

Sale & Exchange of Property & BWCA Subcommittee
Permanent School Fund Advisory Committee
Thursday, September 17, 2009
9:00 a.m., 107 State Capitol

Minutes

Present: Ron Nargang - Chair, Representative Denise Dittrich, Senator Tom Saxhaug, John Herman, Superintendent Patty Phillips

Absent: Senator Satveer S. Chaudhary, Robert Krepps, Mark Johnson

Ron Nargang called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

Goal Statement – Discussion of Subcommittee Goal Statement

Ron Nargang introduced the revised draft goal statement.

Subcommittee discussion and questions followed.

Subcommittee agreed that number 3 in the revised draft goal statement should be revised. The revised language was discussed and agreed upon. With this revision the goal statement is now finalized.

Alternative Revenue Sources - Presentation by DNR Staff and Discussion

Kathy Lewis, DNR, presented the Arizona, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming programs that generate revenue by charging fees for use of state lands.

Subcommittee discussion and questions followed.

Next step:

Subcommittee would like the DNR to produce a spreadsheet showing the details of the different state programs. This spreadsheet is to include the amount charged in each state, the amount of revenue generated, and pros and cons of each state program.

Camper Cabin - Presentation by DNR Staff and Discussion

Marty Vadis and Dan Roark, DNR, presented a proposed plan to construct camper cabins in the BWCAW. The camper cabins would be placed on school trust lands within the BWCAW and the revenue from the camper cabins would go into the school trust. Projected annual revenues were provided.

Subcommittee discussion and questions followed.

The Subcommittee advised the DNR not to pursue this camper cabin plan. The Subcommittee felt that it would violate wilderness rules and cause more controversy than it would be worth.

Discussion of Future Meeting Topics

The Subcommittee decided the following topics would be addressed at the next meeting:

- (1) Discussion of state programs that charge fees for the use of state lands. DNR will produce a spreadsheet to facilitate discussion.
- (2) A report from the DNR regarding per acre values and expenses on school trust lands.
- (3) Legacy Funding – Bill Becker (DNR) as a possible speaker.
- (4) BWCAW Exchange or Condemnation – Jim Sanders (USFS) as a possible guest.

The Subcommittee plans to meet with the Iron Range Delegation when the legislature is back in session. Before then the Subcommittee will try to meet with a liaison committee of the Iron Range Delegation.

Next Meeting

The Subcommittee decided to meet again on October 21st, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., in a room at the State Capitol.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Ron Nargang, Chair