

MINUTES

SOUTH CAROLINA WILDLIFE & MARINE RESOURCES COMMISSION MEETING

Room 335, Rembert C. Dennis Building
Columbia, S. C.
February 19, 1993
10:00 A. M.

The regular monthly meeting of the South Carolina Wildlife and Marine Resources Commission was held at 10:00 A.M., Friday, February 19, 1993, in Room 335 of the Rembert C. Dennis Building, Columbia, SC, with Chairman Burnside presiding. Notice of the date, time and place of the meeting was mailed to the state's media. Commissioners present included: Commissioners Burnside, Miller, Pendarvis, Haynsworth, Leary, Rasor, Poston and Graham. Directors and staff members present included: Dr. Timmerman, Larry Cartee, Dan Dobbins, Brock Conrad, Sonny Baines, Paul Sandifer and various other staff members and guests.

CALL TO ORDER

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

ITEM I - READING OF THE MINUTES

The Commission adopted a motion to amend the Minutes of the January 15, 1993 Commission Meeting as follows:

- A) Page Two - In the middle of the page, the Minutes refer to Chairman Miller and this was changed by the Commission to read, "Commissioner" Miller.

- B) Page Four - The Minutes read in the second paragraph that, "*a \$50-per-person-per-night fee for the lodge would be utilized and a \$30 cleanup fee would be assessed*", and this was amended to read, "\$100-per-person-per-night and a \$50 cleanup fee".

With these amendments, the Commission approved the Minutes as amended.

ITEM II - COMMENTS

Dr. Timmerman introduced Caroline Agardy who gave the Commission an update on the Personnel Survey being conducted by the Division of Human Resource Management.



Dr. Timmerman noted that the Commission had agreed to meet on March 26, 1993, at the Palmetto Sportsmen's Classic and on April 16, 1993 at the Webb Wildlife Center.

Dr. Timmerman and Dan Dobbins went over the Restructuring Legislation now being considered by the General Assembly and presented an in-depth discussion on the legislation and the process that has evolved concerning restructuring until this point in time. Following discussion, the Commission adopted a motion to approve the concept of the Natural Resources Police Division. Also, following discussion, Dr. Timmerman received guidance from the Commission concerning restructuring with the process being that it is the Commission's desire to remain a separate agency as a first priority, the Department would be part of a Department of Natural Resources if we have restructuring as a second priority and we would have grave concerns about being included in restructuring with the Department of Agriculture. The Commission agreed with these priorities and noted that these should serve as guidance to Dr. Timmerman as it related to the Restructuring Legislation and process.

ITEM III - LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Dan Dobbins noted that most of the emphasis thus far in the General Assembly has been on Restructuring Legislation and he went over the status of some bills that have been under consideration and he noted that the Farm Bureau is seeking legislation to control depredation and accident problems with deer and automobiles.

ITEM IV - NEW BUSINESS:

A. Proposed Management Plans: Greens Shell Ring

Enclosure, Eva Russell Chandler, and Watson Heritage Preserves

Tom Kohlsaas noted that the Management Plans for these properties had been sent out to the Commission for their review and he briefly went over these plans with the Commission. Following discussion, the Commission adopted a motion to approve all three Management Plans as presented.

B. Proposed Regulation Changes for Fant's Grove WMA and

Western & Central Piedmont Hunt Units: Brock Conrad noted these proposed changes in wildlife management area regulations had been sent out to the Commission in their packet for their review. Following discussion of these recommended changes, the Commission adopted a motion to approve the proposed regulation changes for these areas as presented. Chairman Burnside noted that some action needs to be taken as it relates to doe tags in the upstate and Commissioner Miller moved for the staff to study the proposed



changes in doe days and doe tags for the upstate area and to make recommendations to the Commission. Commissioner Graham seconded the motion and it was adopted by the Commission.

Chairman Burnside introduced a Mr. Shealy from Newberry who expressed concerns that the deer season is closed for two weeks on private land in the wildlife management areas and he requested the Commission give consideration to allowing deer hunting to occur on private land during this two-week closure which could apply to the wildlife management area for the small game hunters.

C. Division Reports:

1. Administrative Services: There was nothing further to report.

2. Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries: Brock Conrad distributed a proposal to develop a user-fee system for Department-owned lands to the Commission for their review and comments as deemed appropriate.

3. Law Enforcement & Boating: There was nothing further to report.

4. Conservation Education & Communications: There was nothing further to report.

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

D. Advisory Board Reports:

1. Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries: There was nothing to report from the Board this month.

2. Marine Resources: Commissioner Pendarvis noted that the Board met on February 5, 1993 and he passed out the Minutes of the Meeting and went over these Minutes briefly. Commissioner Pendarvis noted that the Board had adopted a motion whereby they asked the Commission to recognize that the management of shellfish resources is a high priority task in the Department and it further directed the Marine Resources Division staff to seek funding to complete the ongoing mapping of shellfish beds and related information as quickly as possible. Commissioner Pendarvis noted that the Board had adopted this motion and recommended it to the Commission for approval and the Commission adopted a motion to approve this recommendation as presented. Commissioner Pendarvis noted the Board would hold its next meeting on April 23, 1993 at the Waddell Mariculture Center.

3. Law Enforcement & Boating: Commissioner Miller noted that the Board met on January 28, 1993 and he went over the items discussed at the Board Meeting. There were no items for Commission action at this time.

4. Heritage Trust: Tom Kohlsaas went over the recent meeting of the Heritage Trust Advisory Board and noted there were no further items for the Commission's action.



E. Other Remarks: There were no further remarks from the Commission at this time.

Commissioner Pendarvis moved for the Commission to hold an Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion and it was adopted by the Commission. Chairman Burnside announced that at this time the Commission would hold an Executive Session to discuss personnel and legal matters.

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RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

Following the Executive Session, the regular meeting was resumed and participants were invited into the meeting.

The Commission adopted a motion to accept the staff recommendations on Deputy Wildlife Conservation Officers to include the appointment of Alfred Taylor Clarkson, III with statewide authority.

The Commission adopted a motion to accept the staff recommendations of Corporal Leo Carmichael to Sergeant and Sergeant Roger Clark to Lieutenant.

The Commission adopted a motion to approve staff recommendations on the dress uniform and other uniforms and also to change from the .357 pistol to the Glock 40-caliber pistol as funds will allow.

The Commission adopted a motion for the Commissioners of each respective Advisory Board to get with the appropriate Division Directors and to discuss and go over the types of vehicles needed and the assignment of vehicles in each respective Division and to compile this information and present to the Commission for their review.

The Commission adopted a motion to approve the appointment of Coy Johnston to the Law Enforcement and Boating Advisory Board and Spencer Levitt to the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Advisory Board.



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F. Appointments: This item has previously been acted upon by the Commission.

G. Time and Place of Next Meeting: The Commission agreed to hold its next meeting on March 26, 1993, in Columbia, in conjunction with the Palmetto Sportsmen's Classic.

ITEM V - ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the regular meeting, the Commission adopted a motion to adjourn.

