

MINUTES OF THE TWENTIETH MEETING

OF THE

STATE SANITARY AUTHORITY

June 18, 1943

The regular business meeting of the State Sanitary Authority, previously scheduled for June 4, was postponed until June 18, 1943, and was called to order on that date by Chairman Harold F. Wendel at 10:15 A.M., in the Library Room of the State Board of Health, Portland, Oregon. Those present were; Harold F. Wendel, Chairman, Dr. Frederick D. Stricker, and Messrs. John C. Veatch and Charles E. Stricklin, members, and Kenneth H. Spies, secretary.

MINUTES: Copies of the minutes of the March 12, 1943, meeting has been submitted to the members in advance, and the correction suggested in Mr. Stricklin's letter to the members and secretary had been subsequently made. The reading of the minutes was dispensed with, and they were approved as prepared and corrected by the secretary.

ACTIVITIES REPORT: The secretary reported briefly on the progress made during the months of March, April and May relative to the construction of sewage disposal facilities for both civilian and military personnel. These activities are also discussed in the written report for the quarter ending June 30, 1943.

It was reported that a sanitary district for the Ferncrest Addition in Multnomah County was being organized so that a sewerage system for approximately 100 persons could be provided. This, apparently, is the first district organized in the State of Oregon for such a purpose.

Sewage disposal data and preliminary sketches had been submitted by the secretary to the officials of Agate School, Jackson County, and of

Willowcreek School, Malheur County, to assist them in designing necessary sanitary facilities.

The sewage disposal facilities for the following war industry housing projects were either under construction or already completed:

- (a) Wood Village and Victory Homes, Multnomah County, serving 1500 persons.
- (b) Six Portland Public Housing Authority projects, Portland.
- (c) 5000-men barracks at Swan Island and Oregon Shipyards.
- (d) Ordnance, Umatilla County, serving 1500 persons.
- (e) F. P. H. A. Trailer Camp at Tillamook (150 trailers).
- (f) F. P. H. A. Trailer Camp at Astoria (150 trailers).
- (g) F. P. H. A. Apartment House project, Clatsop County (240 units).

Sewerage facilities had been approved for two war industries; namely. Oregon Electric Steel Rolling Mills and the Portland Tug and Barge Company, both of which are located in Portland.

Regarding the military establishments, it was reported that primary treatment by Imhoff tanks was being provided for the sewage from the U. S. Naval Air Station near Astoria, Clatsop County, but that no sewage treatment was intended at the Tillamook Naval Air Station, Tillamook County.

Inspections of waste disposal facilities had been made at the flour mill of the Preston Shaffer Milling Company, Athena; at the flax retting plant of the Molalla Flax Growers' Cooperative; and at the cherry packing plants of Hudson-Duncan Company, Dundee; and the Allen Fruit Company, Newberg. Reports had been sent to these companies recommending improvements and additions.

As instructed at the last regular meeting, the secretary sent letters to the industries which have serious trade waste disposal problems, asking them for a report of any progress which had been made and reminding

them of their responsibilities in solving such problems. Letters were sent to six pulp and paper companies and to one textile industry. At the time of the meeting, no replies had been received from the industries.

TILLAMOOK NAVAL AIR STATION (L.T.A.): Although detailed plans and specifications had been prepared and approved for sewage treatment facilities at this base, both Naval and U. S. Public Health Service officials had notified the Sanitary Authority that they were of the opinion that construction of such facilities should be postponed until after the present war emergency. A discussion of this subject by the members disclosed that the main reason for installing sewage treatment now would be to protect recreational uses of the Trask River.

The following resolution was then proposed and adopted: It is the understanding of the Sanitary Authority, that, because the actual population load will be less than one-half that originally estimated; because the need for treatment works at the present time is justified only on the basis of protecting the recreational uses; and because of the extreme shortage of labor, equipment and critical materials, the sewage from the Tillamook Naval Air Station (L.T.A.) is to be discharged raw and untreated into the Trask River during the present emergencies, and that if this project is maintained after these emergencies cease to exist, the Sanitary Authority will expect and insist upon the erection and maintenance of an adequate disposal plant. Copies of this resolution were to be sent to the Staff Headquarters of the 13th Naval District, the U. S. Public Health Service, and to the Officer in Charge of Construction at the Tillamook Station.

