20. CANCELLATION OF SCHOOL LAND PURCHASE APPLICATION NO. 158, RIVERSIDE LAND DISTRICT; GEORGE RODDA, JR. - N-0408.

During consideration of Calendar Item 21 attached, the applicant, George Rodda, Jr., appeared and requested a full refund of his expense deposits.

After discussion by the Commission, and upon motion duly made and carried, the following resolution was adopted:

THE COMMISSION AUTHORIZES THAT SCHOOL LAND PURCHASE APPLICATION NO. 158, RIVERSIDE LAND DISTRICT, BE HELD IN ABEYANCE FOR A PERIOD NOT TO EXCEED SIX MONTHS, DURING WHICH TIME THE APPLICANT CAN COMPLETE THE APPLICATION IF HE SO DESIRES.

Mr. Rodda indicated agreement with the resolution adopted.

Attachment:

Calendar Item 21 (1 page)

21.

CANCELLATION OF SCHOOL LAND PURCHASE APPLICATION NO. 158, RIVERSIDE LAND DISTRICT

On January 15, 1969, Mr. George Rodda, Jr., applied to purchase the $W^{\frac{1}{2}}$ of $NE^{\frac{1}{1}}$ and Lots 6 and 11, Section 16, T. 3 S., R. 23 E., S.B.M., Riverside County. This application was filed in this office of the State Lands Division and given No. 158, Riverside Land District.

The land was appraised, and on December 23, 1969, Mr. Rodda was notified of the appraised value. After receiving time extensions totalling 130 days, Mr. Rodda agreed to purchase the land at the staff's minimum appraised value and deposited 20% of this value with the Division.

As required by law, the land was advertised and bids accepted for a period of 30 days following the date of first publication. No bids were received pursuant to the advertisement. On June 8, 1970, Mr. Rodda was advised that his offer to purchase would be submitted to the Commission with a staff recommendation that the land be awarded to him.

By letter dated June 10, 1970, Mr. Rodda informed the staff that he desired his application cancelled and expected a full refund of his deposits. He based his right to cancellation and full refund on the Commission's action of April 23, 1970, withdrawing school lands from rublic sale.

On June 15, 1970, Mr. Rodda was contacted by phone and advised that the Commission's action did not affect his application or others on file prior to the Commission's action on April 23, 1970. Mr. Rodda stated that on the basis of news releases he had re-invested money set aside for the purchase of this land.

Under Section 2302(d)(3)(c) of the Administrative Code, Mr. Rodda may withdraw his offer. However, he must pay expenses accrued to the date of cancellation. These expenses, including the statutory \$25 filing fee, total \$632.30.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION AUTHORIZE CANCELLATION OF SCHOOL LAND PURCHASE APPLICATION 158 RIVERSIDE LAND DISTRICT, AND AUTHORIZE REFUND OF ALL DEPOSITS EXCEPT ACCRUED EXPENSES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$632.30.