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GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

FEBRUARY 14, 1975

MEMBERS PRESENT:

CHAIRMAN DINI
ASSEMBLYMAN CRADDOCK
ASSEMBLYMAN HARMON
ASSEMBLYMAN MAY
ASSEMBLYMAN MOODY
ASSEMBLYMAN SCHOFIELD
ASSEMBLYMAN FORD
ASSEMBLYMAN YOUNG

MEMBERS ABSENT:

ASSEMBLYMAN MURPHY

ALSO PRESENT:

John Meder, Division of State Lands
Norman Hall, Department of Conservation
and Natural Resources
Elmo Del Ricco, Department of Conservation
and Natural Resources

Mr. Dini called the meeting to order at 8:05 A.M.

The first bill on the agenda was A.B. 173, which makes changes in the fee schedule of state land register. Mr. John Meder of the Division of State Lands testified with regard to the bill and stated that the bill is a revision of the fee schedules that are charged by the Division. (A copy of Mr. Meder's testimony is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes).

Mr. Dini asked if the money received in fees was paid into the revenue fund of the state. Mr. Meder stated that it goes into the school fund. He further stated that the total revenue is less than \$1,000 on this. He further stated that with the new fee schedule that the fund would be increased substantial, but that it would still be less than \$1,000.

Mr. Dini asked if there were any questions.

Mr. Schofield questioned the change on line 4. He stated that the fee was changed from \$1.00 to \$5.50 and asked Mr. Meder why there was such a substantial increase.

Mr. Meder stated that this is what the Secretary of State charges. He further stated that there is not too much activity in this particular item. He stated that there are only a few contracts that are renewed.

Mr. Dini then asked if there were any further questions. The committee then proceeded to review A.B. 174 which changes certain duties of state land register. Mr. Meder testified with regard to this bill and a copy of his testimony is attached to these minutes and made a part hereof.

Mr. Dini asked the committee if there were any questions.

Mr. Young asked what the County Assessors had to do with the Bureau of Land Management. Mr. Meder replied that they update the township maps. He further stated that they update the maps and then the state would have to send them to the counties and that this was primarily on public lands.

Mr. Dini then asked if there were any further questions.

The committee then proceeded to discuss A.B. 175 which makes executive head of division of state lands an administrator and corrects designation of state land registrar. Mr. Elmo DeRicco of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources testified with regard to this bill and a copy of his testimony is attached to these minutes and made a part hereof.

Mr. Dini asked the committee if there were any questions and then asked if this was in effect now and what was being done right now.

Mr. DeRicco replied yes.

Mr. Young questioned the chain of command of the division and was informed by Mr. Meder that the director of the department is officially the state land register. Mr. Young asked Mr. DeRicco if he would become the state land registrar. Mr. DeRicco answered that he would be the State Director.

Mrs. Ford asked Mr. Meder if he would retain the title of state land use register and the name of the division was Division of State Lands.

Mr. Meder answered yes, and stated that the land use planning agency was created in the Division of State Lands.

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Mr. May asked about the fee schedule and asked if the fee schedule should be handled separately.

Mr. Meder stated that it should be handled separately.

Mr. May stated that basically all they were doing was to change the word register to registrar. Mr. Meder stated that that was correct. Mr. May then asked if there were any specific changes with regard to the duties? Mr. DeRicco stated that he felt that the law with regard to the State Land Office needed some review in light of the land planning legislation. He recommended looking at it from what legislation may be generated. He stated that if only one person had authority to dispose of land it would be a poor set up.

Mrs. Ford asked Mr. DeRicco if he would go to the Ways and Means Committee to testify. Mr. DeRicco said that he would.

Mr. Dini questioned N.R.S. 321.670 and Mrs. Ford stated that that was the definition of director, meaning the definition of director rather than state lands.

Mrs. Ford asked if we were going to have land use planning legislation.

Mr. Meder stated that they were not planning to come in with any specific legislation. He stated that they did not feel that they needed it at this time. He stated that federally there may be some changes. He stated that they could live with their program rather than change it now.

Mr. DeRicco stated that another aspect was the fact that they had a report. He stated that if the legislature wants to take action on some of the recommendations in the report that it may and if they wanted to go beyond the report, that that was their privilege. He further stated that it was a minimal program.

Mr. Dini asked what their plan was for the next two years.

Mr. Meder stated that basically they would have the same number of people, that comprise their personnel now. As a result of the public hearings, Mrs. Meder stated that they have found there are four areas:

1. It is necessary to develop some type of statewide program;

2. There was a lot of interest in providing assistance to the local jurisdictions.

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3. To coordinate activities and that this coordination would be done primarily at the federal government level.

4. One of the things with regard to this fourth one was that workshops would be set up to work with local planning offices. They would basically be training sessions.

He further stated that this was a low profile program.

Mrs. Ford questioned whether it was the governor's intent to appoint the committee.

Mr. Meder stated that as of now he thought that they are trying to contact members of the committee.

Mrs. Ford asked if there was money in the budget.

Mr. Meder answered no. He stated that it would be comprised of local officials and planning commissioners.

Mr. Dini asked the committee if they had any further questions.

Mr. Schofield asked if there was a statute that controlled the Nevada State Land Register.

Mr. DeRicco stated that it would be called the clear list.

Mr. Norman Hall of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources stated that it is just an accounting book.

Mr. DeRicco stated that the government control is the moritorium.

Mr. Schofield wanted to know if there was anything in the statutes that directs Mr. DeRicco to keep this book.

Mr. Meder stated that in chapters 321 through 328 they deal with state lands. He stated that it was not a register, but a record of the documents. He further stated that there is an accountability section.

