

MINUTES OF MEETING OF WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION IN COLUMBIA MARCH 17, 1965

Present were all Commissioners, Directors Webb and Lunz, Assistant Director Ryan, Jeff Fuller, John Quillen, Gene Howell, Allison Fickling and Buck Buchanan.

Mr. Johnson told of a discussion he had had with Walt Gresh regarding the refuge land in Chesterfield county that the Fish and Wildlife Service might have to abandon as part of an economy drive. He said that Gresh had told him it was not too early for the Department to start working on plans to acquire the land that if the FWS lost the land it would try and get it for the Department.

Mr. Johnson brought up a request from Warden Allen that if Boy Scouts spent the night at Lake Johnson they be allowed to fish the next day without charge, if accompanied by an adult who had paid the fee. Mr. Webb said the matter was covered by a legislative act and he could handle the matter if he were given all information. He suggested that the Scout Leader write him giving details of the scouts' needs.

The check station for deer and turkey hunts at Sedalia and its abandonment was discussed. Mr. Quillen said that the station was being abandoned because only 600 persons registered there for the deer hunts, much below the use at other check points. He said the station was to be closed as an economy move.

Mr. Quillen said that he would get the upstate deer and turkey kill for Mr. Johnson if he desires it.

Mr. Tison said that he and Director Webb had talked with Mr. Goldberg about the request of a TV station for renting four acres of land near Lake Wallace for a transmission tower; and that a meeting with officials of the company was planned for Friday or next Monday.

Mr. Johnson asked about the designation of the Department as coordinator for the Outdoor Recreation program and Mr. Ryan said information requested has been prepared for Director Webb's signature, outlining the basic mechanics of the Land and Water Act.

Mr. Johnson told of the talk he had had with Van Newman regarding handling publicity for the Department and said if anything were worked out duties and respon-



sibilities would have to be defined. Mr. Webb said that a conference had been held with Mr. Newman, Pat Ryan and Eddie Finlay and he had been given material for study before making recommendations on a publicity program.

The question of the magazine's circulation list was discussed and the Secretary presented a tentative questionnaire to be inserted in the next issue of the magazine, asking whether the subscriber would like to continue receiving the magazine and whether he would be willing to pay \$1 for two years.

Mr. Cox suggested that the name of anyone not replying be dropped from the list and a suggestion was adopted that persons not replying be dropped, with the exception of certain groups.

Letters written by Dr. Lunz on marshland questions were brought up, Dr. Lunz saying that he agreed with some suggestions from Mr. Tison for revision. Dr. Lunz said he would have Mrs. Cardwell type up the letters outlining the Commission stand on the matter of marshland ownership and the letters would then be delivered to the Chairman of the Senate and House Judiciary Committees. (This was subsequently done).

A motion of Mr. Hopkins was adopted that since the case selected by Dr. Lunz as a test case had been settled that Dr. Lunz select another case for a test.

Mr. Johnson asked about the possibility of charging for the upcoming turkey hunts and Mr. Webb said that it had been decided that it would be best to wait until next season and charge for both deer and turkey hunts.

Mr. Johnson asked whether it would be possible for wardens and other Department personnel to be reimbursed for certain expenditures incurred in providing service for hunters.

Mr. Webb then reported on the Hampton Lake, saying the dam was almost completed and the spillway was being built and that the big problem now was the clearing of the 700 acres in the basin. He discussed talks he had had with Mr. McDougall of the penitentiary regarding using convict labor to clear the land for the timber pulpwood and wood. He stated that there was \$50,000 of Federal money available for expenditures for this



clearing but that it would have to be matched by state funds. Since the Commission had previously stipulated that the Department spend no more than \$75,000 of Department funds for this project this fund could not be matched with Game funds. Permission of the Commission was asked to permit the Game Division to advance some of these matching funds to provide small tools and to pay for supervisory personnel with the stipulation that this be reimbursed by the Department of Correction from the sale of timber taken from the area.

Mr. Johnson and other Commissioners expressed the fear that there would be no way to force compliance by the penitentiary and a contract might not be binding. After further discussion a motion of Mr. Tison was adopted that Mr. Cantey represent the Commission in taking the matter up with Mr. McDougall and see what kind of contract could be worked out, studying all aspects and reporting back to the next meeting.

Mr. Johnson suggested that efforts be made to get bids.

The motion was then amended to provide that Mr. Cantey and Mr. Webb investigate the matter fully with Mr. McDougall; and as soon as possible advertise for bona fide bids, getting the termination dates for these bids as well as for having the work done by McDougall.

The coming appearance before the special committee was then discussed and charts on various phases of Department work were shown by Mr. Fuller, Mr. Quillen, Mr. Buchanan and Mr. Ryan.

Edd. Finlay

