

MINUTES OF MEETING OF WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION IN COLUMBIA MAY 15, 1969.

All Commissioners were present, as well as Advisory Committee member Hugh Fraser, Pat Ryan, Jeff Fuller, Frank Nelson, Roger Seamans, Ed Latimer, Fred Ramage and Oscar Sullivan.

Following an executive session, the meeting was opened with a brief moment of prayer.

A proposed memorandum of understanding between the Corps of Engineers and the State of South Carolina regarding certain spoil areas was distributed to the Commissioners for a brief study. A motion of Mr. Glenn, Mr. Thompson seconding, was adopted authorizing Chairman Eltzroth to sign for the Commission.

A report of Jeff Fuller on Broadway Lake in Anderson county, which has been offered to the Department, was distributed and studied briefly by the Commission. In his report, Mr. Fuller recommended that the proposition not be accepted, in view of the necessary expense in putting the property in proper shape and also the upkeep that would be required.

In answer to a question from Mr. Eltzroth, Mr. Ramage stated that around half a million dollars are available in operating funds, not including funds allocated to the counties.

Mr. Thompson said he had talked with members of the delegation and at this time did not have enough information to make a recommendation. He suggested that a sub-committee look into the offer and report back at a subsequent meeting and Chairman Eltzroth appointed Mr. Rhame, chairman, Mr. Eppes and Mr. Thompson to investigate the situation and make a report to the full Commission.

Mr. Ryan said that in addition to the conservation officers whose names had already been sent to the Commissioners he wished to recommend the appointment of Non-Pay Officers Marion Burnside, Jr. of Richland and Charles Bell of Beaufort, and Conservation Officer William P. Scurry of Lee County. All were approved.

Mr. Eltzroth reported that the hunting license bill had been reported out with amendments that would make the State license \$6.25 and the county license \$3.25, which he said would bring in just about as much revenue as the figures that had been asked by the Commission, which would have had a \$5.25 state license

and no county license. He said some Fish, Game and Forestry Committee members felt the county license should be phased out gradually.

As for the fishing license bill, Mr. Eltzroth said that it was with a sub-committee and urged each Commissioner to contact the representatives in his district, asking their support for both bills and urging that the fishing license bill be reported out as rapidly as possible and that co-authors of the fishing license bill be contacted and thanked.

He said that if the bills could be passed by the House and sent to the Senate that they might be included in the General Appropriations Bill. He added that this weekend was critical.

A motion of Mr. Glenn was unanimously adopted that the Secretary be instructed to send flowers and a letter of sympathy from the Commission to Director Webb.

Mr. Sullivan said there was nothing to report on the operations of the Division of Commercial Fisheries, routine matters being handled as usual.

It was agreed that the next meeting be held at Belmont on Thursday, June 19th at 8 p. m.

Mr. Glenn moved that approval and consideration of the proposed bill pertaining to seasons, limits and areas for shrimping be postponed until a sub-committee of the Commission could study it. He said that Mr. Sullivan should prepare a map or maps outlining the areas.

A sub-committee composed of Mr. Glenn, chairman; Mr. Mishoe and Mr. Williams was appointed and Mr. Glenn said he would also like Mr. Eltzroth and Mr. Sullivan to attend their meeting. It was agreed that the meeting of the sub-committee would be held at the Fort Sumter hotel in Charleston the evening of June 4 with supper in the Sheraton Room at 6 o'clock.

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