

## MINUTES

### SOUTH CAROLINA WILDLIFE & MARINE RESOURCES COMMISSION MEETING

Union Wildlife Office  
Union, S. C.  
October 16, 1992  
10:00 A. M.

The regular monthly meeting of the South Carolina Wildlife and Marine Resources Commission was held at 10:00 A.M., on Friday, October 16, 1992, in the Union Wildlife Office, Union, S. C., with Chairman Burnside presiding. Notice of the date, time and place of the meeting was mailed to the state's media. Commissioners present included: Commissioners Burnside, Rasor, Poston, Pendarvis, Leary, Graham, and Miller. Directors and staff members present included: Dr. Timmerman, Larry Cartee, Paul Sandifer, Brock Conrad, Dan Dobbins, and various other staff members and guests.

#### CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Burnside called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

#### ITEM I - READING OF THE MINUTES

The Commission adopted a motion to dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the September 18, 1992 Commission Meeting and approve them as submitted.

#### ITEM II - COMMENTS

Dr. Timmerman informed the Commission that Conservation Officer Howard Wells has recently been elected Sheriff in Union County.

Dr. Timmerman noted that Commissioner Haynsworth is in Canada and Benny Reeves is at a FEMA audit and not in attendance at the meeting.

Dr. Timmerman discussed the budget, noting that we have an additional \$87,000 cut for next year due to some accounting change in the budgetary process.

Dr. Timmerman noted that the Budget and Control Board has approved an agreement to transfer the Victoria Bluff property to the Department.

Dr. Timmerman noted that he invited the Budget and Control Board to meet in the ACE Basin on December 8, 1992 and they had accepted the invitation.



Dr. Timmerman noted that he will send out the Minutes for the Directors' Staff Meeting to the Commissioners for their information.

Dr. Timmerman distributed a copy of the quarterly Vehicle Accident Report to the Commissioners for their information and noted that all employees are currently in the process of taking the Defensive Driving Training Program.

Commissioner Miller discussed the Transco project noting that 17-million gallons of water will be taken out of Lake Hartwell and following discussion, he moved for the Commission to have the legal staff and environmental staff monitor this situation and take proper action concerning this project at the proper time. The Commission adopted the motion as presented and seconded it.

ITEM III - NEW BUSINESS

A. Division Reports:

1. Administrative Services: There was nothing further to report.

2. Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries: Brock Conrad announced that Val Nash had been selected as the new Chief of Fisheries and he invited the Commissioners to attend the upcoming meeting of the Heritage Trust Advisory Board.

3. Law Enforcement & Boating: Bill Chastain discussed a new federal law regarding the HIV virus and Hepatitis B and asked for this item to be on the agenda for discussion at the next Commission Meeting. He stated that this new federal requirement would cost \$200 per commissioned employee and Commissioners Graham, Poston and Leary noted that they had dealt with this matter in their businesses and they offered to help develop a plan for such in the Department. Chairman Burnside noted that this item would be put on the agenda for the November Commission Meeting and he asked that someone from OSHA be asked to attend this meeting to discuss this new federal requirement. Commissioner Miller asked for an up-to-date listing of DWCOs and Dr. Timmerman noted that these would be sent out to the Commissioners prior to the next Meeting.

4. Conservation Education & Communications: There was nothing further to report.

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

B. Advisory Board Reports:

1. Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries: Brock Conrad gave an update on the recent Board Meeting and stated that there were no items for action by the Commission.



2. Conservation Education & Communications:

Commissioner Graham noted that the Board met last Friday in Columbia and they have four (4) vacancies on the Board that need to be filled. He noted that the Board discussed their recent budget reductions in the Division and the impacts this has had on revenue producing items, as well as the magazine. Commissioner Graham noted that we need to obtain the same exceptions in the law that have been approved for PRT and the Development Board and he went over the proposed changes in the law that need to be sought to grant exceptions whereby revenue producing items can be kept in the Department funding base rather than remitting such to the General Fund. Dr. Timmerman noted that we will proceed to seek these exceptions and the amendments that Commissioner Graham and the Advisory Board had discussed.

C. Other Remarks: Gerald Moore gave an update on the projects in the Union Game District and went over the various activities in the District and he introduced his staff to the Commission at this time.

Chairman Burnside asked the Law Enforcement staff and the biologists to get with the Highway Department to set up license checks to see the percentage of people that are going to check stations with their game.

Commissioner Pendarvis asked about the Highway 17 widening project and this was discussed very briefly with the Commission. He asked that the staff keep him informed and up-to-date as to what is going on with this project and Brock Conrad noted that Ed Duncan is the main person handling this project. Dr. Timmerman noted that he would see that the Commission is properly briefed on this project.

There were no further remarks from the Commissioners and at this time, Commissioner Miller moved for the Commission to hold an Executive Session to discuss personnel and legal matters. Commissioner Poston seconded the motion and it was adopted by the Commission. Chairman Burnside announced that at this time, the Commission would hold an Executive Session to discuss legal and personnel matters.

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RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

Following the Executive Session, the Regular Meeting was resumed and participants were invited into the meeting.



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Commissioner Miller moved for the Commission to accept the DWCO recommendations that the staff had submitted, including Madison King. Commissioner Poston seconded the motion and it was adopted by the Commission.

D. Appointments (Executive Session): This item was previously acted upon by the Commission.

E. Time and Place of Next Meeting: Chairman Burnside noted that the next meeting would be held in Columbia at 10:00 A.M., on November 20, 1992.

ITEM IV - ADJOURN

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

