

23. (Sale of Vacant School Land, Application No. 4669, Sacramento Land District, Lassen County - J. R. Barron - Sac. W.O. 105) The Commission was informed that an offer has been received from Mr. J. R. Barron of Susanville, California, to purchase Section 36, T. 37 N., R. 11 E., M.D.M., containing 640 acres in Lassen County.

Mr. Barron has made an offer of \$1600.00 or \$2.50 per acre. The Assessor of Lassen County has assessed surrounding land owned by the applicant at \$2.50 to \$2.75 per acre, thus indicating an appraised value of the land of \$5.00 to \$5.50 per acre for a better class of land containing considerable grazing and water. An appraisal by the Commission's staff indicates that the offer as made is adequate.

The subject land lies at an elevation of about 5,000 feet. The land is rolling to hilly and can be reached only through fee land of the applicant on private roads and through locked gates. The land is very rough and rocky, contains no water and very little soil. There is very little grazing on the land; the cover is mostly sage and scrub juniper. The land is unsuitable for cultivation.

The land was advertised for sale with a stipulation that no offer of less than \$1600.00 would be accepted. Mr. Barron bid \$1600.00.

Upon motion duly made and unanimously carried, a resolution was adopted authorizing the sale of Section 36, T. 37 N., R. 11 E., M.D.M., containing 640 acres, to the single bidder Mr. Barron at a cash price of \$1600.00, subject to all statutory reservations, including minerals.

24. (Sale of Vacant School Land, Application No. 10438, Los Angeles Land District, San Bernardino County - William F. Felburg and Robert A. Felburg, Sac. W.O. 126) The Commission was informed that Mr. William F. Felburg and Mr. Robert A. Felburg of Downey, California, have made an offer of \$1440.00 or \$2.25 per acre, to purchase Section 36, T. 1 N., R. 10 E., S.B.M., containing 640 acres in San Bernardino County. The Assessor of San Bernardino County has assessed contiguous land at \$1.00 per acre, thus indicating an appraised value of the land of \$2.00 per acre.

Subject land is nine miles east of 29 Palms with a good graded road at the south boundary. It is reasonably flat, sloping toward the north and having a medium light cover of low brush. There is a fair likelihood that water can be found by well drilling in the north half. There is no desert development to the east for many miles, the Joshua Tree National Monument adjoins to the south, and 29 Palms to the west, nothing to the north. An appraisal by the Commission's staff indicates that the offer as made is adequate.

The land was advertised for sale with a stipulation that no offer of less than \$1440.00 would be accepted. Mr. William F. Felburg and Mr. Robert A. Felburg bid \$1440.00.

Upon motion duly made and unanimously carried, a resolution was adopted authorizing the sale of Section 36, T. 1 N., R. 10 E., S.B.M., containing 640 acres, to the single bidder Mr. William F. Felburg and Mr. Robert A. Felburg at a cash price of \$1440.00, subject to all statutory reservations, including minerals.

25. (Approval of assignment of Lease No. P.R.C. 1154, Fish Canyon, Albert P. Seymour) The Commission was informed that an application has been received from Mr. Seymour, lessee under Recreational Lease No. P.R.C. 1154, covering Lot 36, in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 16, T. 1 N., R. 10 W., S.B.M., Fish Canyon, issued April 17, 1945, for a period of ten years, for approval of an assignment of the lease to Messrs. Robert E. Barr, Donald G. Contois and Herbert B. Rosenheck of Los Angeles, California.

Upon motion duly made and unanimously carried, a resolution was adopted authorizing the Executive Officer to approve the assignment of Lease P.R.C. 1154 covering Lot 36, Fish Canyon, from Mr. Seymour to Messrs. Robert E. Barr, Donald G. Contois and Herbert B. Rosenheck.

26. (Grazing Lease Application No. P.R.C. 1202, Siskiyou County - Evan Fogle - Sac.W.O. 174) The Commission was informed that an application has been received from Mr. Fogle of Dorris, California, for a grazing lease for a term of one year on the $W\frac{1}{2}$ and $W\frac{1}{2}$ of $SE\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 36, T. 47 N., R. 1 E., M.D.M., containing 400 acres in Siskiyou County. The Assessor of Siskiyou County advises that this land, if assessed, would receive an assessment of \$2.25 per acre; thus appraising it at \$4.50 per acre. The applicant has offered twenty-five cents per acre per year which is above the minimum of five percent of the appraised value of the land, acceptable to the Commission.

The land has been advertised for lease and no other applications have been received.

Upon motion duly made and unanimously carried, a resolution was adopted authorizing that a one year grazing lease be issued to Mr. Evan Fogle at an annual rental of twenty-five cents per acre and that the applicant be required to pay the one year's rental at the time of execution of the lease.

27. (Sale of Vacant School Land, Application No. 4698, Sacramento Land District, Modoc County - Eugene Gilbert - Sac.W.O. 175) The Commission was informed that an offer has been received from Mr. Gilbert of Tulelake, California, to purchase the $N\frac{1}{2}$ of $NW\frac{1}{4}$ and $E\frac{1}{2}$ of $NE\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 16, T. 46 N., R. 6 E., M.D.M., containing 160 acres in Modoc County.

Mr. Gilbert has made an offer of \$800.00 or \$5.00 per acre. The Assessor of Modoc County has assessed contiguous land at \$2.00 to \$2.50 per acre, thus indicating an appraised value of the land of \$4.00 to \$5.00 per acre. An appraisal by the Commission's staff indicated that the offer as made is adequate.

This land is located about 25 miles southeast of Merrill, Oregon, and one-quarter of a mile east of Highway 139 between Klamath Falls and Alturas. The land lies at an elevation of about 4500 feet and is mostly level with a lava rimrock and a few lava outcrops. There is no water on the land; the soil is a light lava ash, very dry and not a timber site, the cover being sage brush, rabbit brush, grass and weeds. The land is unsuitable for cultivation, but does have low value for grazing purposes.

The land was advertised for sale with a stipulation that no offer of less than \$800.00 would be accepted. Mr. Gilbert bid \$800.00.

Upon motion duly made and unanimously carried, a resolution was adopted authorizing the sale of the $N\frac{1}{2}$ of $NW\frac{1}{4}$ and $N\frac{1}{2}$ of $NE\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 16, T. 46 N., R. 6 E., M.D.M., containing 160 acres, to the single bidder, Mr. Gilbert, at a cash price of \$800.00, subject to all statutory reservations, including minerals.

28. (Hearing re Sale of Federal Lands in Inyo County - S.D.) The Commission was informed of complaints arising out of the sale of the $SE\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 33, T. 21 N., R. 7 E., S.B.M., to Mr. Bloss A. Elias at Tecopa Hot Springs, California. In view of these complaints, the Commission authorized the Executive Officer to hold a public hearing in the locality concerned at which all interested persons would be heard. Investigations subsequent thereto have indicated that at least one other sale of lands in that locality and possibly others had been made by the State.