

"The applicants were advised of the appraised value, whereupon they posted the necessary amount to meet the appraised value of \$447.

"Said parcels have been cultivated and otherwise occupied by the applicants and their predecessors for a number of years."

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

THE COMMISSION FINDS THAT THE HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED LAND IS SUITABLE FOR CULTIVATION, THAT THE APPLICANTS ARE ACTUAL SETTLERS ON THE LAND, AND AUTHORIZES THE SALE OF LOT 3 AND THAT PORTION OF LOT 4 LYING WITHIN THE SW $\frac{1}{4}$ OF SW $\frac{1}{4}$ OF SECTION 19, T. 20 S., R. 25 E., M.D.M., CONTAINING 2.98 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, TO THE SINGLE APPLICANTS, CHARLIE M. MATHIAS AND LILLIAN E. MATHIAS, WITHOUT ADVERTISING, AT THE APPRAISED CASH PRICE OF \$447, SUBJECT TO ALL STATUTORY RESERVATIONS INCLUDING MINERALS.

40. (SALE OF VACANT SCHOOL LAND, APPLICATION NO. 5281, SACRAMENTO LAND DISTRICT, KERN COUNTY, JEANETTE L. TURPIN - S.W.O. 6483.) The following report was presented to the Commission:

"An offer has been received from Jeanette L. Turpin of Gardena, California, to purchase the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 16, T. 29 S., R. 32 E., M.D.M., containing 240 acres in Kern County. The applicant made an offer of \$800, or \$20 per acre for the E $\frac{1}{2}$ of E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$, and \$1,600, or \$8 per acre for the balance of the land.

"The Assessor of Kern County has assessed contiguous land at \$1.75 to \$7.75 per acre.

"An inspection and appraisal by a member of the Commission's staff on March 8, 1956 establishes the value of the subject land at an average of \$10 per acre, or a total value of \$2,400.

"The land was advertised for sale with a stipulation that no offer of less than \$2,400 would be accepted.

"Pursuant to advertising, the application (5289, Sacramento Land District - S.W.O. 6510) of Helen C. Rankin of Caliente, California, was received with a letter of protest dated September 24, 1956. Mrs. Rankin made a bid of \$3,600, or \$15 per acre. Mrs. Rankin's application stated that the land is presently occupied by herself and that all water on the land has heretofore been appropriated by her family and predecessors-in-interest for about 100 years. The inspection by a member of the staff does not reveal that there is any water upon this parcel of land. However, the inspection does reveal that the 'Rutherford Knotty Pine Sawmill' is on the State land, and that the operator of the sawmill placed the mill at that location under the impression that it was property being leased from the Rankin Estate.

"Pursuant to Section 2302(d) of the Rules and Regulations of the State Lands Commission, the first applicant was allowed 20 days from date of opening of bids (September 27, 1956) within which to submit the additional amount to meet the highest bid received. The first applicant, Jeanette L. Turpin, met the high bid within the period specified above.

"On October 23, Mrs. Rankin, as one of the heirs of Leroy Rankin, and Executrix of the Estate of Leroy Rankin, deceased, protested the sale of this land to anyone other than herself, on the basis that the State ownership was brought to her attention only a few weeks ago, and that the parcel for sale is entirely surrounded by lands of the Rankin ranch. Mrs. Rankin expressed a desire to appear at the Commission meeting.

"IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION DETERMINE THAT THE SW $\frac{1}{4}$ OF NW $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ OF NW $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ OF NE $\frac{1}{4}$ AND E $\frac{1}{2}$ OF NE $\frac{1}{4}$ OF SECTION 16, T. 29 S., R. 32 E., M.D.M., CONTAINING 240 ACRES IN KERN COUNTY, IS NOT SUITABLE FOR CULTIVATION WITHOUT ARTIFICIAL IRRIGATION, AND AUTHORIZE THE SALE OF SAID LAND TO THE FIRST APPLICANT, JEANETTE L. TURPIN, WHO HAS MET THE HIGH BID, AT A CASH PRICE OF \$3,600, SUBJECT TO ALL STATUTORY RESERVATIONS, INCLUDING MINERALS."

UPON MOTION DULY MADE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, AT THE REQUEST OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR, CONSIDERATION OF THIS ITEM WAS DEFERRED TO THE NEXT MEETING.

41. (SALE OF VACANT FEDERAL LANDS, OBTAINED THROUGH USE OF BASE, LIEU LAND APPLICATION NO. 5004, SACRAMENTO LAND DISTRICT, SHASTA COUNTY, RICHARD M. MURPHY, JR. - S.W.O. 5775.) The following report was presented to the Commission:

"An offer has been received from Richard M. Murphy, Jr. of Oak Run, California, to purchase the N $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 28, T. 33 N., R. 1 E., NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 26 and NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of fractional Section 30, T. 34 N., R. 1 E., M.D.M., containing 280 acres in Shasta County. This land may be obtained by the State from the Federal Government through use of base. The applicant made an offer of \$1,400, or \$5 per acre.

"The Assessor of Shasta County has assessed contiguous land at \$2.25 per acre.

"An inspection and appraisal by a member of the Commission's staff on July 10, 1956 establishes the value of the subject land at \$33,800, or an average of \$120.71+ per acre, including timber thereon. The applicant posted the necessary amount to meet this value. Said appraisal also indicates that said land is not suitable for cultivation without artificial irrigation.

"The selection of the subject land is considered to be to the advantage of the State in that the selection thereof will assist the State in satisfying the loss to the School Land Grant and in addition will place said land on the tax rolls of the county in which it is situated.