

GOVERNOR'S HOUSING COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes
May 10, 2013
9:00 a.m.

This meeting of the Governor's Housing Committee was called to order in the Capitol Building, WW17 Flex Room, Boise, ID.

Committee Members Present: Representative Phylis King
 Representative Reed DeMordaunt
 Senator Chuck Winder
 Senator Les Bock
 Director Teresa Luna, Department of Administration

Others Present: Keith Reynolds, Chief Financial Officer, Department of Administration
 Tim Mason, Administrator, Division of Public Works
 Jennifer Pike, Management Assistant, Department of Administration

CALL TO ORDER by Chairman Winder at 9:03 a.m.

Approval of Minutes – *Chairman Winder*

Motion: Rep. King moved to approve the minutes from the April 8, 2013 meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Rep. DeMordaunt. With no further discussion, the motion passed.

Update on the Idaho House – *Teresa Luna*

Director Luna provided information on the following action items from the previous meeting:

- 1) Regarding Rep. King's question about the Committee's ability to use the housing fund for an additional entertainment stipend: The Department of Administration sought the council of the AG's Office who reaffirmed that the Committee does not have the authority to use the housing fund for an entertainment stipend without a statutory change. Funds in the Idaho Community Foundation could not be used for this purpose either.

The statutory authority currently exists for the Committee to use these funds for a housing stipend. A housing stipend had been paid to the sitting Governor from 1999 through March 2009. When the Idaho House was deemed ready for use as an official residence, Governor Otter ceased receiving a monthly housing stipend.

Sen. Bock explained that money held by the Idaho Community Foundation acts in a donor-advised capacity for distribution of these funds. The ICF has the legal authority to control that money. Using those funds for any other purpose than those stated in the ICF agreement would require cooperation between ICF and the Governor's Housing Committee.

- 2) Regarding the governor's housing stipend: Director Luna provided a brief history of how the Governor's Housing Committee reached the calculation for the stipend amount in 1999, and a history of the housing stipend increases. The last increase was in January 2005, when the stipend amount was set at \$4,500 per month.

Sen. Bock suggested the reinstated housing stipend take into consideration increases that had not occurred since 2009. Rep. DeMordaunt suggested that Idaho's economy had not changed significantly since 2009

and reinstating the stipend at its previous level would be adequate until the Committee had a chance to gather additional data.

Motion: Sen. Bock moved to reinstate the monthly housing stipend at the rate of \$4,500, to be prorated as of the date that the governor's mansion is reconveyed back to the Simplot family.

Discussion: Director Luna asked Sen. Bock and the Committee to clarify if the intention of the motion was to reinstate the stipend upon reconveyance of the property, June 30, or on the date that the house is closed and no longer available to the Governor as a residence, June 1.

Corrected Motion: Sen. Bock moved to reinstate the monthly housing stipend at the rate of \$4,500 to begin as of June 1, when the house is official closed and no longer available to the Governor as a residence. Rep. DeMordaunt seconded the motion. With no further discussion, all members voted in the affirmative, and the motion passed.

- 3) Regarding Sen. Winder's question about who has the legal authority to sign the reconveyance documents: Director Luna presented a concurrent resolution that was drafted by AG's Office to give Sen. Winder the authority to sign any legal documents to reconvey the property on behalf of the Committee.

Rep. DeMordaunt asked about any water rights that may have been associated with the property. Tim Mason, Division of Public Works Administrator, explained that the state has access to a portion of the water rights under the property agreement with the Simplot Co., but that the state did not own those water rights.

Motion: Rep. DeMordaunt moved to approve the concurrent resolution (see attached) authorizing Sen. Winder to act on behalf of the Committee. Sen. Bock seconded the motion. With no further discussion, all members voted in the affirmative, and the motion passed.

- 4) Regarding the timeline for closing up the Idaho House: The Department of Administration has shut off any unnecessary utilities at the property (cable, internet, etc...), and conducted a preliminary inventory of the house contents and will conduct a more in-depth inventory after the final event on May 18. Director Luna also informed the Committee that the AG's Office had received information from the Simplot Co. with specifics for the reconveyance, but they were still in the process of reviewing those documents.

Next Meeting of the Committee

The next meeting of the Governor's Housing Committee was not set.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Rep. DeMordaunt moved to adjourn. Sen. Bock seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:26 a.m.

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Attachment 1



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Date: May 10, 2013

To: Governor's Housing Committee

From: Teresa Luna, Director
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Committee Secretary

Re: PROPOSED CONCURRENT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHAIRMAN SENATOR CHUCK WINDER TO EXECUTE DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH RECONVEYANCE OF THE GOVERNOR'S RESIDENCE TO THE SIMPLOT FAMILY AND SIMPLOT COMPANY OR THEIR DESIGNEE

Whereas, during its meeting on March 1, 2013, the Governor's Housing Committee resolved to reconvey the governor's residence to the Simplot family and Simplot Company or their designee; and

Whereas, Department of Administration officials indicated a preference for the transaction to take place prior to the end of the fiscal year (June 30, 2013); and

Whereas, Simplot representatives were contacted; and

Whereas, Simplot representatives indicated that it would take some additional time to identify the individuals and/or entities in which title to the reconveyed property should be vested; and

Whereas, Simplot representatives indicated that this information would be available prior to the end of May; and

Whereas, the proposed reconveyance of property will entail the execution of documents by the Governor's Housing Committee and the Committee has no scheduled meeting prior to the anticipated transfer date; and

Whereas, the Committee's designation of one of its members as the individual authorized to sign all documents related to the reconveyance of the real and personal property, including any water rights, easements, or other appurtenances, on behalf of the Committee, will facilitate prompt completion of the transfer of title to the property;

NOW therefore, be it resolved, that the Governor's Housing Committee designate its Chairman, Senator Chuck Winder, as the individual authorized to execute documents on behalf of the Committee in connection with the reconveyance of the governor's residence and all real and personal property associated therewith, including any water rights, easements, or other appurtenances; and

NOW therefore be it further resolved, the Governor's Housing Committee authorizes and empowers its Chairman, Senator Chuck Winder, to sign all documents related to that transfer, including but not limited to documents transferring title to the real and personal property, together with water rights, easements and any other appurtenances, associated with the property.