

MINUTES OF MEETING OF WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION AT BELMONT JUNE 19, 1969

Present were Commissioners Eltzroth, Glenn, Mishoe, Eppes and Rhame, Major Cantey, Jim Webb, Ed Latimer, Charlie Bearden, Oscar Sullivan, Jeff Fuller, Tommy Welch, Roger Seamans, and Hugh Fraser of the Advisory Committee.

Following an executive session, Mr. Webb recommended a number of appointments, which were all approved except that of Mr. Shook was delayed until further information could be secured. Mr. Mishoe said that he understood that Commissioner Williams was in favor of hiring Mr. Shook.

Mr. Fuller brought up the abandoned bridge over Lake Greenwood, which is much used by anglers. He said if it is not repaired the Highway Department will tear it down. He said he believed the cost of putting it in safe and usable shape would come to around \$3,000, and he understood Laurens county, where the bridge is located, had around \$2,800 to its credit with the Department.

Mr. Webb said that he would ask the Laurens delegation whether it wished to take care of the bridge and a motion of Mr. Rhame, Mr. Eppes seconding, was adopted that funds credited to Laurens county be used for the work, provided the delegation approves, with the understanding the work, would not cost more than the available county funds.

Mr. Sullivan presented a pay scale for the Division of Commercial Fisheries and Bears Bluff, and said he was studying the hiring of more help and securing of more equipment for work in connection with the renewing of oyster leases.

The Commission discussed House Bill No. 14, introduced by Representatives Harvey and Graves on 10 April 1969, as an amendment to Section 28-813, 1962 South Carolina Code of Laws, which is now pending in the Senate. Ed Latimer, Assistant Attorney General, stated that the bill would probably conflict with



the tidelands study program initiated by Governor McNair and would probably cause conflict and litigation between lessees or existing oyster leases. Latimer stated that, as written, the bill probably would not eliminate the problem of having one lease lying within another lease area. Latimer stated that the word "perimeter" is not defined in the existing bill. Latimer stated that Section 28-813 should be amended to allow an oyster lease plat to be prepared from the aerial photograph, maps, etc., rather than by the present exclusive method of ground survey. The Commission voted to recommend the passage of the bill as presently written.

Mr. Eltzroth suggested that Mr. Latimer be present at the meeting of the Agriculture and Conservation Committee on Tuesday to give his views on the pending legislation, which Mr. Eltzroth said did not agree with his own.

The Commission instructed Mr. Fuller to carry out instructions he had received from Commissioner Mishoe concerning a matter on Santee-Cooper.

Mr. Sullivan was thanked and congratulated for his fine work with the Division of Commercial Fisheries.

Mr. Rhame reported that the question of the Department taking over Broadway Lake in Anderson county was under consideration but that he had nothing to report.

Mr. Rhame asked what was being done in regard to the National Campers Convention at Lake Marion in July and Mr. Webb said the local police would take care of the land activities while Conservation Officers would patrol the water.

Mr. Glenn brought up the matter of collector's permits for McDonald Chesney and Gilbert Maggioni and Mr. Webb said he could handle this as far as the state permits were concerned but would like the two applications to be made in writing. Mr. Glenn said he would see about this.



The proposed salary schedules for Division of Commercial Fisheries and Bears Bluff were approved on motion of Mr. Rhame, Mr. Glenn seconding.

Mr. Glenn then took over the chair and offered a new resolution praising the Chairman for his work and efforts in working for license revision. A motion was adopted that the original resolution be framed and presented to the Chairman.

*A resolution that the Secretary had drawn up regarding the resignation of Doctor Lunz was approved, subject to some minor revisions which the Secretary was instructed to make.

Eddie Finlay

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