

MINUTES

SOUTH CAROLINA WILDLIFE AND MARINE RESOURCES COMMISSION MEETING

Riverbend Sportsman's Lodge
Spartanburg, S. C.
May 16, 1986
1:30 P. M.

The regular monthly meeting of the South Carolina Wildlife and Marine Resources Commission was held at 1:30 P. M., May 16, 1986, at the Riverbend Sportsman's Lodge, Spartanburg, S. C., with Chairman Webster presiding. Notice of the date, time and place of the meeting was mailed to the state's media. Commissioners present at the meeting included Commissioners Webster, Compton, Quackenbush, Owen, Stokes and Thomason. Directors and staff present included Dr. Timmerman, Larry Cartee, Buford Mabry, Brock Conrad, John Frampton, R. M. Gifford, Sonny Baines, A. S. Lachicotte, and various other staff and guests.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Webster called the meeting to order at 1:30 P. M. and welcomed all guests to the meeting.

ITEM I. READING OF THE MINUTES

The Commission adopted a motion to dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the April 18, 1986 Commission Meeting and approve them as submitted.

ITEM II. COMMENTS

Dr. Timmerman informed the Commission of a recent letter concerning the requirement to have a hunting and fishing license. This letter and the response to such was shared with the Commissioners.

Dr. Timmerman informed the Commission that Commissioners Compton and Owen have been re-appointed to a new term and such has been confirmed by the Senate.

Dr. Timmerman noted that Dan Dobbins and Benny Reeves are still in Columbia following the budget and the license fee bill. Dr. Timmerman went over the status of the license bill, noting that several amendments have been proposed in the Senate. A list of these amendments was distributed and discussed with the Commission.

Dr. Timmerman discussed our budget proposal noting that additional funds have been included in our budget by the Senate Finance Committee. Dr. Timmerman went over the items approved in our budget by the Senate Finance Committee.

ITEM III. LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Dr. Timmerman noted this report has been mailed out to the Commissioners and it was briefly discussed.

ITEM IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Division Reports:

1. Administrative Services: There was nothing further to report.
2. Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries: There was nothing further to report.
3. Law Enforcement & Boating: There was nothing further to report.
4. Conservation Education & Boating: There was nothing further to report.
5. Marine Resources: There was nothing further to report.

B. Other Remarks: Commissioner Owen noted that Frank Lesesne has resigned from the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Advisory Board and he recommended that Ed Muckenfuss be appointed to fill out the remainder of Mr. Lesesne's term. The Commission adopted a motion to approve this as requested. Commissioner Stokes moved for the Commission to hold an Executive Session to discuss personnel and legal matters. Commissioner Compton seconded the motion and it was adopted by the Commission. Chairman Webster announced that the Commission would recess the regular meeting to hold an Executive Session to discuss personnel and legal matters.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

Following the Executive Session, the regular meeting was resumed and participants were invited into the meeting. Chairman Webster asked Commissioner Compton to report on the actions taken in Executive Session. Commissioner Compton reported that the Commission took the following actions in Executive Session:

1. A motion was adopted to approve all appointments and reappointments of Deputy Wildlife Conservation Officers and Conservation Officers as presented (Copy attached to original Commission Minutes).
2. A motion was adopted to recommend to the State Budget and Control Board an easement at our Murrells Inlet Boat Ramp facility to the Belin Methodist Trust at a cost of \$10,000 and the extinguishment of all existing easements.
3. A motion was adopted to appoint Mr. John White to the Conservation Education and Communications Advisory Board.

The Commission adopted a motion to approve and ratify these actions.

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The Commission expressed thanks to Mr. Ralph Brendle for hosting the Commission Meeting at Riverbend Sportsman's Lodge.

Commissioner Compton expressed thanks to Commissioner Thomason for organizing the Spartanburg Association's Harry Hampton Wildlife Fund Banquet to be held this evening.

C. Time and Place of Next Meeting: The Commission agreed to hold its next meeting in Columbia at 10:00 A. M. on June 20, 1986.

ITEM V. ADJOURN

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

