

SECOND MEETING
of the
OREGON AIR POLLUTION AUTHORITY

October 26, 1951

The second meeting of the Oregon State Air Pollution Authority was called to order by the chairman at 2:00 P.M. Friday, October 26, 1951, in the offices of the Oregon State Board of Health at 1022 S.W. 11th Avenue, Portland, Oregon. Those present were Carl E. Green, Chairman; Merle S. West, Oren L. King, and Dr. Harold M. Erickson, Members; and Curtiss M. Everts, Jr., Secretary.

MINUTES: The secretary read the minutes of the first meeting of the Air Pollution Authority. MOTION by Dr. Erickson, seconded by Mr. King and carried, that the minutes be approved as read.

PERSONNEL: The secretary reported that as yet no person having the necessary required qualifications had been employed.

Secretary also reported on the visit of Mr. Henry Doyle, Senior Sanitary Engineer, U.S. Public Health Service at Salt Lake City, at which time Mr. Doyle indicated the Public Health Service had an engineer whom they might assign to the state for a period of two years. The secretary said he would talk further with Mr. Doyle and Dr. Seward E. Miller, Medical Director and Chief of Division of Occupational Health, PHS, in San Francisco during week of October 29. He also advised the members of the Board that the PHS wanted to know if the Authority would pay up to \$6,000 per year salary for such a person for the two year period.

After some discussion about the possibility of recruiting an engineer to head the Air Pollution Control program during the APHA annual meeting in San Francisco, MOTION was made by Mr. King, seconded by Mr. West, and carried that the expenses of Mr. Everts' trip to San Francisco for the purpose of interviewing possible applicants be paid by the Authority.

Mr. Everts while in California was going to contact Mr. Robinson, who is a meteorologist, and who made application for the position.

Mr. Everts advised the members of the Authority he did not anticipate too much trouble in recruiting junior assistants for this work.

COMPLAINTS:

Macleay Garbage Disposal Organization (Marion County Garbage Dump):**

The secretary read a complaint dated August 3, 1951, made by the Macleay Garbage Disposal Organization against the Marion County Garbage Dump, which was signed by twenty-three persons, alleging that the maintenance of this dump created conditions of air pollution which were injurious to human, plant, and animal life.

After some discussion of this complaint, it was the opinion of the members that these complainants should be advised that garbage disposal is primarily a health problem, and the matter should again be referred to the local health department; and that they be notified that the Air Pollution Authority was not set up to handle air pollution problems at this time.

M & S Cannery, Milwaukie: The secretary also brought to the Authority's attention a complaint alleging air pollution by the M & S Cannery at Milwaukie, Oregon. The attorney representing the plaintiffs had conferred with the secretary relative to a hearing before the Authority. Mr. Everts reported that he had explained to the attorney that such a hearing should be discouraged until the Authority was properly staffed and prepared to handle such matters.

Pennsylvania Salt & McCormich & Baxter Creosoting Company, Portland:

The Secretary reported that Mr. Wiggins of the Portland Bureau of Health had brought to the attention of the Authority the matter of complaints against the Pennsylvania Salt and other companies alleging that noxious and toxic odors

and vapors which were being discharged into the air were affecting the health of the residents of that district. The secretary advised the members of the Authority that the City Nuisance Division had been advised that the Authority planned to undertake survey in the area and would want to consult with them further regarding this matter.

Western Door & Plywood Company, Milwaukie: The secretary read a complaint against smoke from the Western Door & Plywood Company. He reported that attorney for these complainants was advised that the Authority was not ready to handle complaints at this time, but an investigation would be made as soon as staff was available.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Mr. King advised the members of the Authority that he had been authorized by the City Council of Eugene to go ahead and draw up a model ordinance for air pollution abatement. He now has a committee working on this matter.

Space in new office building: Secretary reported that he had contacted the Secretary of State and now has space reserved in the new State Office Building for the Air Pollution Authority on the 7th floor, and that arrangements have been made for laboratory work to be performed in the Industrial Hygiene Laboratory.

Re expense accounts for members of the APA: The secretary called attention to the fact that he has never received any claims for expense accounts for the August 24 meeting. The members were advised of procedure for placing such accounts.

Date of next meeting: Next meeting date was set for Friday, December 21, at 2:00 P.M., in the New State Office Building.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
CURTISS M. EVERTS, JR.,
Secretary