

MINUTES

SOUTH CAROLINA WILDLIFE AND MARINE RESOURCES
COMMISSION MEETING

Room 335, Dennis Building
Columbia, S. C.
October 15, 1982
10:00 a.m.

The regular monthly meeting of the South Carolina Wildlife and Marine Resources Commission was held in Room 335 of the Dennis Building, Columbia, S. C., at 10:00 a.m., on October 15, 1982, 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, Stubbs, Harrelson, Owen, Compton, Quackenbush, Dawson, Altman and Dennis. Directors and staff members present included Dr. Timmerman, Larry Cartee, Dan Dobbins, Benny Reeves, Sonny Baines, Pat Ryan, Ed Joseph, Bill Chastain, Brock Conrad and various other staff. Guests at the meeting included Senator David S. Taylor and Charles Coates of Laurens, Jim Workman of the Clarks Hill/Russell Authority, Jackie Jacobs and Al Cannon of the South Carolina Wildlife Federation, Ted Lightle of the Division of General Services, Mike Rowe of the Governor's Office, Dr. Lee Morrison of Georgetown, and Jim Pulliam of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Atlanta.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Webster called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and introduced all guests at the meeting.

ITEM I. READING OF THE MINUTES

Commissioner Compton moved to dispense with the reading of the Regular and Executive Session Minutes of the September 17, 1982 meeting and approve them as submitted. Commissioner Owen seconded the motion and it was adopted by the Commission.

ITEM II. COMMENTS

Dr. Timmerman noted that Mr. Paul Hilson is on the agenda for today's meeting, but is unable to attend and has requested to be on the agenda for the November meeting.

Dr. Timmerman distributed notes from a recent Directors' Staff Meeting to the Commission for their information. Dr. Timmerman pointed out that we are now faced with a \$514,000 budget cut and the Commission will be asked to assist us in prioritizing program areas.

Dr. Timmerman advised the Commission that Mr. Graham Reeves has requested the Commission reconsider his permit application with respect to new guidelines on impoundments adopted by the Commission. Dr. Timmerman noted he had sent the Commission some information on this including a letter from the Attorney General's Office stating the land ownership question has not been settled (copy attached to original Commission Minutes). Dr. Timmerman stated that the Commission would have to change its guidelines to reconsider this permit application. Following discussion, Commissioner Compton moved for Mr. Reeves to be informed that the Commission will not reconsider its impoundment guidelines at this time. Commissioner Stubbs seconded



the motion and it was adopted by the Commission with Commissioners Quackenbush, Harrelson, and Dawson abstaining from voting on the motion.

ITEM III. APPEARANCE: SENATOR DAVID TAYLOR (RE: MAN-DRIVES IN THE UPSTATE)

Senator David Taylor appeared before the Commission to discuss the emergency regulation adopted to prohibit the use of firearms on man-drives on game management lands in the upstate. Senator Taylor discussed the details leading up to the adoption of this regulation and noted that it should be reviewed and acted upon by the General Assembly under the provisions of the Administrative Procedures Act. Senator Taylor asked the Commission to rescind the emergency regulation until such time the Administrative Procedures Act is followed and the General Assembly makes a decision. Following discussion by the Commission, Commissioner Owen moved for the Commission to let this emergency regulation stand in effect. Commissioner Quackenbush seconded the motion and it was adopted by the Commission. Senator Taylor presented two letters dated October 15, 1982 to Chairman Webster for the Department to adhere to (letters attached to original Commission Minutes).

ITEM IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Discussion of Radio System: Chairman Webster introduced Mr. Ted Lightle of General Services to make this presentation. Mr. Lightle presented some overhead slides and went over the various concepts in the state's information technology plan, including General Service's plans for an integrated information system which would be available for use by all agencies. Dr. Timmerman asked when the state will complete development of a microwave system. Mr. Lightle stated that the first part of the system should be completed in early 1984. Dr. Timmerman encouraged the Division of General Services to proceed with this system as we have needs for improved communications.

B. Further Discussion of Santee Reserve Boat Ramp: Chairman Webster introduced Dr. Lee Morrison for discussion on the use of the boat ramp at Santee Reserve. Dr. Morrison noted that he has been deeded Brown's Island in the South Santee River about 3/4 mile from the Santee Reserve boat ramp. Dr. Morrison noted that his family had used the ramp under the old Collins Creek Gun Club and he appealed to the Commission to continue use of this ramp. Dr. Timmerman distributed a letter from Dr. Morrison's brother, Thomas P. Morrison, for their information (copy attached to original Commission Minutes). Chairman Webster noted that we have received a number of requests to use the ramp and it's difficult to allow some people to use the ramp and not others. Chairman Webster advised Dr. Morrison that he will be notified of the Commission's decision. Dr. Timmerman noted that Senator Dewey Wise has requested to appear before the Commission on behalf of a client to discuss this matter.

