

MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-SECOND MEETING

OF THE

STATE SANITARY AUTHORITY

December 16, 1943

The regular meeting of the Oregon State Sanitary Authority was called to order at 10:20 A. M., on December 16, 1943 in the Library Room, 816 Oregon Building, Portland, Oregon. Those present were Harold F. Wendel, Chairman; Dr. Frederick D. Stricker; Messrs. John C. Veatch, Blaine Hallock, Charles E. Stricklin, and B. A. McPhillips, members (Mr. B. A. McPhillips having been appointed to fill out the unexpired term of the late Albert Burch); Kenneth H. Spies, secretary; and Messrs. Charles Ohling, W. J. Smith and Marshall N. Dana.

MINUTES: The minutes of the September 17, 1943 meeting were read by the secretary and were approved after the addition was made to paragraph (6), page (3) of the following statement: "and a resolution by the Central Labor Council was unanimously adopted".

ACTIVITIES REPORT: The Activities Report for the period July 1, 1943 to November 30, 1943 was submitted by the secretary. The fact that the Federal Public Housing Authority was not compelled, by Act of Congress, to submit plans and specifications to state authorities for approval was discussed. The validity of such an Act, setting aside state laws, other than for purposes of the war emergency was doubted by Mr. Hallock and Mr. Veatch.

Consideration was given to the postwar planning programs being undertaken by the municipalities of the state. Although some of the larger cities have already devised methods of financing such programs, it was doubted if many of the smaller communities had made much progress in this regard. Because of the primary importance of the financing, it

was thought advisable to request the assistance of the State Committee on Postwar Readjustment and Development to supplement the present activities of the League of Oregon Cities and the Sanitary Authority in acquainting city officials with the methods of finance available to them. The following motion was made by Mr. Veatch, seconded and unanimously carried. MOTION: That the State Sanitary Authority request the Governor's Committee on postwar planning to work with municipalities of the state for the purpose of devising financial plans by which construction on sewerage disposal systems can be started as soon as men and material are available for that purpose. Nearly all of the municipalities in the state of Oregon which have inadequate facilities, contemplate the construction of sewage disposal systems but a very small percentage have any financial program by which this construction could be started immediately after the war, although the Sanitary Authority has repeatedly requested the adoption of a financial program which would enable municipalities to begin immediate construction of such facilities. The plans so far adopted for financing would not enable construction to begin as soon as men and material are available, but if adequate financial plans were adopted by the municipalities it would provide immediate postwar employment for a large number of men.

PROJECT PLANS: The following project plans reviewed during the period of July 1, 1943 to November 30, 1943, by the secretary were given the formal approval of the State Sanitary Authority:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Type of Project</u>
8/17/43	Sutherlin	Sewerage for war housing
10/23/43	Huntington	Sewerage for war housing
11/2/43	Grand Ronde	Sewerage for war housing
11/2/43	Myrtle Creek	Sewerage for war housing
11/2/43	Roseburg	Sewerage for war housing

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Type of Project</u>
11/12/43	East Vanport	Sewers and Class C Permit
11/12/43	Fessenden;Portland	Sewers for war housing
11/22/43	Molalla	Sewerage for war housing
11/22/43	Klamath Falls	Sewerage for Naval Air Station

PERSONNEL: It was moved by Dr. Stricker and unanimously carried that an appropriate resolution be drafted by the secretary expressing to the members of the immediate family the sympathy of the Sanitary Authority regarding the death of Mr. Albert Burch.

The secretary reported that \$150.00 had been refunded by Wm. F. Selleck and Company to the State Treasurer and that the remaining \$100.00 would be refunded as soon as possible.

It was moved by Mr. Hallock, seconded by Mr. Stricklin, and carried, that at this time Mr. Ohling be paid \$250.00 on account, for services rendered.

PORTLAND SEWERAGE: Consideration was given to the problem of securing action on the part of the city council to do the utmost under present conditions toward compliance with the state law; namely, to prepare detailed construction drawings, cost estimates and specifications, and to accumulate an adequate sinking fund.

From the general discussion which followed and which was participated in by Mr. Marshall Dana of the Oregon Daily Journal, Mr. W. J. Smith of the Wildlife Federation, Mr. Charles Ohling, Public Relations Counsel, and the members of the Authority, it appeared that the city council still refuses to act in the matter of increasing the sewer service charges. It was thereupon moved by Mr. Hallock, seconded by Mr. Wendel, and unanimously carried that an opinion be secured from the Attorney General as to the validity of an order to be issued by the Sanitary Authority requiring the city of Portland to provide appropriate finances by increasing the

service charges to an amount not to exceed the legal maximum authorized by the voters, and to prepare detailed engineering plans and specifications for the construction of a sewage disposal system; and that if in the opinion of the Attorney General such an order would be valid, the Authority cause the same to be promptly issued.

Mr. Veatch and Mr. Hallock were directed to prepare for the Authority such a request to be communicated to the Attorney General.

Mr. Stricklin mentioned that Mr. Rex Kimmell of the Attorney General's office had, upon the request of the Sanitary Authority, started work drafting a form of ordinance which could be adopted by the city council for the purpose of increasing the sewer user charges.

Mr. Ohling submitted copies of a form of petition to be circulated among the Portland residents and he was directed to proceed with the matter of securing an expression of public opinion by securing signatures to the petition and to work in that connection with Mr. Smith.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:45 P.M. The date of the next regular meeting was scheduled for March 17, 1944.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary.