

MINUTES OF MEETING OF WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION IN COLUMBIA SEPT.22, 1953.

All members were present except Mr. Smith, along with Director Richardson, Jim Webb and Jeff Fuller.

The appointments of the following four non-pay wardens for Berkeley county were approved: Edward Bates, Huger; Heyward Johnson, Cordesville; Herbert A. Jernigan, St. Stephen, and Robert E. Schipmann, St. Stephen.

The appointment of J. E. Boney of Fairfax as a Hampton warden was disapproved.

The appointment of Julian H. Burgess of Kingstree as a non-pay warden for Williamsburg county was approved subject to the final approval of Mr. McKeithan.

Oscar D. Clark was approved as a non-pay warden for Abbeville county subject to the final approval of Mr. Hopkins.

William H. Cercopely was approved as a non-pay warden for Charleston county.

Mr. Warren read a letter from Solicitor Randolph Murdaugh regarding suggested changes in the wording of the night-hunting law and this was received as information.

Mr. Warren read a letter from Rep. Ben Carter of Beaufort regarding the opinion of Attorney General T. C. Callison on the law opening up Beaufort county waters to shrimping during September, October and November. Mr. Carter suggested that the Commission pass a resolution designating the sounds as those marked on US Geodetic Survey maps.

Mr. Warren said he did not believe it would be wise for the Commission to designate the lines of the sounds and this should be left to the Legislature. It was agreed that the Commission should not enter the field of legislation and Mr. Carter's letter was received as information.

A letter from Fred Isenman of Charleston regarding the oyster leases of the Blue Channel corporation, which have been not planted, was read. Mr. Isenman wished to know if the leases had been cancelled and what action was planned. Mr. Warren said he had informed Mr. Isenman that he and the public would be informed of what action was taken.

A letter was read from Richard Berry regarding the policy of the Department regarding military leave with pay. This was referred to Mr. Webb and Frank Nelson, federal coordinator, for recommendation at the next meeting, after the policy of other departments had been determined.

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Senator Wilbur Grant of Chester then appeared before the Commission to request that it authorize the expenditure of funds credited to the county so as to improve and clear up the lake in the Chester State Park.

On motion of Mr. Cantey it was agreed that a committee be appointed composed of the Director and Mr. Oliphant to work with Senator Grant in securing an agreement with the Forestry Department similar to the one at Camp Croft and also to authorize the expenditure of \$1,000 from funds allocated to the county.

The question of working out an agreement with the Wildlife Federation on space in the planned magazine was brought up by Mr. McKeithan and after some discussion it was agreed to work out something after the new officers of the Federation were elected.

Mr. Hopkins moved that wardens be appointed for Lee and Marion counties to be named by the Director and approved by Mr. McKeithan.

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