PROJECT PLANS: The following project plans reviewed during March, April and May 1943, were approved by the Sanitary Authority:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Type of Project</u>
3/11/43	Tillamook Naval Air Station	Sewage Treatment
3/18/43	Agate School, Jackson County	Sewage Treatment
3/19/43	Swan Island Barracks, Group #2	Sewers
3/19/43	Oregon Shipbuilding Corp. Barracks	Sewers
3/19/43	Ordnance	Sewage Disposal
5/10/43	Oregon Steel Rolling Mills, Portland	Sewers
5/10/43	Pendleton	Sewer Extensions
5/12/43	Portland Public Housing Authority Project No. Ore. 35059	Sewers
	Ore. 35091	Sewers
	Ore. 35096	Sewers
	Ore. 35097	Sewers
	Ore. 35098	Sewers
	Ore. 35099	Sewers
5/12/43	Portland Tug and Barge Company	Class C. Permit

PUBLICATIONS: As instructed at the last meeting of the Authority, the secretary investigated the various methods available for printing the "Columbia River Pollution Survey Report". The bid of \$696.00 for printing 2000 copies was submitted by the State Printer. This method of reproduction was considered more satisfactory than the others, and because it was as economical, the bid of the State Printer was accepted. The report should be available for distribution by September 1, 1943.

ANNUAL BUDGET: The following budget for the fiscal year July 1, 1943, to June 30, 1944, was submitted by the secretary and approved by the members:

<u>Salaries and Wages</u>	
State Sanitary Engineer and Secretary	\$1500.00
Stenographer	1380.00
Per diem (S.A. Members)	180.00

General, Operating & Maintenance

Travel, State Sanitary Engineer	\$350.00
Travel, S. A. members	250.00
Office rent	540.00
Miscellaneous	608.00
Capital Outlay	<u>100.00</u>

Total Budget \$4,908.00

PORTLAND EDUCATIONAL CAMPAIGN: Mr. Wendel reviewed briefly the plans for this campaign which had been worked up with Wm. F. Selleck, Public Relations Counsel, retained by the Authority for this campaign. It had originally been scheduled for the month of March but was later postponed until the middle of April so as not to coincide with state and federal income tax collection dates. At the suggestion of Mr. Selleck, it was postponed again because of the possibility of the city having to increase the water rates. This increase in water rates was later found to be unnecessary, and Mr. Selleck was instructed to proceed immediately with the campaign. Finally, on June 15, Mr. Selleck informed Mr. Wendel that because of personal and other business matters, he would be unable to complete his contract with the Sanitary Authority and asked that his resignation be accepted.

It was agreed by the members that another public relations counsel should be retained, if at all possible, to carry on this work. It was moved and carried that any financial settlement made with Mr. Selleck be based entirely on the value of work performed by him which could be used by his successor in carrying on the program.

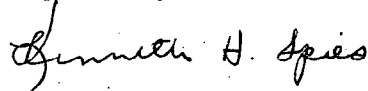
Because it would be impossible to complete this campaign before July 1, 1943, it was deemed advisable to make sure that the money set aside for this purpose from the 1941-1943 appropriation could still be used.

Mr. Young of the Secretary of State's Office was contacted by telephone, and it was his opinion that such money would still be available if a new contract were drawn up prior to July 1, 1943.

The secretary and chairman were instructed to obtain a written opinion regarding this and, if such funds were allowed, to retain a new public relations counsel and to proceed with the educational campaign as rapidly as possible.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon. The next regular meeting of the Sanitary Authority is scheduled to be held in Portland, Oregon, on Friday, September 17, 1943, at 10:00 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,



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Acting State Sanitary Engineer
and Secretary