

Upon motion duly made and unanimously carried, a resolution was adopted authorizing the Executive Officer to approve the assignment of Lease P.R.C. 1154 covering Lot 36, Fish Canyon, from Mr. Seymour to Messrs. Robert E. Barr, Donald G. Contois and Herbert B. Rosenheck.

26. (Grazing Lease Application No. P.R.C. 1202, Siskiyou County - Evan Fogle - Sac.W.O. 174) The Commission was informed that an application has been received from Mr. Fogle of Dorris, California, for a grazing lease for a term of one year on the  $W\frac{1}{2}$  and  $W\frac{1}{2}$  of  $SE\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 36, T. 47 N., R. 1 E., M.D.M., containing 400 acres in Siskiyou County. The Assessor of Siskiyou County advises that this land, if assessed, would receive an assessment of \$2.25 per acre; thus appraising it at \$4.50 per acre. The applicant has offered twenty-five cents per acre per year which is above the minimum of five percent of the appraised value of the land, acceptable to the Commission.

The land has been advertised for lease and no other applications have been received.

Upon motion duly made and unanimously carried, a resolution was adopted authorizing that a one year grazing lease be issued to Mr. Evan Fogle at an annual rental of twenty-five cents per acre and that the applicant be required to pay the one year's rental at the time of execution of the lease.

27. (Sale of Vacant School Land, Application No. 4698, Sacramento Land District, Modoc County - Eugene Gilbert - Sac.W.O. 175) The Commission was informed that an offer has been received from Mr. Gilbert of Tulelake, California, to purchase the  $N\frac{1}{2}$  of  $NW\frac{1}{4}$  and  $N\frac{1}{2}$  of  $NE\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 16, T. 46 N., R. 6 E., M.D.M., containing 160 acres in Modoc County.

Mr. Gilbert has made an offer of \$800.00 or \$5.00 per acre. The Assessor of Modoc County has assessed contiguous land at \$2.00 to \$2.50 per acre, thus indicating an appraised value of the land of \$4.00 to \$5.00 per acre. An appraisal by the Commission's staff indicated that the offer as made is adequate.

This land is located about 25 miles southeast of Merrill, Oregon, and one-quarter of a mile east of Highway 139 between Klamath Falls and Alturas. The land lies at an elevation of about 4500 feet and is mostly level with a lava rimrock and a few lava outcrops. There is no water on the land; the soil is a light lava ash, very dry and not a timber site, the cover being sage brush, rabbit brush, grass and weeds. The land is unsuitable for cultivation, but does have low value for grazing purposes.

The land was advertised for sale with a stipulation that no offer of less than \$800.00 would be accepted. Mr. Gilbert bid \$800.00.

Upon motion duly made and unanimously carried, a resolution was adopted authorizing the sale of the  $N\frac{1}{2}$  of  $NW\frac{1}{4}$  and  $N\frac{1}{2}$  of  $NE\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 16, T. 46 N., R. 6 E., M.D.M., containing 160 acres, to the single bidder, Mr. Gilbert, at a cash price of \$800.00, subject to all statutory reservations, including minerals.

28. (Hearing re Sale of Federal Lands in Inyo County - S.D.) The Commission was informed of complaints arising out of the sale of the  $SE\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 33, T. 21 N., R. 7 E., S.B.M., to Mr. Bloss A. Elias at Teocopa Hot Springs, California. In view of these complaints, the Commission authorized the Executive Officer to hold a public hearing in the locality concerned at which all interested persons would be heard. Investigations subsequent thereto have indicated that at least one other sale of lands in that locality and possibly others had been made by the State.

Upon motion duly made and unanimously carried, a resolution was adopted authorizing the Executive Officer to extend the scope of inquiry at the proposed Public Hearing so as to cover other sales of lands in that locality in which the State Lands Commission might have been involved.

29. (Possible Exchange Federal Lands - Cow Mountain Deer Range - Sac. W.O. 149) The Commission was reminded that the Department of the Interior has suggested a possible exchange of State lands in Lake, Sonoma and Mendocino Counties for Federal lands in Joshua Tree and Death Valley National Monuments. The Federal lands are presently in a primitive area withdrawal. It has been proposed that the State take over the Cow Mountain Deer Range and administer it as a primitive area.

Mr. Dean informed the Commission that this same problem had come before the Wild Life Board, of which he is a member.

Upon motion duly made and unanimously carried, a resolution was adopted deferring this proposed exchange unless and until some responsible State or Local Public Agency sponsors the project and requests further action.

30. (Request for Discharge of Accountability - P.R.C. 117 and P.R.C. 119 - One Dollar each) The Commission was informed that on January 27, 1944, authorization was given the Executive Officer to issue to the War Department a Use Permit known as P.R.C. 117, for special Army maneuvers on 1280 acres of school land in San Bernardino County. It also authorized issuance of a permit for the use of two half sections of land in the vicinity of Wiley Wells, Riverside County, within the boundaries of P.R.C. 12, which permit was given the number P.R.C. 119.

Both of these permits recite, "In consideration of the sum of One Dollar, receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, the person granting this permit, hereinafter called the Permitter", which language resulted in their being placed upon the Accounts Receivable records of the Commission, charges against the United States Government, in the amount of \$1.00 each for the permits issued. Though invoices were rendered, these charges were not paid at the time of issuance of the permits.

At its meetings held December 10, 1948, and February 25, 1949, the Commission authorized acceptance of releases from the War Department for the properties involved, relinquishing the right to claims for rental arising out of the use and occupancy of the properties.

In view of the fact that the State of California in executing the permits acknowledged receipt of the consideration specified for use of the property, the Government considers the matter closed, and the claim for \$2.00 rental disallowed.

It was, therefore, deemed advisable to close the above-mentioned accounts receivable by means of a request for discharge of accountability from the State Board of Control.

Upon motion duly made and unanimously carried, a resolution was adopted authorizing the Executive Officer to request a discharge of accountability from the State Board of Control for the following accounts receivable items appearing on the records of the Commission: