

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL  
RESOURCES**

**Room 335, Rembert C. Dennis Building  
Columbia, South Carolina  
Friday, September 15, 1995  
10:00 A.M.**

The regular meeting of the Board of the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources was held at 10:00 a.m., Friday, September 15, 1995, in Room 335 of the Rembert C. Dennis Building, Columbia, South Carolina. Notice of the date, time and place of the meeting was mailed to the state's media. Chairman Marion Burnside presided at the meeting and other Board members present included: Tom Miller, Joe Edens, Mary Pope Waring, Campbell Coxe, and Phillip Lowe. Dr. James A. Timmerman, Jr., and staff members of the Department of Natural Resources were present at the meeting as well as various guests.

**I. Call to Order**

Chairman Marion Burnside called the Board meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and welcomed all guests to the meeting.

**II. Meditation**

Captain Van McCarty lead the meeting with a prayer of meditation prior to the beginning of the meeting.

**III. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting**

The Board adopted a motion to approve the minutes of the August 18, 1995, Board Meeting as submitted.

**IV. Presentations/Commendations**

There were no presentations or commendations to be presented at this meeting.

**V. Constituent Comments**

There were no constituent comments presented at this meeting.

**VI. Director's Briefing**

**A. Executive Office**

1. Director - Dr. Timmerman noted that he has been working with the Governor's Office and the Emergency Preparedness Division on the development of the Emergency Preparedness Plan for the Department. Dan Dobbins gave a brief overview of this plan and noted that such would be submitted to the Board upon completion. Dr. Timmerman noted that he



attended the IAFWA meeting in Missouri and he went over numerous changes which are occurring at the federal level as well as with the federal budget. He noted the emphasis in Washington is to give more power to the Governor in each state, and private property rights and public lands are now major issues. Dr. Timmerman noted that a video had been done in the west on the role of commissioners and boards, and a copy of this video was distributed to the Board for their information. He noted that a similar video will be done in the southeast.

2. Legal - Buford Mabry presented a brief update on the Richard B. Russell testing and distributed a handout, and he presented a video on testing at this facility. He noted that we are in Phase II of the environmental testing and went over the procedures to be handled in the future.
3. Legislative Affairs - There was nothing further to report to the Board at this time.
4. Human Resources - Caroline Agardy reported that the Family Independence Act requires that we hire ten percent from the welfare rolls in certain job classes, and she informed the Board that we are working on a pay equity study in the agency.
5. Environmental - There was nothing further to report to the Board this month.

**B. Deputy Directors**

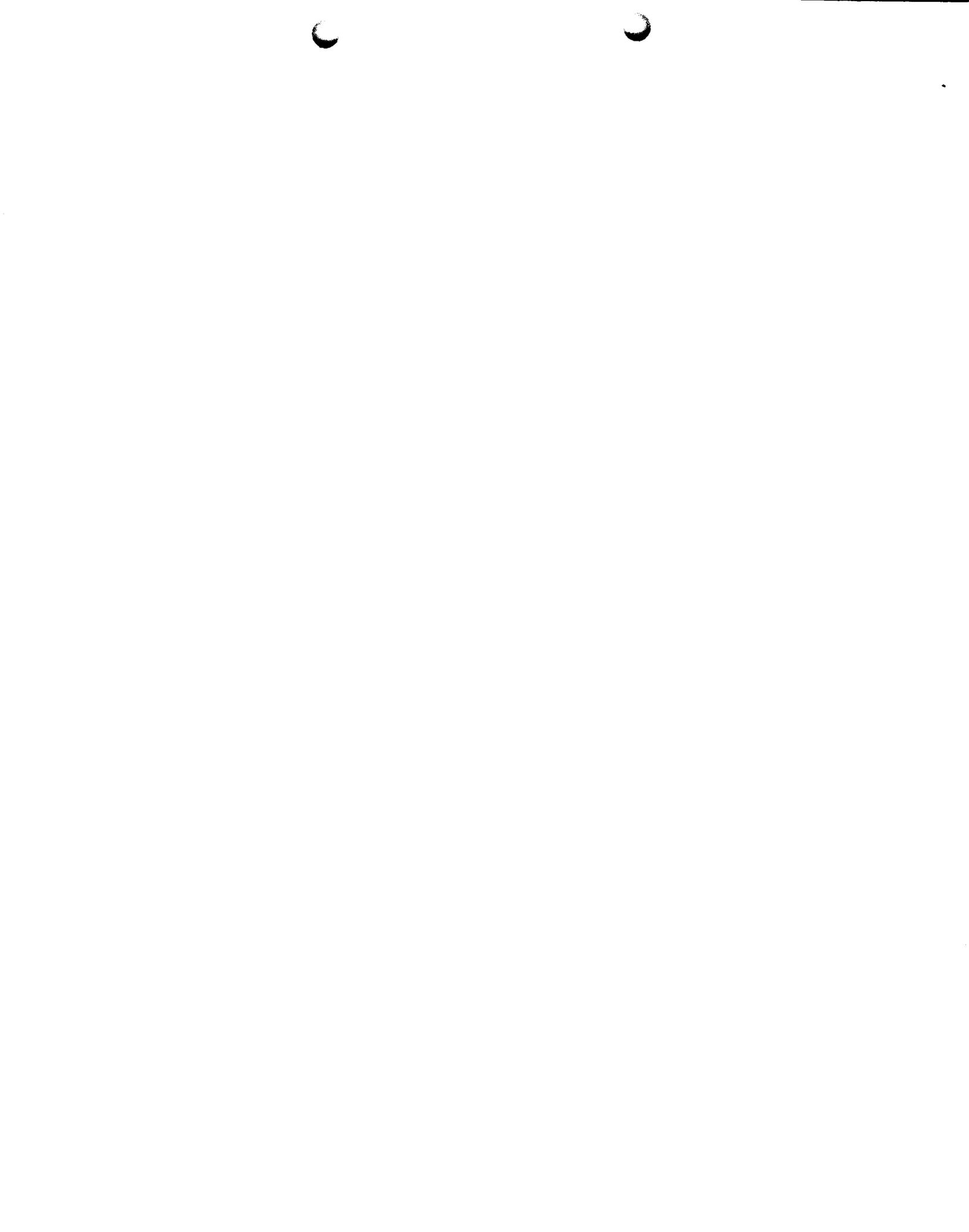
1. Administrative Services - Benny Reeves reported that the budget survey had been completed for the Governor's Office and he distributed a copy to the Board members for their review.
2. Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries - Brock Conrad gave the Board an update and summary on the recent Southeastern Quail Study Group Meeting held at the Webb Center.
3. Natural Resources Enforcement - There was nothing further to report to the Board this month.
4. Conservation Education & Communication - There was nothing further to report to the Board this month.
5. Marine Resources - There was nothing further to report to the Board this month.



6. Water Resources - Hank Stallworth gave the Board an update on Hurricane Marilyn and he also provided an update on the Beach Sweep/River Sweep Program, noting that 45 tons of trash was collected last year and they hope to surpass that amount this year.
7. Land Resources and Conservation Districts - There was nothing further to report to the Board this month.

