

## MINUTES

### SOUTH CAROLINA WILDLIFE AND MARINE RESOURCES COMMISSION MEETING

Room 335, Dennis Building  
Columbia, S. C.  
January 25, 1983  
10:00 A.M.

The regular monthly meeting of the South Carolina Wildlife and Marine Resources Commission was held in Room 335 of the Dennis Building, Columbia, S. C., at 10:00 A.M., on January 25, 1983 with Chairman Webster presiding. Notice of the date, time and place of the meeting was mailed to the state's media. Commissioners present at the meeting included Commissioners Webster, Stubbs, Dawson, Owen, Harrelson and Compton. Commissioners Dennis and Altman came into the meeting at approximately 11:30 A.M. Directors and staff members present included Dr. Timmerman, Larry Cartee, Dan Dobbins, Benny Reeves, Jeff Fuller, Pat Ryan, Jim Goller, and various other staff. Guests at the meeting included Mr. Willard Parker, Frank Taylor and Representative Lois Eargle of Conway, Dr. Jackie Jacobs of the South Carolina Wildlife Federation, Trish Jerman of the Governor's Office, Rick Wilson of the Attorney General's Office and Bill Jordan of the Senate Finance Committee.

#### CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Webster called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. and introduced all guests at the meeting.

#### ITEM I. READING OF THE MINUTES

Commissioner Stubbs moved to dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the November 19, 1982 Commission Meeting and approve them as submitted. Commissioner Compton seconded the motion and it was adopted by the Commission.

#### ITEM II. SLIDESHOW PRESENTATION

A slideshow of the Economic Values of Hunting and Fishing was presented to the Commission for their information.

#### ITEM III. COMMENTS

Dr. Timmerman noted that the Ways and Means Subcommittee has told us to cut our budget by 5% for FY 83-84. He stated that a proposal for this cut was sent to the Commission (copy attached to original Commission Minutes) for any action they deem appropriate. Dr. Timmerman stated there is no way to cut 5% without a reduction in force.



Dr. Timmerman advised the Commission that we met with the House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee recently to brief them on Department programs and activities.

In regard to the federal budget, Dr. Timmerman noted that we are told that we will be faced with further cuts. He stated that he will be in Washington on February 10th and 11th to testify on budget hearings on behalf of the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies. Dr. Timmerman noted that the Cheraw Hatchery will close September 30th and we are looking at user fees and other items to do what we can to keep it open.

Dr. Timmerman distributed a resolution adopted by the Greenville Legislative Delegation on November 29th on the Lake Oak Grove dam. Dr. Timmerman recommended a meeting be held with the Delegation early next month to see how to go on this matter.

Dr. Timmerman distributed a copy of the vehicle accident report for the last six (6) months to the Commission for their information (copy attached to original Commission Minutes).

Dr. Timmerman noted that Dr. Jackie Jacobs is retiring as Executive Director of the South Carolina Wildlife Federation and she has been a real strong supporter of the Department during her tenure. Dr. Timmerman recommended that the Commission approve awarding a Certificate of Meritorious Service to Dr. Jacobs, to be presented at the Federation's Annual Meeting at the end of February. Commissioner Harrelson moved for adoption of this recommendation. Commissioner Compton seconded the motion and it was adopted by the Commission.

Dr. Timmerman noted that he has received requests from Commissioners to approve the issuance of Department radios to Mr. Stanley Bruce and Mr. Joe Chapman. This has been recommended for approval by the Law Enforcement staff. Following discussion, Commissioner Dawson moved for the Commission to approve this recommendation. Commissioner Compton seconded the motion and it was adopted by the Commission.

#### ITEM IV. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Dan Dobbins distributed a copy of the legislative report and went over various bills in the packet. He also distributed a draft procedure for the promulgation of rules and regulations (copy attached to original Commission Minutes) for the Commission's review and consideration for adoption at the February meeting.



Buford Mabry distributed a synopsis of three requests for transferring property rights (copy attached to original Commission Minutes) for the Commission's consideration. Following discussion, the Commission deferred action on these requests for further study and consideration at the next Commission meeting.

