

A general discussion followed regarding the proposed conferences between representatives of the U. S. Department of the Interior, of the office of the Attorney General, and of the State Lands Commission, to be held in Washington, D. C. During the discussion it was decided that the first step in the negotiations should be the submission to the Governor of a draft of a letter recommended to be written to the Honorable Wesley A. D'Ewart, Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

UPON MOTION DULY MADE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, A RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE STATE LANDS COMMISSION TO TRANSMIT TO THE GOVERNOR A DRAFT OF A LETTER TO BE SENT TO THE HONORABLE WESLEY A. D'EWART, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR, COPY OF WHICH IS ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT "A".

Following submission of the letter referred to above, it is anticipated that the Department of the Interior will contact the Executive Officer to work out arrangements for a conference.

UPON MOTION DULY MADE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, A RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED AUTHORIZING THE STAFF OF THE STATE LANDS COMMISSION IN COOPERATION WITH THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS, ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION, WITH THE U. S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, AFTER WHICH THE STAFF IS TO REPORT BACK TO THE STATE LANDS COMMISSION AND TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS.

2. (SALARY OF EXECUTIVE OFFICER - PERSONNEL.)

Reference was made to the salary increase being given to most State employees effective July 1, 1956, and it was pointed out that the last time such an increase was given, there was difficulty in obtaining a salary adjustment for the Executive Officer of the State Lands Commission (for which position adjustments are not automatic but must be approved by the Commission) because action was not taken promptly.

UPON MOTION DULY MADE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, A RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED DECLARING THAT THE SALARY FOR THE POSITION OF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, STATE LANDS COMMISSION, WAS TO BE CONSIDERED AS "OPEN FOR ADJUSTMENT" EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1956.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

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