

MINUTES OF MEETING OF WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION IN SPARTANBURG, APRIL 17, 1964

Present were Commissioners Edward B. Cantey, Joseph W. Cox, J. Drayton Hopkins, Sidney S. Tison and Edwin W. Johnson; Director Webb, Jeff Fuller, Pat Ryan, Gordon Brown, Frank Nelson and Walter Schrader.

Mr. Webb advised the Commission that the Grimes bill relating to 62 acres in Georgetown County did not pass and would not pass in this session.

Mr. Webb advised that the cost of audit ordered by the Governor was paid.

In connection with Department lands on Hartwell Lake, Mr. Cox has heard from Mr. LeRoy. A proposal was being sent to the Savannah office about one area. Ross says it is a very beautiful spot - 23 acres. They want the Department to take over that 23 acres. Mr. Cox stated he thought it should be our position that we develop that 23 acres now and that he proposed to go next week to take pictures of it and make real inspection of it. Will let the Commissioners know when he gets the information.

Mr. Hopkins asked about availability of electricity. Mr. Cox says it is nearby. Mr. Cox said we have three counties on the lake and we certainly ought not to consider less than three very nice set ups.

Mr. Johnson read a letter from Dr. Lunz in connection with Coastal Fisheries being behind in revenue.

Mr. Johnson read letter from James Webb, dated April 8, showing list of Game Wardens that will be required to retire June 30th of this year. Attention was called to the last paragraph of this letter in regard to whether or not supervisors were intended to be included in this mandatory retirement. Major Cantey moved, and Mr. Hopkins seconded, that it was not intended for the supervisors to be included in this mandatory retirement age, and that a supervisor still in good health at the age of 65 should be kept on.

Mr. Cox moved to amend this by adding that upon the reaching of the age of 65 that the supervisors furnish a certificate of health by a Doctor designated by the Director. Mr. Hopkins seconded the amendment and it was carried.

Mr. Cox moved that the question of retirement of all wardens, including Mims,



be deferred until the June meeting except for Warden J. E. Bryant who is physically disabled, and that Mr. Bryant be notified of his retirement. This was seconded by Mr. Tison and unanimously carried.

Mr. Johnson referred to a letter from Mr. Webb in connection with the Department paying the salary of Game Warden Woodrow W. Prince. Since his appointment in October, 1960 he has been paid from the funds with the Department credited to Horry County, and when these were insufficient the County supplemented them with funds from the County Supply Bill. Mr. Tison moved that the Department take this on. Mr. Cox seconded it. Mr. Webb had already approved it in his letter.

Mr. Gordon Brown was asked to furnish information about costs of a Pitney-Bowes postage machine.

Mr. Johnson welcomed the Commission to Spartanburg.

Mr. Webb stated that John Gamble of Williamsburg County was put on the same basis as Warden Prince with the County supplementing the salary. Mr. Webb recommended that we put him on the same basis as Prince. Major Cantey moved and Mr. Tison seconded that Gamble from Williamsburg be put on as State Game Warden paid with State funds.

The matter of Warden John Ellison of Greenwood County was left in the hands of Director Webb for such action as he might take.

Mr. Webb recommended the re-appointment of salaried Game Warden Charles O. Laffitte of Saluda, the re-appointment of non-pay Game Warden Dr. Lang Anderson, Williston, and the appointments of non-pay Game Wardens, Robert E. Henrikson, Ladson - Charleston County, L. E. Miller, Jr., Orangeburg, Robert W. Rhame, Holly Hill. Motion by Mr. Cantey, seconded by Mr. Cox that the salaried and non-pay Game Wardens be approved, unanimously carried.

Mr. Webb asked the wishes of the Commission in regards to baseball diamonds having been located on the Styx Fish Hatchery property in Lexington County, and wanted to know what type agreement to enter into with Town of Pine Ridge in connection with lights, fences, etc. Mr. Cox moved that Mr. Webb ask the Town of Pine Ridge to draw up whatever



type agreement he thinks fair and submit it to the Commission.

Salaries of Law Enforcement personnel was discussed. It was the consensus of the Commission that 5% be added to the salary list of wardens as of this time according to the act of the Legislature, plus one half of this amount to be added by way of incentive pay recommendations. Mr. Webb was asked to compile these figures setting forth the 5% increase of each warden in one column and in another column his recommendations for incentive increases, and to have this available for the Commissioners at the next meeting, within the overall limit of approximately \$41,400 in increases.

Mr. Webb was asked to get up the figures to raise all other personnel according to the legislature statute.

Mr. Webb asked that the next meeting be held the first Thursday instead of the second Thursday of May. This was approved and the meeting will be held on May 7th. This was approved and the meeting will be held on May 7th.

Mr. Gordon Brown stated that S. C. Conservation Camp if held this year will have to be held in August.

Mr. Jeff Fuller stated he is interested in merit raises for his employees and would make his recommendations at the next meeting.

Mr. Johnson commended Pat Ryan on his report of the Wardens having had so many qualify for advanced first aid.

Frank Nelson stated, in connection with erecting building at Lake Moultrie, held off taking any action on the bids until the Commission meeting to see if they could get the \$7,000 difference from some other funds. Lowest bid was about \$46,000. Residence - \$20,000; storage and bunk quarters - about \$26,000. (this storage space to accommodate 6 cars).

Mr. Tison moved to approve the authorization for the residence for Mac Flood and hold the other building open until next meeting. Mr. Cox seconded this.

Mr. Schrader presented a map area of certain lands in Union County that the Department might be able to acquire for a small game propagation demonstration area, for beagle



and bird dog trials. It was suggested that the area be appraised for information purposes, that funds in the Department were not presently available and that it would be best not to start any purchase until the right of eminent domain was available.

The meeting then adjourned.

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