ITEM V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Briefing of Lawsuit Settlement - Lake Thicketty Creek:  
Rick Wilson of the Attorney General's Office noted that he is representing the Department in a suit filed against the Department regarding property at Lake Thicketty Creek. A compromise has been reached to settle the suit which allows the individuals involved to lease land to farm while maintaining use of the property for the Department's purposes. Mr. Wilson noted this lease is for ten (10) years and is renewable annually. Mr. Wilson requested the Commission authorize Dr. Timmerman to execute the lease. Commissioner Compton moved for the Commission to grant such authority to execute the lease to Dr. Timmerman. Commissioner Owen seconded the motion and it was adopted by the Commission.

B. Commission Policies: Larry Cartee noted that a memo dated December 22, 1982 (copy attached to original Commission Minutes) was sent to the Commission to finalize action on Commission policies. This memo recommends that the Commission policies on Baiting Duck Ponds and the Salary Review Committee be rescinded and it recommends a revised policy on Employees Drinking Alcoholic Beverages in Uniform or While Driving a Department Vehicle. Following discussion, Commissioner Compton moved for the Commission to adopt the changes in these policies as recommended. Commissioner Dawson seconded the motion and it was adopted by the Commission.

C. Discussion - Ridgeland Law Enforcement Office: Dr. Timmerman advised the Commission that we have received a letter from the Jasper Legislative Delegation authorizing use of County Funds for one (1) year to operate the Ridgeland Office. A letter from the Jasper County Council has also been received stating that we will not have to move out of the building where the office currently exists. (Copies of letters attached to original Commission Minutes). Following discussion, Commissioner Compton moved for the Commission to approve the request to keep the Ridgeland Office open another year. Commissioner Dawson seconded the motion and it was approved by the Commission.

ITEM VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. 1983 Spring Turkey Season: Brock Conrad distributed proposed additions to areas open for turkey hunting (copy attached to original Commission Minutes) and went over this proposal briefly.



Commissioner Harrelson seconded the motion and it was adopted by the Commission.

B. Division Reports:

1. Administrative Services: Benny Reeves advised the Commission that a total bid of about \$2.6-million had been received for the Waddell Mariculture Center.

2. Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries: Jeff Fuller noted that the Commission has requested a mottled duck study. This proposal will be developed in consultation with personnel at Clemson and such will be discussed by the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Advisory Board.

3. Law Enforcement & Boating: Dr. Timmerman noted that he had received a letter and other information expressing concerns over the recent harvest of innumerable wildlife species near Columbia. Bill Chastain reported that a hunt club near Columbia killed twenty-eight (28) deer the last two (2) days of the season, as well as small hogs, birds, and other animals. A full-scale investigation of this matter is now underway. The Commission urged the staff to proceed with full steam on this investigation and to report findings back to the Commission.

4. Information & Public Affairs: Jim Goller presented a discussion on the knives which will be sold by the Department in an effort to raise money.

5. Marine Resources: There was nothing further to report.

C. Advisory Board Reports:

1. Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries: Commissioner Owen advised the Commission that the Board has discussed the Department's gratis license and recommends the application for such be amended to contain a notarized doctor's signature and that a \$10 fee for ten (10) years for each license be recommended to the legislature. Commissioner Owen moved for the Commission to adopt these recommendations. Commissioner Dawson seconded the motion and it was adopted by the Commission.

Commissioner Owen noted that the Board discussed Section 50-11-3210 regarding registration of hunt clubs and recommends to the Commission that this law be repealed. Commissioner Owen moved for the Commission to adopt this recommendation. Commissioner Dennis seconded the motion and it was adopted by the Commission.

Commissioner Owen stated that the Board discussed the 82-83 duck stamp budget. The Sandy Beach Project has been approved by the S. C. Public Service Authority, but due to the time which will be required



to have all permits approved, it will not be possible to start the project this fiscal year, and the Board recommends that these funds be made available for habitat improvement work on Bear Island and Santee Delta Game Management Areas. The Board further recommended that \$30,000 of funds previously approved for purchase of equipment be utilized for construction of a work center building to be used for construction of duck boxes, trunks, equipment repair, etc., at the Santee Coastal Reserve. Commissioner Owen moved for the Commission to adopt these recommendations. Commissioner Dawson seconded the motion and it was adopted by the Commission.

