

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING, JULY 14, 1970  
1 N. LaSalle Street, Chicago

The Board met in Executive session at 10 a.m. to discuss employment matters, the acquisition of office space, and pending litigation. All Board members were present, as were Mr. Underwood of the Board's staff and Mr. Karaganis from the office of the Attorney General. Candidates for hearing officer and for clerk were interviewed.

Mr. Currie introduced an opinion from the Department of Personnel that Board employees were exempt from the Personnel Code, and the Board agreed to the following salary scale: clerk, \$12,000 per year; secretaries, up to \$7800; members' assistants, \$13,000 with M.S. or J.D. degrees, \$14,500 with a year's experience, and \$15,000 with a Ph.D. The Board agreed to seek one secretary immediately, three others (including a receptionist) and one half time for Dr. Aldrich in Champaign, as of August 1.

With regard to hearing officers, it was noted that full-time officers would be available at all times and would become quite familiar with the Board and its work, while reliance on per diem hearing officers would reduce travel expenses and avoid paying for unused time. The Board then postponed decision on the hearing officer question pending efforts by Mr. Kissel and Mr. Karaganis to compile a list of attorneys willing to serve part time.

The Board authorized Mr. Currie to appear on its behalf in a pre-trial proceeding on the United States Steel case on July 23 or 24 to explain the status of Sanitary Water Board regulations.

After reviewing past efforts to secure office space the Board visited two offices and authorized Mr. Currie to pursue quarters at 189 W. Madison Street, Chicago.

Pursuant to public notice, the Board reconvened at 2 P.M. in open meeting and appointed Miss Regina Ryan to be clerk of the Board. The Board then named Joseph Karaganis of the Attorney General's office, Michael Schneiderman of the Institute for Environmental Quality, and Thomas Scheuneman of the Environmental Protection Agency to serve as a technical advisory committee to propose procedural rules for Board consideration and for public hearing. After discussion of the conflict-of-interest forms filed by Board members upon their appointment and of a preliminary memorandum on financial disclosure presented by Miss Carol Cowgill of the Institute, the Board referred the question of further

financial disclosure to the advisory committee and solicited the Attorney General's opinion as to the meaning of the statutory requirement. The committee was asked also to consider the question of ex parte contacts with Board members, the Board agreeing to announce in the meantime that ex parte approaches to members were generally to be discouraged and that adversary proceedings were not to be discussed ex parte. The Board also requested an Attorney General opinion regarding the application of the Public Meetings Act to deliberations in pending cases.

The Board agreed to request ten copies of all papers filed and to circulate all such papers to each member. The question of court reporters as opposed to tape recording of hearings was discussed and decision postponed pending advice from the clerk as to the cost of contracting for the former. The Board agreed, however, to authorize the purchase of a tape recorder for use at Board meetings. At Mr. Kissel's suggestion the Board agreed to develop forms for the filing of citizen complaints and to notify those complaining to the Board of their right to institute formal proceedings. Mr. Currie reported on the status of the Board library and asked for suggestions as to future acquisitions. The Board agreed to furnish, free of charge, reasonable numbers of copies of the Environmental Protection Act and of regulations, to make Board opinions available at cost, to utilize the multilith facilities of the Commerce Commission, and to develop a subscription service for significant Board releases.

The Board then discussed the pendency of several air-pollution cases begun under the prior law and agreed to postpone any hearings until August 1, when all members would be free from other responsibilities and on the state payroll. Mr. Currie noted that the development of a proposal for implementing the Chicago region air quality standards for sulfur oxides and particulate matter had been contracted by the previous air board to the Argonne National Laboratory, whose report was expected in about six months; that some similar arrangement should be made regarding the St. Louis region; and that consideration of proposed statewide air quality standards for a number of pollutants had been postponed pending the submission of supporting information. The Board agreed that public hearings should be scheduled on this matter in the near future. There was also discussion of possible re-examination of water quality standards in the light of new federal requirements and advanced knowledge. The Board agreed to submit candidates for technical advisory committees on air and water pollution.

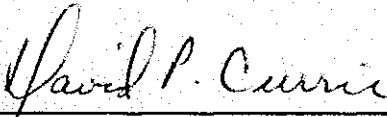
Mr. Currie noted that the Institute was soon to begin a study of solid waste and recycling practices mandated by the statute and suggested

that the Board might wish to invite experts to testify as to the problem of noise and to techniques for its control, with the goal of defining areas meriting Institute study leading to noise regulations. It was pointed out that there were regulations on the books providing for local exemptions from the Air Pollution Control Act, which had been repealed, and that the former Air Pollution Control Board had ruled that no exemptions from the new statute were authorized.

The Board authorized a meeting schedule to be drawn up, providing for regular meetings at 10:00 A.M. on the first and third Wednesdays of every month, every other one in Chicago, the others to be held half in Springfield and half in other locations around the state, beginning August 5 in Springfield. The Board agreed to call a special meeting Friday, July 17, at 10:00 A.M. in the Field Museum, Chicago, principally to receive status reports from the Attorney General, the Environmental Protection Agency, and the Institute.

David P. Currie, Chairman

I, David P. Currie certify that the Board has approved the above minutes.

  
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David P. Currie  
Chairman