

MINUTE ITEM

37. SELECTION OF VACANT FEDERAL LAND, LIEU LAND APPLICATION NO. 10658, LOS ANGELES LAND DISTRICT, KERN COUNTY, UNITED STATES BORAX COMPANY, A CORPORATION - S.W.O. 5733.

After consideration of Calendar Item 22 attached, and upon motion duly made and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

THE COMMISSION:

1. DETERMINES THAT IT IS TO THE ADVANTAGE OF THE STATE TO SELECT THE $S\frac{1}{2}$ OF $N\frac{1}{2}$ AND $S\frac{1}{2}$, BEING ALL OF FRACTIONAL SECTION 34, T. 12 N., R. 8 W., S.B.M. (CONTAINING 503.72 ACRES), IN KERN COUNTY; AND
2. APPROVES THE SELECTION OF SAID LAND.

Attachment

Calendar Item 22 (1 page)

CALENDAR ITEM

22.

SELECTION OF VACANT FEDERAL LAND, LIEU LAND APPLICATION NO. 10658, LOS ANGELES LAND DISTRICT, KERN COUNTY, UNITED STATES BORAX COMPANY, A CORPORATION - S.W.O. 5733.

An offer was received from United States Borax Company, a corporation, of Los Angeles, California, to purchase the $S\frac{1}{2}$ of $N\frac{1}{2}$ and $S\frac{1}{2}$, being all of fractional Section 34, T. 12 N., R. 8 W., S.B.M. (containing 503.72 acres), in Kern County. The applicant offered \$2,518.60 (or an average price of \$5 per acre).

A staff appraisal shows that the land is not suitable for cultivation without artificial irrigation and establishes its value at \$50,372 (or an average price of \$100 per acre). One 20-day extension was granted to the applicant within which to deposit the required funds. The applicant failed to do so within the specified period.

Baker is 4.5 miles southeast of the parcel by private road; Boron and U. S. Highway 466 are an additional three miles southeast by paved public road. An unimproved dirt road parallels the east boundary of the parcel from north to south. A similar road traverses the parcel from the $NE\frac{1}{4}$ corner through the $SW\frac{1}{4}$ of the $SE\frac{1}{4}$, leaving parcel near the $S\frac{1}{4}$ corner. Two jeep trails also meander through the parcel. There is no surface water on the property; however, several good wells in the immediate vicinity indicate a depth of 175 feet for water for domestic use and 400 feet for commercial use. The elevation ranges from 2,500 to 2,534 feet. The highest and best use of the parcel would be for homesites.

The selection of the subject land is considered to be to the advantage of the State in that it will assist in satisfying deficiencies under the School Land Grant.

The State's application to select the land has been accepted by the Bureau of Land Management, and the land was listed (conveyed) to the State on August 2, 1961.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

1. DETERMINE THAT IT IS TO THE ADVANTAGE OF THE STATE TO SELECT THE $S\frac{1}{2}$ OF $N\frac{1}{2}$ AND $S\frac{1}{2}$, BEING ALL OF FRACTIONAL SECTION 34, T. 12 N., R. 8 W., S.B.M. (CONTAINING 503.72 ACRES), IN KERN COUNTY; AND
2. APPROVE THE SELECTION OF SAID LAND.