

It was informally agreed that Mr. Tocher should submit his findings on land values to the Commission's staff, and that in turn the staff would submit its recommendations to the Commission. The Executive Officer indicated that after the appraisal material is submitted, a conference could be held to discuss it.

Mr. McKee appeared personally to place before the Commission his contention that the land in question must, under the law, be sold to him at the value that was fixed at the time he bought the covering scrip.

UPON MOTION DULY MADE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, IT WAS RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

THE COMMISSION DETERMINES THAT IT IS TO THE ADVANTAGE OF THE STATE TO SELECT THE FEDERAL LAND COMPRISED IN THE $S\frac{1}{2}$, $W\frac{1}{2}$ OF $NE\frac{1}{4}$ AND $SE\frac{1}{4}$ OF $NE\frac{1}{4}$ OF SECTION 15, T. 11 N., R. 8 W., M.D.M., CONTAINING 440 ACRES IN LAKE COUNTY; THE COMMISSION FINDS THAT SAID FEDERAL LAND IS NOT SUITABLE FOR CULTIVATION, AND APPROVES THE SELECTION OF THE SUBJECT LAND, WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THE TIME LIMIT FOR DEPOSITING THE ADDITIONAL MONEY REQUIRED TO MEET THE APPRAISED PRICE BE EXTENDED TO OCTOBER 15, 1956 TO GIVE THE APPLICANT ADEQUATE TIME TO PRESENT HIS RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE STAFF, AND THAT THE STAFF IN TURN MAKE ITS RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COMMISSION AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE, WITH THE APPLICANT AND THE STAFF TO AGREE ON QUESTIONS TO BE POSED TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AS TO THE APPROPRIATE TIME OF APPRAISAL.

20. (SALE OF VACANT FEDERAL LAND, OBTAINED THROUGH USE OF BASE, LIEU LAND APPLICATION NO. 10583, LOS ANGELES LAND DISTRICT, KERN COUNTY, REDLOCK CORPORATION - S.W.O. 5592.) The following report was presented to the Commission:

"An offer has been received from Redlock Corporation of South Pasadena, California, to purchase the $N\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 22, and $SE\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 24, T. 11 N., R. 13 W., S.B.M., containing 480 acres in Kern County. This land may be obtained by the State from the Federal Government through use of base. The applicant made an offer of \$2,400, or \$5 per acre.

"The lands in this application have been the subject of considerable controversy in the past, by reason of the filing of innumerable small tract applications by individuals directly with the United States Bureau of Land Management, subsequent to the State's filing which were in conflict with the State's indemnity selection application. The matter has been presented to the Commission for consideration in the past; a public hearing was held by the Executive Officer at the direction of the Commission. At its meeting of October 7, 1954 (Item No. 15, Minute Page 2185) the Commission authorized the Executive Officer to proceed with the State indemnity selection applications, filed with the United States Bureau of Land Management, so as to acquire the above-mentioned lands. This action also instructed the Executive Officer to consult with the office of the Attorney General as to compliance with the provisions of Section 7301, 7405.1 and 7406 of the Public Resources Code; approval was given by that office of the procedures herein followed.

"Mr. R. X. James has previously appeared before the Commission as a representative of several of the small tract applicants and he has been furnished written notice that the matter of the sale of the subject land will be considered by the Commission at its meeting of August 15, 1956, in the event he is desirous of appearing.

"A review of appraisals by members of the Commission's staff on December 17, 1955 and February 10, 1956 has caused the value to be established at \$20,800. The applicant posted the necessary amount to meet this value. Said appraisals indicate that said land is not suitable for cultivation without artificial irrigation.

"The selection of the subject land is considered to be to the advantage of the State in that the selection thereof will assist the State in satisfying the loss to the School Land Grant and in addition will place said land on the tax rolls of the county in which it is situated.

"The State's application to select the land has been accepted by the Bureau of Land Management, subject to future approval and listing."

The Executive Officer informed the Commission that all persons who previously had objected to this sale have withdrawn their objections (except that Congressman Harlan Hagen could not be reached).

UPON MOTION DULY MADE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, IT WAS RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

THE COMMISSION DETERMINES THAT IT IS TO THE ADVANTAGE OF THE STATE TO SELECT THE FEDERAL LAND COMPRISED IN THE N $\frac{1}{2}$ OF SECTION 22, AND SE $\frac{1}{4}$ OF SECTION 24, T. 11 N., R. 13 W., S.B.M., CONTAINING 480 ACRES IN KERN COUNTY; THE COMMISSION FINDS THAT SAID FEDERAL LAND IS NOT SUITABLE FOR CULTIVATION; THE COMMISSION DETERMINES THAT THE APPLICANT, REDLOCK CORPORATION, HAS COMPLIED WITH ALL APPLICABLE STATE LAWS PERTAINING TO THE PURCHASE OF LIEU LANDS UNSUITABLE FOR CULTIVATION; THE COMMISSION SELECTS AND AUTHORIZES THE SALE OF SAID LAND, FOR CASH, TO REDLOCK CORPORATION AT THE APPRAISED CASH PRICE OF \$20,800, SUBJECT TO ALL STATUTORY RESERVATIONS INCLUDING MINERALS, UPON THE LISTING (CONVEYANCE) OF SAID LAND TO THE STATE BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

21. (SALE OF VACANT FEDERAL LAND, OBTAINED THROUGH USE OF BASE, LIEU LAND APPLICATION NO. 10583A, LOS ANGELES LAND DISTRICT, KERN COUNTY, REDLOCK CORPORATION - S.W.O. 5592.) The following report was presented to the Commission:

"An offer has been received from Redlock Corporation of South Pasadena, California, to purchase the S $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 26, and N $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 34, T. 11 N., R. 13 W., S.B.M., containing 640 acres in Kern County. This land may be obtained by the State from the Federal Government through use of base. The applicant made an offer of \$3,200, or \$5 per acre.