

MINUTES OF THE SIXTEENTH MEETING
OF THE
STATE SANITARY AUTHORITY

March 13, 1942

The meeting of the State Sanitary Authority was called to order by Chairman Harold F. Wendel, at 10:20 A.M., March 13, 1942, in the offices of the State Sanitary Authority, 412 Oregon Building, Portland.

Those present were Harold F. Wendel, Chairman, Dr. Frederick D. Stricker, and the messrs. Albert Burch, Elaine Hallock, John C. Veatch, Curtiss M. Everts, Jr., Secretary, and Kenneth H. Spies, Associate Sanitary Engineer.

MINUTES: Copies of the minutes of the previous meeting having been supplied to the members in advance, MOTION: it was moved by Mr. Veatch, seconded by Mr. Hallock, and unanimously carried that the Authority dispense with the reading of the minutes of the December 12 meeting, and that the minutes stand approved as prepared by the secretary.

PREVIOUS BUSINESS: The chairman then advised the members of the Authority that two directives of the previous meeting had not yet been complied with. Because of the increased work due to the emergency, the letters which were to be forwarded to municipalities recommending a tax levy or a sewerage service charge to accumulate funds to be later used for sewage treatment plant construction were not completed.

Further, the rules and regulations governing the submission of engineering plans to the Authority for review and approval had been completed in rough draft but were not yet ready for submission to Mr. Burch and Mr. Stricklin for review.

The secretary reported that the letters to municipalities could

be taken care of in the immediate future and that in the meantime, an article in the State Board of Health Weekly Bulletin had been responsible for editorials in daily and weekly newspapers throughout the state, advocating the 5 mill tax levy or a sewerage service charge. It was also reported by the secretary that the rules and regulations would be submitted to Mr. Burch and Mr. Stricklin for review as soon as possible and that they would be presented for adoption at the next regular meeting of the Authority.

ACTIVITIES REPORT: The secretary reviewed the contents of the Activities Report for the months of December, 1941, January and February, 1942. During the discussion of activities, the order of the State Sanitary Authority dated September 29, 1941, and relating to sewage treatment for those cities located in the Willamette Valley above the Army Cantonment water supply intake was discussed, and from this discussion it was apparent that the installation of sewage treatment facilities in Corvallis, Eugene, Harrisburg, Springfield and Cottage Grove were of urgent necessity, in order to protect the water supply for the Army Cantonment.

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Burch, seconded by Mr. Hallock and unanimously carried that the Secretary be directed to forward to the mayor and city council in each of the cities involved, a letter in which their attention was called to the fact that contracts for the cantonment had been let and that the Sanitary Authority would like a report as to what extent they have complied with the order dated September 29, 1941, and further that if in the judgment of the chairman, the replies from the cities to whom letters were sent were unsatisfactory, then the chairman would have authority to call a special meeting and issue a citation to the city to appear before the Sanitary Authority and show cause why the nuisance or public health hazard resulting from the disposal of city sewage should not be abated.

PENDLETON SEWAGE TREATMENT: In view of the fact that the State Sanitary Authority had previously ordered the city of Pendleton under date of March 19, 1941, to proceed with the construction of additional sewage treatment facilities and because the city had not proceeded to carry out the order of the Sanitary Authority, and further, since defense activities in the vicinity of Pendleton have greatly overloaded existing sewage treatment facilities, MOTION: it was moved by Mr. Hallock, seconded by Mr. Veatch and unanimously carried that the Sanitary Authority promulgate and issue an order in the name of the state of Oregon on the relation of the State Sanitary Authority, directed and addressed to the city of Pendleton, its mayor and city commissioners, requiring them to appear before the State Sanitary Authority at 10 A.M. on April 24, 1942, to show cause why the nuisance resulting from the disposal of city sewage shall not be abated.

PROJECT PLANS: Mr. Burch moved, Mr. Veatch seconded, and it was unanimously carried that the following project plans, which the State Sanitary Engineer had approved for the months of December, 1941, January and February, 1942, be approved by the State Sanitary Authority:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Type of Project</u>
1941		
Dec. 16	Klemath Falls	Storm sewers
1942		
Jan. 12	Electrometallurgical Co., Portland	Sanitary sewers and sewage disposal
24	Hermiston	General plan, sewers and sewage treatment
27	Tongue Point Naval Housing Project	(Provisional approval) Sewage Disposal
Feb. 10	Medford	Gen. plan, sewage treatment plant extensions

Feb. 19	Eagle Point	Gen. Plan, sewers and sewage treatment plant
19	Central Point	Sewers and sewage treatment plant

PERMITS: The secretary discussed policy and procedure in the issuance of temporary permits for the disposal of untreated sewage into the waters of the state. Discussion on the matter was requested in order that some definite procedure might be outlined which would permit the secretary to act within a reasonable length of time to expedite certain defense housing projects, etc. All the members present were in agreement that the secretary should have authority to issue Class C permits since such permits were governed by regulation, were issued for a period of three years and might be revoked at any time by the Authority for just cause.

LABORATORY: The secretary requested authority to make plans for the establishment of a central Sanitary Authority laboratory. It was pointed out that in the present biennial appropriation, monies were budgeted for such a purpose, and that at the conclusion of the Columbia River Pollution Investigations, a certain amount of laboratory equipment would revert to the Sanitary Authority. It was added that the need for laboratory facilities at times was acute and that if any research work was to be undertaken concerning the treatment or disposal of flax retting wastes, that laboratory facilities would be required. The secretary was authorized to make estimates as to the cost of establishing a laboratory in order that expenditures for fixtures, equipment, etc., could be budgeted accordingly.

BIENNIAL BUDGET, 1943-45. In a discussion of the budget for the next biennium which must be approved by the legislature which meets in January of 1943, it was agreed that a mobile field laboratory should

be included and that the personnel requested should include a part-time chief engineer, one associate engineer, two assistant engineers and one secretary.

BIENNIAL REPORT: Members of the Authority were requested by the secretary to comment on the manner in which the last biennial report was prepared. It was generally decided that a report separate from that of the State Board of Health should be prepared, and a complete summary of accomplishments should be included in the report for presentation to the legislature.

PORTLAND PROJECT: The chairman pointed out that the city council in Portland had not discontinued the sewer service charge and mentioned that at the December 12 meeting of the Sanitary Authority, it was the opinion of those present that no effort should be made to ask the city council to increase the charge over its present level. Since it was not considered advisable to request an increase in the sewer service charge in Portland at this time, no further action on this matter was taken.

PERSONNEL: The chairman had previously announced to those present at the meeting that the secretary and chief engineer, Mr. Everts, had been called to active duty with the U. S. Army and that unless deferment could be obtained, it would be necessary for him to report on March 21. The matter of a successor was discussed; MOTION: it was moved by Mr. Burch, seconded by Dr. Stricker and unanimously carried, that Mr. Spies should act as Mr. Everts' successor.

In the discussion of personnel changes which followed, it was suggested by the secretary and approved, that Mr. Rice, who is now employed in the water supply sanitation section of the Division of Sanitary Engineering, State Board of Health, be transferred to the Sanitary Authority as assistant engineer.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:30 PM to reconvene on Friday, April 24, at 10 A.M. at a special meeting at which time the city of Pendleton will appear to show cause why the nuisance resulting from the disposal of city sewage shall not be abated.

It was further decided that the next regular meeting of the State Sanitary Authority would be held in Portland, Oregon, on Friday, June 12, at 10 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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