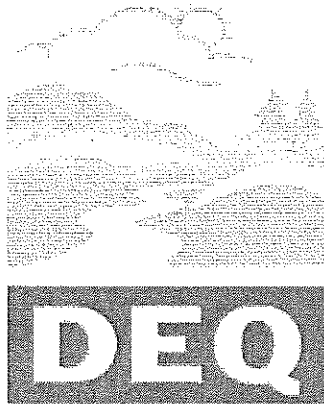


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MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

Oregon State Sanitary Authority

May 11, 1967

The Special meeting of the Oregon State Sanitary Authority was called to order by Governor Tom McCall, Chairman, at 4:00 p.m., May 11, 1967, in Room 36, State Office Building, Portland, Oregon. The members present were: Governor Tom McCall, Chairman; Chris L. Wheeler, Dr. C. A. Jenike, B. A. McPhillips, Herman P. Meierjurgan, and Edward C. Harms, Jr., Members; Kenneth H. Spies, Secretary; and John O. Denman and L. W. Pearlman, Legal Advisors. Mr. Joseph W. Smith was unable to attend because of other business.

A large delegation of houseboat owners was also present.

The Chairman stated that there had been several requests for reconsideration of the action taken by the members of the Authority at their meeting on April 25 regarding houseboats. He said that a proposed order had been drawn extending the compliance date in relation to ORS 449.140 and 449.150 and asked the Secretary to read the order which was as follows:

ORDER OF THE SANITARY AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF OREGON
EXTENDING COMPLIANCE DATE OF ORS 449.140 and 449.150.

The matter of an extension of time from certain provisions of ORS 449.140 and 449.150 having come before the Sanitary Authority of the State of Oregon on the 11th day of May, 1967, and evidence having been presented that strict compliance by September 1, 1967 with the requirements of the provisions of ORS 449.140 and 449.150 relating to plumbing fixture connections and to the disposal of kitchen, bath and laundry wastes but not including garbage or human excreta, would be unreasonable, unduly burdensome and impractical due to special physical conditions, and it appearing further that an extension of time from September 1, 1967 to later dates as hereinafter set forth should be granted as to said floating buildings and structures, houseboats, moorages, marinas or any boat used as such; a motion having been made as to the foregoing, seconded and carried and the Sanitary Authority being fully advised in the premises,

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

(1) That as to floating buildings and structures, houseboats, moorages, marinas or any boat used as such, an extension of time from September 1, 1967 to January 1, 1968 be and the same is hereby granted for compliance with the requirements of ORS 449.140 and 449.150;

(2) That with respect to the connection of plumbing fixtures and to the disposal of kitchen, bath and laundry wastes (but not including garbage and human excreta), an extension of time from September 1, 1967 to January 1, 1971 shall be and the same is hereby granted; provided, however, that the extension of time mentioned in this paragraph may be terminated by the Sanitary Authority at any time if:

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(a) The owners, operators, lessees and occupiers of floating buildings and structures, houseboats, moorages, marinas or any boat used as such fail or refuse to submit a progress report on or before January 1, 1969 and January 1, 1970, respectively, demonstrating the exercise of due diligence in developing a satisfactory plan which would meet the approval of the Sanitary Authority for the disposal of kitchen, bath and laundry wastes; and

(b) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, the extension of time granted in this paragraph (2) as to connection of plumbing fixtures and to the disposal of kitchen, bath and laundry wastes shall not apply with respect to any person who fails or refuses to comply with the requirements of the provisions of paragraph (3) relating to disposal of human excreta.

(3) Incinerator type toilets, approved by the Sanitary Authority may be used for the disposal of human excreta in the floating buildings and structures, houseboats, moorages, marinas or any boat used as such as mentioned in paragraph (1) notwithstanding the subsequent installation of plumbing fixtures for the disposal of kitchen, bath and laundry wastes as required by paragraph (2) hereof.

(4) The extension provided for in paragraphs (1) and (2) shall apply only to floating buildings and structures, houseboats, moorages, marinas or any boat used as such which are in existence or under construction prior to September 1, 1967.

DATED this _____ day of _____, 1967.

Chairman
Sanitary Authority of the State of Oregon

ATTEST:

Secretary

The Chairman then asked for a motion of adoption of this order.

It was MOVED by Mr. McPhillips, seconded by Mr. Harms, and carried that the order as read regarding houseboats, extending the compliance date in relation to ORS 449.140 and 449.150, be adopted.

The Chairman then asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to testify.

