice vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Expanded Brush Program/Expanded Timber Sales/Expanded Timber Stand Improvement: Representative Swift made a motion to approve the original motion with the reduction in FTE's as stated earlier. Senator Boylan seconded. A Voice vote was taken. The motion carried with Representative Nathe voting no.

Improved Nursery Production: Mr. Hemmer said this is all earmarked funds.

Discussion was held.

Representative Swift made a motion to approve .66 FTE's instead of 1.66 FTE's. Senator Boylan seconded. A Voice vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

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Fire Protection on White Sulphur Springs Block: Discussion was held.

Representative Nathe asked for a complete breakdown of fire costs.

The Committee decided to come back to this later.

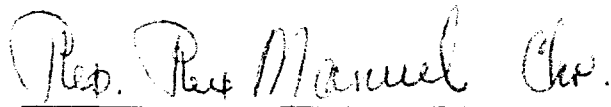
Add 11 Counties to Cooperative Program: Representative Nathe made a motion to approve \$275,000 in FY '86 and \$275,000 in FY '87 and the addition of 2.25 FTE's in FY '86 and 4.25 FTE's in FY '87. Senator Boylan seconded. A Voice vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hemmer (63:A:428) asked for reconsideration on program 01 Centralized Management. Mr. Hemmer said they are going to have a problem with Vacancy Savings in this program because it is a small program and there is not much turnover.

Mr. Hemmer said he would request that if they can keep the General Fund below the Governor's office request and they could put their indirect funds at the Governor's level or slightly above.

Representative Nathe requested information on the income earned on State Lands.

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.


Representative Rex Manuel
Chairman

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