SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting February 11, 1965

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. February 11, 1965, by Chairman Sanborn. All members of the Committee were present.

Mr. Lynn Burris, of the STATE PARK AND RESOURCES AUTHORITY, appeared before the Committee with reference to the agency's budget requests for fiscal year 1966. The following comments were made:

- 1. The Authority is in accord with the Governor's budget recommendations.
- 2. There is recommended the formation of a council for the purpose of establishing a State plan of recreational facilities. In establishing such a council, the State could accept and distribute certain federal funds which cannot now be done.
- 3. Briefly outlined a \$40,000 request which will allow a feasibility report as to administration of a revenue bond program. The Authority has suggested a bill for legislative approval which would allow the five-member Board to pledge funds received from the user permit sales for a revenue bond program.
- 4. During 1964, 16,000 \$1.00 3-day and about 6,000 \$5.00 annual user permits were sold.
- 5. Federal legislation is being considered to require a federal use permit on federally operated recreational areas, some of which are located in Kansas. It would be in addition to the State's permit fees.
- 6. The administration costs of the \$1.00 3-day permit program are high in comparison to the \$5.00 annual permit sale. Mr. Burris stated that as director of the agency he prefers not to have the \$1.00 permit, and recommends that it be eliminated.
- 7. Senator Van Sickle questioned Mr. Burris about the Authority's position of administering the sale of permits, more particularly the sale of the \$1.00 duplicate permits for additional vehicles operated by the same individual. Mr. Burris stated that the Attorney General ruled that the sale was legal, and he is in accord with the ruling. Senator Van Sickle pointed out that he is not in agreement with this ruling and believes that it is not possible under the law to sell a duplicate permit for use on another vehicle than the one for which the first permit is purchased.
- 8. Senator Van Sickle also questioned Mr. Burris if any facilities operated by the Authority were used to house superintendents of the Parks. Mr. Burris stated that a cabin is rented for the residence of the park manager at the Kanopolis facility; there are park residences at the Crawford County area, one at Meade (rented from the Fish and Game Commission); and at Pamona, a part of the building erected for the water treatment plant is used for a shop and maintenance area and the park manager's residence. He stated that these residences were not specific items in the budget.

- 9. The Toronto work camp is approximately 60 percent complete. Mr. Burris pointed out that \$7,318 of fiscal year 1965 funds allocated to the project will lapse. The Governor has recommended inclusion of that amount for fiscal year 1966; however, the Authority requests that that amount be reappropriated as a supplemental fiscal year 1965 appropriation so that the funds may be used this spring.
- 10. He pointed out that a convention of National Campers and Hikers will be held at Kanopolis during 1966. Senator Van Sickle suggested consideration of using mobile camps for trash collection during that convention rather than contracting with a private firm.

Senator Smith then discussed in detail a bill which included an additional appropriation of \$80,000 to Washburn Municipal University of Topeka, or a total of about \$303,000 to the University. Senator Smith moved that a Committee bill be introduced to make such appropriation; Senator Bowers seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. (A copy of the bill is attached to and made part of these minutes.)

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

THEO. A. SANBORN, Chairman