

MINUTES OF MEETING OF WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION COLUMBIA AUGUST 25, 1961 =

Present were Commissioners Cox, presiding, Cantey, Tison and Hopkins, Directors Webb and Lunz, Admiral Polatty, Mr. Schley, Alex Quattlebaum and Bartley Riddock, Charleston county treasurer.

Mr. Cox stated that the first order of business was an appeal by Mr. Riddock from Mr. Cox's ruling regarding funds collected in Charleston county from the sale of commercial fisheries licenses. Mr. Cox said that since he was disqualifying himself a quorum was not present and that if Mr. Riddock wished to present his case before the full commission at a later date he could do so. He also stated that anything decided would be effective as of July 1, 1961.

Mr. Riddock agreed to present his case at this meeting and also submit it to the Secretary in writing for forwarding to all members of the Commission, as would Director Lunz.

(The above will be forwarded to all Commissioners when received, along with related correspondence. Briefly, the question is whether the Charleston county treasurer is entitled to five per cent of the moneys collected in the county while practically all the handling and selling is done through the office of the Division of Commercial Fisheries. Mr. Riddock's position is that it is unfair to him as county treasurer not to receive five percent of the revenue from sales in his county, while all other county treasurers do, just because the Division office is located in Charleston, the Charleston senator concurring.)

Admiral Polatty stated that the annual meeting of the S. C. Wildlife Federation directors would be held at the Jefferson hotel in September. He mentioned the growth of the Federation and asked whether it would be possible to get the names of plantation owners, and clubs of various kinds over the State. Mr. Tison suggested that Director Webb help him with this.

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Mr. Webb asked the Commission to pass upon a request from Mr. Farrar, field representative of the National Federation, to have Gordon Brown or someone else from the Department accompany him around the State contacting persons who would be helpful in setting up local chapters.

Admiral Polatty said that he had known nothing of this and did not favor it at all, and the Commission agreed that it should not take an active part in this, although it would like to see the Federation strengthened.

Mr. Lunz presented a request for the transfer of \$2,500 from pier tax money for dredging on a silted-up creek into the Laboratory and for dragline and other work on construction of another five-acre pond for research. He expressed thanks to Mr. Webb for transfer of the dragline to the Laboratory.

A motion of Mr. Cantey for approval of the request was adopted.

Mr. Cox said that he had talked with Mr. Warren about setting a definite date for Commission meetings each month, subject to such changes as might be necessary, and said that Mr. Warren had agreed. Mr. Cantey suggested a tentative day as the first Thursday of each month.

Mr. Tison suggested that the next meeting be held either at Hampton or Belmont and after some discussion the matter of the next meeting was left up to Mr. Cox for making arrangements.

Mr. Webb said that the annual trip to Palmetto Bluff had been set for September 18-19 and a meeting might be held at that time.

The Commission approved the recommendation of Mr. Cox in the oyster hearings entitled W. B. Preacher, Applicant--Joseph Pinckney, Protestant, and Joseph Pinckney, Applicant--Mrs. Gladys G. Merritt, G. Wilton Graves, Protestants, and the recommendation was made the action of the Commission.



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Mr. Webb brought up the purchase of a plane for the Department to be used in law enforcement and reserach work and said the money was available. He said the plane would cost around \$20,000 and pointed out that South Carolina was the only State in this region without such a plane. The pilot would serve as a warden when not flying.

A motion of Mr. Tison was adopted that action be deferred until the matter could be taken up at a full meeting, at which time all details would be presented.

A number of appointments and reappointments were approved, including the appointment of a Marion warden to be paid from funds credited to the county and from the county supply bill.

Mr. Quattlebaum discussed the gift of Thomas G. Samworth of Georgetown of his plantation to the State, praising the action. He said that Mr. Samworth was now willing for some publicity to be given in hopes that the example would be followed by others and he made several suggestions about this.

A motion of Mr. Tison was adopted that details be left up to a committee composed of Commissioner Cox, Director Webb and Mr. Quattlebaum.

The Commission adopted a motion thanking Mr. Quattlebaum for his interest in the matter and for his attendance at the meeting and willingness to serve on the committee.

Eddie Finlay