#### **VII. Items for Board Action**

- A. 1996-97 Budget Proposal - Mr. Edens noted that the Board's Finance Committee had met to discuss the proposals and requests for funds within the Department. A summary of the budget proposal for FY96-97 was sent out to the Board in their packet (copy attached to original Board Minutes) and Mr. Edens asked Benny Reeves to go over these requests and provide further details concerning the budget request. Following a detailed discussion, the Board adopted a motion to approve the budget proposal as presented. Dr. Timmerman asked the Board members for their assistance in the budget process this coming year.
- B. Deputy Enforcement Officer Policy - Tom Miller noted that this policy had been sent to the Board in their packet and had been endorsed by the Law Enforcement Advisory Committee (copy attached to original Board Minutes). John Watford went over this policy and following discussion, the Board approved the policy as presented.
- C. Weapons Qualification Policy - Mr. Watford noted that the DEO policy included this provision and the Board endorsed the requirement in the policy that DEO's are authorized to carry American made revolvers capable of firing .38 special caliber ammunition or the Glock .40SW.
- D. Nuisance Wildlife Calls - Billy McTeer went over the problems regarding nuisance wildlife calls and how these are handled in the agency. He went over the guidelines developed internally for handling nuisance calls and distributed a copy of the Wildlife Assistance Manual to the Board. Mr. McTeer noted that the staff is working on a list of wildlife rehabilitators and input will be sought regarding this matter at the upcoming Southeastern meeting. Alvin Wright discussed the problems associated with nuisance calls from the law enforcement standpoint and went over the involvement of law enforcement with these calls. Mr. Edens noted that the staff needs to further review this matter and give recommendations on how to handle this program. Dr. Timmerman noted that we will follow through on this matter and present recommendations to the Board.
- E. 1996 Legislative Proposal - Michael Thompson noted that the proposals were sent to the Board members. Following discussion, the Board approved the 1996 Legislative Proposal as submitted to them. Mr. Miller noted there was a question



at the Law Enforcement Advisory Committee meeting on dove baiting and Chairman Burnside noted that we need to let the public know how the Board stands on the top sowing of wheat. John Frampton handed out two options for the Board's consideration, and Mr. Lowe noted that these will be discussed by the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Advisory Committee at their meeting in October and that a recommendation would be made to the Board at their October meeting. It was noted that some press and public information needs to be released on these proposals so the public is aware of what is being proposed.

### **VIII. Advisory Committee Reports**

- A. Marine Resources - Mrs. Waring went over the items discussed at the recent Marine Resources Advisory Committee meeting and noted that a proposal on the importation of molluscan shellfish is being proposed; and if approved, a draft policy was sent to the Board for their review and consideration. Following discussion, the Board approved this policy in concept. Mrs. Waring also noted that Emergency Regulations regarding TEDS were also discussed at the Advisory Committee meeting and she went over other items of discussion.
- B. Conservation Education and Communication - Mr. Coxe noted that the Committee had met recently and he went over the minutes of the meeting and the major items discussed with this Committee.
- C. Natural Resources Enforcement - Mr. Miller went over the items discussed at the recent Natural Resources Enforcement Advisory Committee meeting and distributed two proposals concerning trespass and road hunting that have been adopted by the Committee for the Board's consideration. Mr. Miller went over these two proposals and asked that these be included in the Board's packet for consideration at the October meeting.

### **IX. Missions, Goals, & Strategic Planning**

- A. Draft Goals and Objectives - Dr. Timmerman noted that in the interest of time this item would be delayed for discussion at the October Board meeting.

### **X. Policy Review**

Caroline Agardy distributed a draft Drug Testing Policy for the Board's review and action at the next Board meeting.

### **XI. Comments**

Mrs. Waring asked about legislation regarding licensing of guides for DNR properties and discussed the fees that could be charged to users on Heritage Trust properties. Following discussion on this item, Mrs. Waring asked that this be included on the agenda for further discussion the next Board meeting not only on Heritage Trust properties but proposed charges on all Department properties. Mr. Miller noted that we also need to look at fishing guides as it relates to licensing their activities.



**XII. Executive Session**

Mr. Miller moved for the Board to hold an executive session to discuss personnel and contractual matters. Mr. Lowe seconded the motion and it was adopted by the Board. Chairman Burnside announced that, at this time, the Board would hold an Executive Session to discuss personnel and contractual matters.

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**RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION**

The regular meeting was resumed and participants were invited into the meeting.

The Board adopted a motion to accept the staff's proposal regarding the acceptance of a conservation easement at Hitchcock Woods (copy attached to original Board Minutes).

The Board adopted a motion to grant the Department of Transportation an access easement across SCDNR property so that the Department of Transportation can acquire an identified mitigation tract and if the mitigation tract is disqualified, then there is no need for this easement (copy attached to original Board Minutes).

**XIII. Time and Location of Next Board Meeting**

The Board agreed to hold its next meeting at Oconee State Park on October 20, 1995, at 10:00 a.m.

**XIV. Adjournment**

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

