

GOVERNOR'S INTER-AGENCY COMMITTEE ON
OUTDOOR RECREATION

MINUTES

Department of General Administration
August 13, 1964

I. PRESENT:

Charles H. Odegaard, Chairman
Dick Denny, Central Budget Agency
Hartly Kruger, Department of Commerce & Econ. Development
Elmer Quistorff, Department of Fisheries
Don Erickson, Department of Fisheries
Norm Knott, Department of Game
Eugene Maxwell, Department of Game
Val Rinehart, Department of Highways
William Albohn, Department of Highways
Al O'Donnell, Department of Natural Resources
Mike Bigley, Department of Natural Resources
Traudi Berberich, Recorder

ALSO PRESENT:

Rosemary Horwood, Dept. of Commerce &
Economic Development
Charles Prah, Department of Highways

II. Minutes of previous meeting were approved as submitted.

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Plan Development

The memo prepared by the Plan Development Sub-Committee and mailed to I-A-C members on July 30, 1964, was discussed. (This memo appears in the official minutes of August 13, 1964 meeting as Exhibit "A".)

Mrs. Horwood related that the wording of Initiative 215 indicates the need for staffing and wondered if funds from Initiative 215 could be used to so finance.

Mr. Quistorff stated that there should be a place or a person where counties, districts, cities, etc., could make contact to ask questions.

Mr. Prah1 expressed the need for an executive to operate the plan with the Inter-Agency Committee serving as board of directors. He further recommended that the State Parks Department serve in such capacity.

Mrs. Horwood expressed a need for the Committee to first determine what degree of service the I-A-C would want to render, as it could range from clerical processing up through screening with evaluation.

Mr. Knott stated that Initiative 215 is quite specific in not creating a super agency and that services to the Committee were to be provided by existing departments. He said that a legal determination needed to be made as to whether or not Initiative 215 monies can be spent, and to what degree.

Chairman Odegaard stated that there are three types of expenditures being discussed:

- 1) Funds for general operation, such as bookkeeping, processing, etc.
- 2) Funds for evaluation of State agency applications
- 3) Funds for evaluation of applications by all other agencies

Mr. Denny suggested that State Parks could receive applications and process them while C.B.A. could handle the finance aspects.

Mr. Prah1 suggested that C.B.A. immediately obtain an Attorney General's opinion concerning the use of Initiative 215 funds for this purpose. At the same time it was requested that Mr. Denny also get an AGO with regard to the expenditure of funds for this purpose from Referendum Bill No. 11 and Land and Water Conservation Fund Bill.

The I-A-C concurred. Mr. Denny was directed to secure this opinion within two weeks.

Mr. Bigley suggested until further notice all plans, questions, etc., come through the Chairman of the I-A-C.

The I-A-C concurred.

Mrs. Horwood stated that regardless of where the monies come from, we do need a secretariat, development of mechanics, and also establish relationships.

Mr. Prah1 recommended that Commerce & Economic Development develop suggested fund application forms , procedures on processing , etc. , and send to all I-A-C members for review .

The I-A-C concurred and requested that this be done within a week and then returned by August 31, 1964 .

B. Budget

Mr. Denny related that there was nothing more to report and that C.B.A. would mail the AGO when it was received. He will also try to get the opinion of the Department of Licenses concerning the starting date of the study of gasoline usage by motor boats as soon as possible .

C. Legislation

Mr. Knott presented each member with a report of the Sub-Committee on legislation. (This report appears in the official minutes of August 13, 1964, meeting as Exhibit "B".) He said that after careful study of all the recommendations in the Governor's Report plus all requests received from members of the I-A-C, it was the opinion that the basic need was for cooperation and not new legislation which would infringe upon the responsibilities of other agencies .

Mr. Bigley stated that we should soon take a close look at water skiing and its problems .

Mr. Knott expressed that any increased funding request should be a departmental concern .

Mr. O'Donnell expressed that there was need for legislation to permit agency to partake of Initiative 215. Mr. Knott hoped that all Committee members would read the issue recommendations before making further comments .

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Letterheads

Mr. Kruger reported that Commerce and Economic Development is having them printed .

B. Letters to other states

Chairman Odegaard reported that they are being sent and requested that the Committee members submit names of more states if available.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Washington State Grange

Chairman Odegaard read a letter from Master Nelson which included resolutions urging prohibition of bottling of any soft drink or malt beverage in non-returnable bottles, and calling for the collection of a 10¢ deposit on each bottle of beverage sold, legislation prohibiting disposal of refuse on or in tide lands, beaches, etc., and passage of Initiative 215. Mr. Knott recommended that the Chairman respond to Master Nelson's letter. (See Exhibit "D")

The I-A-C concurred.

B. County Commissioners

Chairman Odegaard read a letter with regard to county regulations and licensing for boats. The I-A-C would like to be kept aware of any future developments. (See Exhibit "E")

C. Economic Opportunity Act of 1964

Chairman Odegaard related that the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission has been operating a Youth Development and Conservation Corps since 1961 with excellent cooperation with many State agencies. He expressed hopes that all agencies would continue this fine cooperation with regard to any E.O.A. monies. Game, Fisheries, and Highways indicated that they would be pleased to have Parks administer work that would be done on their lands and to their specifications. Mr. Bigley indicated that Natural Resources has been studying this program and will probably take it on their own.

It was decided to have a special meeting on August 18 to further discuss this. (NOTE! This meeting was cancelled by the Chairman as a result of his being contacted by the Governor's office with information that it would not be prudent to have this meeting at this time.)

D. Land and Water Conservation Fund Bill

Chairman Odegaard related all of the work that Governor Rosellini had done in an attempt to secure passage of this bill and he also

expressed appreciation for all of the work done by the various agencies in the I-A-C.

- E. Mr. Knott was elected Vice President of the I-A-C.
- F. Mr. Bigley related that there were 32 men on a Lower Columbia River Advisory Committee to the District Engineer and were presently working on public education regarding the water safety and property damage problem in the area.
- G. Mr. Albohn presented each member a copy of a Highway Commission memorandum setting forth the Commission's policy for cooperation with other agencies in planning for recreational use of areas adjacent to highway rights of way. (This memo appears in the official minutes of August 13, 1964, meeting as Exhibit "C".) He said that the Department of Highways would notify each department as well as the I-A-C on proposed highway plans so considerations could be discussed before the plans were put in to effect.
- H. Next meeting was set for September 10, 1964, at 8:30 a.m., at the Department of Game.

Meeting adjourned.

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