Mr. Alex Parks, Attorney for the Waterfront Owners and Operators Association, said that there are about 500 houseboat owners. He said most of these people will comply immediately with the provisions of the order, and that it would be unfair if those who do not comply are not prosecuted.

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The Chairman said the Authority would enlist the help of the city of Portland Bureau of Health and the county health departments to make inspections to ensure total compliance.

Dick Milestone asked about what protection there would be against pollution from commercial transports, foreign ships, cruisers and yachts.

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The Secretary stated the federal statutes require a report from the Federal Water Pollution Control Administration and that report is due to be presented to the Secretary of Interior by July 1, 1967. The report is to assess the problem and present proposals for providing adequate sewage collection and disposal for those vessels. He went on to say that the state law now provides that control of the use of marine toilets on pleasure craft is under the jurisdiction of the State Marine Board. This Board has the power to establish rules and regulations governing the use of such devices and these rules and regulations must meet the approval of the Sanitary Authority. The Sanitary Authority can ask, and will ask, the State Marine Board to provide adequate control over pleasure craft. The Secretary suggested the deadlines be the same as established for houseboat owners.

Mr. Earl Flamm asked about the Riverdale-Dunthorpe area which has been discharging raw sewage into the river; also the articles which have appeared in the paper from time to time that there are as high as 36 main city trunk lines dumping into the river.

The Secretary reported that the Riverdale-Dunthorpe area is incorporated as a county service district and sewers are now under construction by Multnomah County. When finished all of the homes in that area will be served by the system which will discharge into the interceptor which goes to the Tryon Creek sewage treatment plant owned and operated by the city of Portland. With regard to the City of Portland, all sewers will be intercepted by the end of 1968.

A member of the audience asked if the Sanitary Authority has under consideration a specific plan for sewage disposal for houseboats.

The Chairman referred her to the order which in effect extends the deadline from September 1, 1967 to January 1, 1968, and in return the houseboat owners are expected to install incinerator toilets. By January 1, 1971 suitable facilities are to be installed for disposal of the other wastes.

A question was also asked about the dikes along the Columbia and the Willamette which are a government project and cannot be disturbed.

The Chairman said that within the three-year extension of time granted by the order, it is hoped this problem can be solved.

Another member of the audience thanked the members of the Sanitary Authority for reconsideration of the problem and asked that someone comment on Mr. Weathersbee's statement that the problem could be solved for an investment of about \$1350 per houseboat.

The Secretary replied that Mr. Weathersbee was referring to a proposal contained in a report by the Federal Water Pollution Control Administration which will be released shortly. This proposal contemplates the installation of treatment devices presently available which would be a floating structure and would involve the installation of approved type plumbing in each houseboat. It would require the transport of the waste from each houseboat to a central treatment plant. The cost would be shared among all of the houseboat owners who use this type of installation. He said these units have been in production for a long time but haven't been specifically designed for use in water, and would have to have facilities for it to float as part of the moorage. It would have to be engineered.

Mr. Jack Nunn said he represents a firm that manufactures such equipment which will be on the market shortly. He stated that an engineering study has just been completed at Jantzen Beach for Mr. Buehl and that each unit will cost \$434.00, including a year's free maintenance.

Another member of the audience who said he is Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Waterfront Owners and Operators Association stated that Mr. Nunn had appeared before the Association at a Director's meeting a short time ago. He said Mr. Nunn spoke about one proto-type device at that meeting which had never been put into operation either in the water or on land in full use. He stated that the Association does not feel that this is something that can be used now until it has been proven satisfactory.

Mr. Wheeler stated that he was of the opinion the houseboat owners could follow the same principle as some of the land communities have by hiring an engineer to design the system and the system will be either approved or provisionally approved, as the case may be, when properly submitted to the Authority for approval.

Mr. Lawrence said that he appeared before the Sanitary Authority meeting on April 25 and asked for a year's extension and that this was not granted by the Sanitary Authority. He believes the reason it was not granted was due to the fact that Mr. Weathersbee failed to make an explanation that his information came from a federal report that he had on February 13 but did not show

it to the Waterfront Owners and Operators Association. He said the press printed the information, putting the Association in a very bad light as being very uncooperative. Mr. Lawrence felt this is untrue. He said the houseboat owners are willing to buy anything that will do the job.

There was then some discussion regarding the problem of financing sewerage facilities by the houseboat owners.

The suggestion was made that it might be possible under the Bancroft Bonding Act used for sewer improvements, with a few appropriate amendments to be financing extended to moorages.

The Chairman said this would be recommended to the next Legislature if the Association so wished.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth H. Spies

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