

MINUTES OF MEETING OF WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION IN COLUMBIA MARCH 30, 1966

Present were Commissioners Parler, Cantey, Glenn, Hopkins and Mishoe, Directors Webb and Lunz, Assistant Attorney General J. C. Coleman, Gilbert Maggioni, Rivers Vaughan, Mr. Lumpkin, Pat Ryan, Frank Nelson and Beaufort Representatives Graves and Harvey.

(The complete report on Commercial Fisheries matters, which were taken down by the court stenographer, will not be available for several days. Meanwhile I have written Doctor Lunz regarding the Commission action in renewing the lease of the Atlantic Shellfish Company.

(One action taken was the appointment of a committee composed of Commissioner Glenn, Doctor Lunz, Assistant Attorney General Coleman and Mr. Maggioni to meet with representatives of the oyster industry and work out some satisfactory agreement for the policing of leases, possibly for submission to the General Assembly for action.

(In the Toomer vs. Toomer matter it was agreed that formal notice should be sent to the claimant lessees of the disputed 65 acres to the effect that it was the position of the Commission that there is no valid lease on the disputed area and that Doctor Lunz invite and accept applications for new leases in accordance with statutory provisions.)

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At the request of Doctor Lunz the minutes of the February 24 meeting were corrected in Paragraph Six, where they had stated that he had said an area in dispute might be set up as an experimental oyster area.

The reappointment of a number of regular and non-pay wardens was approved and the Commission also approved the appointment of a Georgetown warden subject to further investigation.

Mr. Webb said that he had been informed by the Barnwell delegation that two lots badly needed in connection with the operation of the Barnwell lake and hatchery could be secured for \$8,000. He recommended and the Commission approved the acquisition of the property.



Mr. Hopkins said that he understood the Corps of Engineers had been asking what the Department planned to do with the lot acquired on Lake Hartwell. Mr. Webb said plans were being worked out for use of the lot.

Doctor Lunz said that Senator Stevens of Horry county had given approval for the man he had recommended for an inspector's position and the Commission approved his recommendation.

Mr. Webb said that a movie was to be made on the striped bass with Gordon Brown as photographer. He asked approval of the Commission for the project, which was granted on motion of Mr. Hopkins.

Major Cantey suggested that the Development Board might be brought in to help with the cost and Mr. Webb said he would talk with the Development Board.

Mr. Webb said that a new man was starting to work on the striped bass project at Moncks Corner, taking Bob Stevens' place.

Several Commissioners said that the method of presenting the Department financial standing in the annual report to the General Assembly should be changed. The Commissioners said it gave the General Assembly the idea the Department had much more money than is actually available.

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