Mr. Dini questioned Mr. DeRicco if the moritorium was on page 2, line 26.

Mr. DeRicco stated that that was correct. He stated that it was part of the bill that created the state bill of land laws. He further stated that it then got transferred to the NRS.

Mr. Dini asked if there were any further questions.

Mr. Young stated that he found no Section 328.

Mr. Meder stated that it could have been revised.

Mr. Dini asked if there were any further questions.

The testimony was then concluded.

Mr. Dini asked the committee if there was any discussion with regard to A.B. 173. Mr. Moody made a "do pass" motion which was seconded by Mr. Schofield. Mr. Dini asked the committee if they were all in favor. The motion was unanimously carried by the committee. Mrs. Ford was not present at the vote, nor was Mr. Murphy.

Mr. Dini then proceeded to A.B. 174. Mr. Schofield made a "do pass" motion, which was seconded by Mr. Moody. All of the committee members were in favor of the motion, with the exception of Mrs. Ford who was not present at the time of the vote and Mr. Murphy who was not present at the meeting.

Mr. Dini questioned the committee as to whether or not on A.B. 175 they wanted to move it now or if they wanted to wait.

Mr. Schofield stated that he would like to wait as there was some research he would like to do.

Mr. Dini stated that the committee would hold A.B. 175 and would take action on it the first of next week. Mr. Dini then stated that A.B. 173 and A.B. 174 should be held by the committee until the committee discussed A.B. 175 at the beginning of next week.

Mr. Dini then asked if there was any further business.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting adjourned at 8:35 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Gomez,
Committee Secretary.

ASSEMBLY

AGENDA FOR COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

Friday,

Date February 14, 1975 Time 8:00 A.M. Room 214

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Bills or Resolutions to be considered	Subject	Counsel requested*
A.B. 173	Makes changes in fee schedule of state land register.	
A.B. 174	Changes certain duties of state land register.	
A.B. 175	Makes executive head of division of state lands an administrator and corrects designation of state land registrar.	

8:00 A.M.

*Please do not ask for counsel unless necessary.



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STATE OF NEVADA
DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Division of State Lands

CARSON CITY, NEVADA 89701

February 12, 1975

Honorable Joseph Dini, Chairman
Assembly Committee on Government Affairs
Nevada State Legislature
Carson City, NV 89701

RE: AB 173 - Makes Changes in Fee Schedules of State Land Register

Dear Mr. Dini:

AB 173, amending NRS 321.065, was requested by the Division of State Lands to change the fee schedule to reflect current costs and procedures. The current fee schedule was established in 1957 and includes items no longer available. For example, line 13, page 1, refers to tracings of township plats. With the use of modern copying equipment tracings are no longer being made or requested.

The proposed fee schedule indicates current practices including fees for microfilm copies of township plats by the roll or single frames. Since the microfilm records are now available, they should be made available to persons or businesses who desire them.

It has been estimated the total revenue produced by the revised fee schedule will be less than \$1000, which is placed in the Permanent School Fund.

The fee schedule change is desirable and is consistent with the charges made by local governments. If you desire additional information or testimony before your Committee, please advise us of the time and date.

Sincerely,

John L. Meder
Administrator

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cc: Mr. Elmo J. DeRicco, Director
Department of Conservation and Natural Resources



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STATE OF NEVADA
DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES

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Division of State Lands

CARSON CITY, NEVADA 89701

February 12, 1975

Assemblyman Joseph Dini, Chairman
Assembly Committee on Government Affairs
Nevada State Legislature
Carson City, NV 89701

RE: AB 174 - Change Certain Duties of State Land Register

Dear Mr. Dini:

AB 174, amending NRS 321.050 was requested by the Division of State Lands to update the duties of the State Land Register to reflect current needs and practices and to change the filing date from November 1, to August 1, when land activity reports must be sent to County Assessors.

NRS 321.050.1, requires the State Land Register to provide the County Assessors copies of township plats of public (BLM) surveys. In practice the federal agencies send the revised township maps directly to the County Assessors. It was probably desirable to have the State Land Register send the township plats to the counties in 1889 when this section of the statutes was last amended. However, this provision is no longer necessary and should be removed from the statutes.

Changing the filing date when land activity reports are to be sent to the County Assessors from November 1, to August 1, reflects actual practices and Assessors needs. Most Assessors close their tax lists before November 1, so it is necessary for the State report to be sent before that date.

The two changes are administrative to reflect the current needs of the State Land Office. If you desire additional information or testimony before your Committee, please advise us of the time and date.

Sincerely,

John L. Meder
Administrator

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cc: Mr. Elmo J. DeRicco, Director
Department of Conservation and Natural Resources

ELMO J. DERICCO, Director
NORMAN S. HALL, Assistant Director

MIKE O'CALLAGHAN
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STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation and Natural Resources

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR
CARSON CITY, NEVADA 89701

February 13, 1975

MEMORANDUM

TO: Government Affairs Committee

FROM: Elmo J. DeRicco

SUBJECT: A.B. 175

After approval of the State Land Use Planning Program at the last session of the Legislature, a Division of Lands was created under the provisions of NRS 232.070.

The State Land Office and the State Land Planning Program were combined into a Division, with the Administrator of the Land Use Planning Program as its head. A.B. 175 provides for establishing this Division under law, as all other Divisions in my Department have been established.

This bill provides that the Administrator of the Division of Lands shall be the ex officio State Land Registrar instead of the Director of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, and corrects terminology from State Land Register to State Land Registrar.

I will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

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