

MINUTES OF S. C. WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION MEETING IN COLUMBIA NOV. 6, 1957

All Commissioners were present except Mr. Cox. Also present were Director Richardson, Mr. Webb, Jim Verner and Alex Quattlebaum.

The Abbeville situation regarding the discharge of Warden Nance was explained by Mr. Verner and after some discussion it was decided to leave the matter in the hands of Mr. Verner. It was agreed that Nance's bonding company be notified regarding status of the matter.

Chairman Warren said a hearing on the application of Mr. E. B. Watson for an oyster lease in Beaufort county was being opposed and that a hearing would be necessary. It was voted that Mr. Cox be appointed a committee-of-one to take testimony and to report at the next meeting of the Commission with his recommendation. Chairman Warren said that he would write Mr. Cox.

The appointment of Willie M. Connelly as a non-pay warden was approved subject to completion of requirements.

Chairman Warren read three resolutions adopted by the Greenville Federation chapter: Requesting the opening of the dove season not earlier than October 10; requesting the opening of the squirrel season in all zones not earlier than October 10; and supporting passage of the bill that would give the Commission power to set seasons and limits with the consent of the delegations in the zone.

After some discussion it was agreed that it would not be best to seek authority to set the seasons and limits unless there were no strings attached, since the provision for legislative approval would cause complications.

Mr. Webb pointed out that a comprehensive report on an extensive dove study would be off the press within a short while and it should be considered in any recommendations regarding the dove season.

The resolutions were received as information and the Secretary instructed to write the Greenville chapter and express thanks for its interest.



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Mr. Huggins reported on a conference he had had with the Williamsburg delegation regarding the appointment of another warden for the county. He recommended that an additional warden be appointed, with the understanding that if the enforcement work in the county did not improve one warden would be dropped. The appointment of Mr. Morris was then approved. Director Richardson said that he would write all Williamsburg wardens and put them on notice they must do better work.

The following non-pay wardens are appointed or reappointed: Jerry H. Jordan for Preswood lake, T. H. Aaron, Marion Wright, Linwood Free, David H. Padgett, Earnest E. Sires, C. S. Ridge, Dallis T. Jones, Vernon Ramset, J. Waymond Wilson and Julian Burgess. The appointment of Mr. Derrick was approved, subject to the filing of certificate.

The Commission approved the trapping of 20 turkeys from the Francis Marion area for the Forest Service for restocking in Texas and Louisiana.

Mr. Quattlebaum brought up the matter of the Commission having the power to set seasons and limits and asked for the Commission attitude, which would be supported by the Federation. There was considerable discussion of this, as well as of the pending legislation to set up a 14-man Commission. It was agreed to take up these matters at the next meeting.

Mr. Quattlebaum brought up the possibility of the Commission acquiring 10,000-acre Sandy Island in Georgetown county as a public hunting area and sanctuary and he and Mr. Webb were asked to investigate this. Mr. Webb was also requested to study the feasibility of acquiring an additional 4,500 acres for Bear Island.

The question of personnel raises was brought up and it was decided to postpone action until January, when the effect of license increases would be known.

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