

10. (SALE OF VACANT SCHOOL LAND, APPLICATION NO. 10621, LOS ANGELES LAND DISTRICT, RIVERSIDE COUNTY, A. RONALD BUTTON - S.W.O. 5663.) An offer has been received from A. Ronald Button of Hollywood, California, to purchase the $W\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 16, and $N\frac{1}{2}$, $N\frac{1}{2}$ of $SW\frac{1}{4}$ and $N\frac{1}{2}$ of $SE\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 36, T. 4 S., R. 7 E., S.B.M., containing 800 acres in Riverside County. Mr. Button made an offer of \$1,600, or \$2 per acre.

The Assessor of Riverside County has assessed land in the vicinity at \$2.50 per acre, thus indicating its appraised value to be \$5 per acre. The subject land is poorer in quality than other land in the vicinity.

An inspection and appraisal by a member of the Commission's Staff on November 19, 1953, sets the minimum value of the subject land at \$2 per acre.

The $W\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 16 is situated in a wash covered with greasewood, and on the north slope of hills covered with very sparse desert growth. The land is rocky and cut by canyons. The soil generally is of third quality and there is clay silt on the hills. Water from wells in the vicinity is of poor quality and is barely potable.

The lands in Section 36 are largely situated in a wide wash and are rocky and cut by canyons. The soil is considered poorer than third quality and supports only sparse desert growth such as sagebrush and greasewood. The land is not suitable for grazing or agriculture.

The subject lands are poorer in quality than contiguous lands, contain no springs, and no access is provided by existing roads.

The land was advertised for sale with a stipulation that no offer of less than \$1,600 would be accepted. Mr. Button bid \$1,600. No other application for the land was received pursuant to the advertising.

UPON MOTION DULY MADE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, IT WAS RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

The sale is authorized of the $W\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 16, and $N\frac{1}{2}$, $N\frac{1}{2}$ of $SW\frac{1}{4}$ and $N\frac{1}{2}$ of $SE\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 36, T. 4 S., R. 7 E., S.B.M., containing 800 acres in Riverside County, to the single applicant, A. Ronald Button, at a cash price of \$1,600, subject to all statutory reservations including minerals.

11. (SALE OF VACANT SCHOOL LAND, APPLICATION NO. 4976, SACRAMENTO LAND DISTRICT, SISKIYOU COUNTY, L. D. TAYLOR - S.W.O. 5707.) An offer has been received from L. D. Taylor of Dunsmuir, Siskiyou County, California, to purchase Lot 1 of Section 16, T. 48 N., R. 3 E., M.D.M., containing .82 of an acre in Siskiyou County. Mr. Taylor made an offer of \$30 for said land.

The Assessor of Siskiyou County has assessed land immediately adjacent to the subject land at \$2 per acre, thus indicating the appraised value of the land in the vicinity to be \$4 per acre.

The offer of \$30 for the .82 of an acre involved is considerably in excess of the indicated value of adjacent land, which, based upon information supplied by the Assessor of Siskiyou County, is estimated to be approximately \$4 per acre. In view of the above, it was considered desirable in this instance to advertise the lands for sale.