Upon motion duly made and unanimously carried, a resolution was adopted authorizing the issuance of a five year grazing lease to the single bidder, Mr. Weatherwax, at an annual rental of twenty cents per acre and that the applicant be required to pay the first and last years' rental at the time of execution of the lease.

35. (Lease of School Lands to E. D. Friend - San Bernardino County - W.O. 385) The Commission was informed that on December 10, 1948, it authorized the Executive Officer to issue a lease to Mr. E. D. Friend for the NW¼ of the NW¼ of Section 16, T. 15 N., R. 11 E., S.B.M., containing forty acres in San Bernardino County, at an annual rental of $50.00. Mr. Friend has left the vicinity and the lease forms were returned unsigned.

Upon motion duly made and unanimously carried, a resolution was adopted rescinding the action of December 10, 1948, by which the Executive Officer was authorized to issue a lease to Mr. E. D. Friend for the NW¼ of the NW¼ of Section 16, T. 15 N., R. 11 E., S.B.M., consisting of forty acres in San Bernardino County, at an annual rental of $50.00.

36. (Patented Lands in the SE¼ of Section 33, T. 21N., R. 7 E., S.B.M., Inyo County - Bloss Elias) The Commission was informed that on March 4, 1947, it gave authorization for filing with the Federal Government an indemnity selection on the SE¼ of Section 33, T. 21 N., R. 7 E., S.B.M., consisting of 160 acres in Inyo County, and the sale thereof after approval of the selection to Bloss A. Elias at a price of $960.00. Patent No. 19225 was issued to Mr. Elias and sent to him on April 23, 1948 after having been approved by Governor Warren.

Subsequently, on February 16, 1949, Mr. Dean received a letter from Congressman Norris Poulson requesting the facts concerning the sale of the land and asking what could be done to restore the land containing an ostensible mineral spring, for public use. Other letters from citizens have been received complaining about the conveyance to Mr. Elias.

Investigation has determined that the instigators of the complaints are aroused because Mr. Elias, after acquisition of the land, closed the small spring to public use, and piped it to his buildings for domestic purposes. All persons had due notice of the State selection because the selection was published in the County of Inyo as is required by the Federal Government. Under the code and patent to Mr. Elias, all minerals in the land have been reserved to the State. The land in question adjoins the large Tecopa Hot Springs on Federal land withdrawn from entry.

In view of the fact that so many people are interested in this matter, by motion duly made and unanimously carried, a resolution was adopted authorizing the Executive Officer to hold a public hearing in the locality concerned, at which all interested persons including Federal and County officials, would be heard.

37. (Approval of Assignment of Grazing Lease No. P.R.C. 1194 - Lassen County - O. C. Reynolds - Sac.W.O. 44) Upon motion duly made and unanimously carried, a resolution was adopted authorizing the Executive Officer to approve the assignment of Lease No. P.R.C. 1194, covering the E½ of NW¼ and W½ of NE¼ of Section 22, T. 27 N., R. 17 E., M.D.M., containing 160 acres in Lassen County, from Mr. O. C. Reynolds to Mr. A. L. Snyder. Said assignment is not to relieve assignor from the responsibilities and liabilities under said lease.