

Tri-agency vote makes clinic possible

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Ending months of disagreement, the Tri-Agency Dog Control Authority Policy Board passed a motion Wednesday which will preserve the Tri-Agency, and allow for the establishment of a spay-neuter clinic.

The Board unanimously passed a motion which will allow a bi-agency composed of Eugene and Lane County to sublease space from the Tri-Agency for operating the clinic.

Such a move had been unanimously recommended by the Springfield City Council

Monday night.

Under the arrangement, Springfield will have neither financial responsibility for, nor administrative control over the spay-neuter clinic.

The necessity to form the bi-agency was created by Springfield's disinclination to fund a spay-neuter clinic, and a consensus opinion issued this week by the joint legal staffs of the three governments. Their conclusion was that though the clinic is in the scope of the Tri-Agency's purpose, an amendment to the original Tri-Agency agreement is necessary to establish the fi-

nancial structure for the clinic.

Bill Dwyer, County representative to the Policy Board, said the compromise "addresses the concerns of everyone."

Lane County Commissioner Jerry Rust questioned the practicality of administratively separating the clinic from the pound, but said "I'll support this motion because I want to see this move forward."

The policy board's decision clears the way for construction of the facility. Pete Pritchard, director of the Tri-Agency, says he expects ground to be broken by mid-January and hopes construction will be

completed by July.

Under a memo of agreement signed at the purchase of the land, Springfield would be forced to sell out its portion of the land if spay-neuter clinic issue was not resolved by Dec. 4. Wednesday, the policy board extended that deadline by 30 days to give Eugene and Lane County a chance to set up the bi-agency.

The projected rates for alterations at the future spay-neuter clinic are \$15 and \$25 for male and female dogs respectively, and \$12 and \$20 for male and female cats respectively, according to Dwyer.

Rust, Wood vote yes on Mohawk use plan

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A land-use planning decision by the Lane County Commissioners has once again inspired heated debate and a 2-1 vote.

Wednesday, Commissioners Jerry Rust and Robert Wood approved most of the county planning staff's recommended land-use plan for the Mohawk-Camp Creek Subarea of Lane County over Commissioner Weinstein's "vehement and irrevocable no."

The Mohawk-Camp Creek subarea, one of 12 subareas in Lane County consists of 208 square miles in the valleys which run northeast from Springfield. The land use plan implements the Land Conservation and Development (LCD) goals and County planning guidelines. The plan provides broad guidelines from which a more detailed zoning plan will be devised in the future.

Weinstein objected to the adoption of the plan arguing that it violates property rights. He said that people should be able to do what

they want with their land provided they don't infringe the public health, welfare, and safety.

Rust argued that the plan was just an implementation of state law which was necessary to protect "a resource base which has never been protected."

Weinstein repeatedly demanded proof that land being designated as agricultural was economical to farm.

But Rust pointed out the LCD goals require all class-4 soils be designated for agricultural use.

Wood said that the Board should provide some economic incentives which would make the agricultural land profitable to farm by providing economic incentives.

A work session of the plan Tuesday produced the following exchange:

Weinstein: "You planners come in and tell that man what he can do with his land after he was on it for 76 years. He knows what he can do with that land — what good it is. Now you're going to tell that man to go up there and break his back

and dig until he dies and make agricultural land out of it, when for 75-76 years it hasn't been agricultural land."

Rust: "On the other hand look at the way parcelling has taken place. You've already heard this morning again that several dairies have disappeared. Doesn't that disturb you at all? — the fact that we're using up our prime agricultural land. Some day we're going to be dependent on that land. You

know as well as I do that we're not going to have the cheap oil and petroleum to bring dairy products in from Wisconsin forever."

Weinstein: "Why did those dairy products disappear? — because they couldn't make a living on it and were going broke."

Rust: "The cycle will come around again."

Weinstein: "It's their land, they can do with it what they want, and if you want to tell them what to do

with it, then you go buy it."

Rust: "In 1920 that would have been a good theory, but that's not the way the world is today."

Weinstein: "It isn't the way you're going to change the world."

Rust: "The world is changing rapidly."

Weinstein: "Why don't you make a few investments in land and maybe you'll change your mind when the tax bill comes around."

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Idaho governor seeks equal share in BPA

BOISE (AP) — Gov. John Evans has prepared testimony for a congressional hearing in Boise next week that Idaho wants to share Bonneville Power Administration's low-cost electrical power equally with Washington and Oregon.

In his prepared statement, Evans said he prefers that problems of regional power production and sharing of power be solved by Congress.

But if congressional delegations from Pacific Northwest states can't work out an equitable division of power, Evans said he is prepared to seek legislation for an Idaho domestic and rural power authority.

Creation of a public power authority would make Idaho a "preference customer," able to compete with other purchasers for Bonneville Power's low-cost energy. BPA's power contracts will be renewed starting in 1983.

Washington has its own public power authority. Oregon and Idaho have relied on private companies for power generation and sale.

Evans will testify Tuesday in Boise before the water and power subcommittee of the House Interior Committee. Rep. Lloyd Meeds, D-Wash., will head the hearing.

Similar sessions are scheduled Dec. 5 in Spokane, Dec. 7 in Eugene, Dec. 8 in Portland and Dec. 9 in Seattle.

Evans met Monday with governors Bob Straub of Oregon and Dixy Lee Ray of Washington to discuss a proposal presented to Congress by the Pacific Northwest Utilities Conference. The three governors support a proposal for regional control of electricity, but disagree on how to administer division of power.

Evans favors having the three governors make the decisions. "If they really pool the Northwest's electrical energy...who will be the board of directors to determine the division?" he said.



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