Following this discussion, Commissioner Compton moved for the Commission to hold an Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. Commissioner Dennis seconded the motion and it was adopted by the Commission. Chairman Webster announced that an Executive Session will be held following Mr. Jim Workman's presentation to discuss personnel matters.

ITEM V. NEW BUSINESS

A. APPEARANCE - MR. PAUL HILSON: This matter will be deferred until the November Commission Meeting.



B. Discussion of GMA Lands Near Clarks Hill Lake: Jim Workman of the Clarks Hill/Russell Authority appeared before the Commission to discuss the role of the agency and to request that the Commission release approximately 2,000 acres of GMA lands to be used for development purposes by the Clarks Hill/Russell Authority. Mr. Workman noted that in 1974, the Commission approved the release of about 2,300 acres under an old memorandum of agreement and the request today includes a part of that tract under the old agreement. Mr. Workman requested the Commission consider revising the old agreement to include the release of other lands which total about 2,000 acres. Larry Cartee advised the Commission that this request includes lands in the GMA lands currently under lease which would be lost and it also includes 550 acres of land in the Richard Russell Fish and Wildlife Mitigation Plan. Chairman Webster advised Mr. Workman that the Commission will consider this request.

RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Commission recessed its regular meeting and went into Executive Session as previously voted upon and announced.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

Following the Executive Session, the Commission returned to regular session and invited participants into the meeting. Commissioner Compton moved for the Commission to approve and ratify its action in Executive Session to reinstate and re-appoint G. Larry McLain to the Conservation Officer position in Oconee County, Law Enforcement District #1, pursuant to provisions agreed upon by Mr. McLain and the Commission. Commissioner Quackenbush seconded the motion and it was adopted by the Commission.

C. Division Reports:

1. Administrative Services: There was nothing further to report.
2. Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries: Dr. Timmerman noted that the emergency regulation relating to man-drives will expire by the first of the year and hearings may need to be held in order to get this submitted to the General Assembly in early 1983. The Commission suggested that the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Advisory Board and Commissioner Owen hold hearings on this matter at the appropriate time.
3. Law Enforcement and Boating: There was nothing further to report.
4. Information and Public Affairs: Sonny Baines distributed a memo to the Commission, for their information, noting that in order to save money, future issues of the magazine will have the amount of color reduced and issues will be cut from sixty-four to forty-eight pages. Commissioner Quackenbush noted that he was asked about two months ago to review the financial situation of the magazine and look at ideas to maintain the quality of the magazine. Commissioner Quackenbush distributed a proposal for the Commission's consideration to create the "South Carolina Wildlife" Magazine Advisory Council (copy of proposal attached to original Commission Minutes). Commissioner Quackenbush moved for the Commission to adopt



this proposal. Commissioner Compton seconded the motion and it was adopted by the Commission. Commissioner Quackenbush asked each Commissioner to submit any recommendations from their district for consideration to be appointed to this Council.

5. Marine Resources: There was nothing further to report.

D. Advisory Board Reports:

1. Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries: Commissioner Owen noted the Board will meet on October 19th at Bonneau Ferry.

2. Law Enforcement and Boating: Commissioner Quackenbush noted the Board had discussed the Operation Game Thief program and proposed legislation is being developed. The Board also discussed a proposed lifetime license. Dr. Timmerman noted that he has asked Benny Reeves to chair a committee to review the lifetime license proposal. Commissioner Quackenbush stated that the Board endorsed the fire-arms policy and he moved for the Commission to approve this policy (copy attached to original Commission Minutes). Commissioner Compton seconded the motion and it was adopted by the Commission.

3. Marine Resources: There was no report from the Board this month.

4. Heritage Trust: There was no report from the Board this month.

E. Salary Review Committee: Dr. Timmerman noted this report is in order and a copy has been forwarded to the Chairman.

F. Appointments: Dr. Timmerman distributed a copy of the recommendations for appointments and re-appointments of Deputy Wildlife Conservation Officers and Conservation Officers (copy attached to original Commission Minutes). The Commission approved all appointments and re-appointments as recommended.

G. Other Remarks: Commissioner Quackenbush expressed concern about a Conservation Officer being shot by hunters and settling up so soon. Commissioner Webster asked Commissioner Quackenbush and Pat Ryan to review this type of situation and develop some procedure to be followed in the future.

Commissioner Altman noted that he knows of a situation where an individual is issued a renewal license while under court order. Benny Reeves stated that a statute may be needed to deny issuance of a license. Commissioner Altman recommended the staff investigate this matter and include such in the Department's legislative package, if needed.

H. Time and Place of Next Meeting: Chairman Webster announced that the next meeting will be held in Columbia at 10:00 a.m., November 19, 1982.

ITEM VI. ADJOURN

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