2. Law Enforcement & Boating: There was no report from the Board this month.

3. Marine Resources: Commissioner Compton noted that the Minutes of the recent Board meeting have been distributed and there is nothing further to report.

Commissioner Compton moved for the Commission to hold an Executive Session at the appropriate time to discuss personnel matters. Commissioner Dawson seconded the motion and it was adopted by the Commission. Chairman Webster announced that an Executive Session will be held following the regular meeting to discuss personnel matters.

4. Heritage Trust: There was no report from the Board this month.

D. Salary Review Committee: Dr. Timmerman reported that this report is in order and a copy has been forwarded to the Chairman.

E. Appointments: Dr. Timmerman distributed a copy of the recommendations for appointments and re-appointments of Deputy Wildlife Conservation Officers and Conservation Officers (copy attached to original Commission Minutes). The Commission approved all DWCO re-appointments, DWCO appointments and Conservation Officer re-appointments, including the change to statewide authority for DWCO David Cline of Greenville. The Commission approved the new Conservation Officer appointments of William Fairfax in Chester County and Maurice Pruitt in Horry County following review of their investigative reports. Dr. Timmerman noted that William Wilson in Georgetown County has withdrawn for Conservation Officer appointment and John S. McClellan is being recommended. The Commission approved the appointment of John S. McClellan in Georgetown County subject to his background investigation being satisfactory.

Dr. Timmerman presented a revised priority list for filling Conservation Officers positions to the Commission (copy attached to original



Commission Minutes) and recommended that the positions in Colleton, Jasper and Horry Counties be filled. Commissioner Dawson moved for the staff to put into effect, the filling of these positions in Colleton, Jasper and Horry Counties. Commissioner Compton seconded the motion and it was adopted by the Commission.

Representative Lois Eargle appeared before the Commission and thanked them for their assistance in filling law enforcement positions in Horry County.

F. Other: Chairman Webster introduced David Cline to make a presentation. Mr. Cline presented a check for \$25,000 to the Hampton Foundation for use in the law enforcement program. The Commission expressed its appreciation to Mr. Cline for this contribution.

Commissioner Stubbs asked if there were any plans to review Corporal situations around the state where there are vacancies. Dr. Timmerman stated that we would look into that matter.

G. Time and Place of Next Meeting: Chairman Webster stated the next meeting will be held on February 18th in Columbia.

ITEM VI. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the regular meeting, the Commission voted to recess the regular meeting and go into Executive Session.

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RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

Following the Executive Session, the Commission returned to regular session and invited participants into the meeting. Chairman Webster announced that in the Executive Session, the Commission adopted the following policy:

The Commission adopted a statement of policy that, effective immediately, the Commission is subject to the nepotism policy which exists and applies in the Department (copy attached to original Commission Minutes) and that Commissioners are subject to the nepotism policy and statute. Commissioner Compton moved for the Commission to adopt and ratify this action. Commissioner Owen seconded the motion. Commissioners Compton, Owen, Stubbs and Webster voted in favor of the motion. Commissioners Dennis, Altman and Dawson voted against the motion. Commissioner Harrelson abstained from voting on the motion.

There being no further business, the Commission adopted a motion to adjourn.



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HARRY R. E. HAMPTON MEMORIAL WILDLIFE FUND, INC.

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1. Chairman Compton called the meeting to order at approximately 12:30 p.m.
2. The Board approved a motion to approve the expenditure of \$1,000 for a study of the Law Enforcement Program and \$150 for educational training for an employee in the Non-Game/Endangered Species Section of the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries.
3. Mr. Calvin Dawson submitted his resignation from the Board of Directors. The Board elected Mr. David Cline of Greenville to fill the remainder of Mr. Dawson's term on the Board.
4. The Board approved the necessary funds for lettering and framing of the Certificate of Meritorious Service for Dr. Jackie Jacobs.
5. There being no further business to come before the meeting, a motion was adopted to adjourn.

