

MINUTES OF COMMISSION MEETING AT PALMETTO BLUFF SEPT. 27, 1956

All members of the Commission were present except Mr. Oliphant. Also present were Mr. Webb, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Nelson, and Mr. Chandler.

Chairman Warren's signing of a copy of an agreement between the Department and the Fish and Wildlife Service for a research boat delivered to Bears Bluff was approved on motion of Mr. Johnson.

Mr. Warren read a letter from Rep. Arthur Ravenel of Charleston regarding the placing of licenses and suggesting that all sporting goods stores should be allowed to handle licenses. After some discussion the matter was referred to Mr. Webb.

Mr. Warren read a letter regarding the dam at the Chester lake and Mr. Webb said that a meeting was being arranged for the near future with an engineer from the Fish and Wildlife Service to settle the matter of payment, since payment could not be made until the FWS gave approval. The matter was turned over to Mr. Webb and Mr. Fuller.

A letter was read from Senator W. P. Baskin of Lee saying that Archie Chandler of St. Charles was interested in going into wildlife work and would like to attend a wildlife school, but was handicapped by lack of funds. Mr. Webb said that if he was qualified he might be able to get him in a wildlife school, or possibly get him on a federal aid project. The matter was referred to Mr. Webb.

Mr. Huggins brought up the matter of additional revenue and suggested that the 10 per cent tax on pier fishing should go to the Department. It was agreed that a check should be made on how county treasurers handle and account for the licenses for commercial fishing.

The salary recommendations as made by the State Employees Association-- calling for a ten per cent raise for all employees, with some revisions--was approved. It was pointed out that this would apply only to employees whose salaries were carried in the appropriations bill.



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Mr. Webb reported on the meeting with the York delegation regarding expenditure of county funds. He said the delegation had approved purchase of radios for cars on the Department frequency, a public fishing lake up to \$15,000, up to \$4,000 for a farm pond man, and up to \$5,000 for a quail hatchery. He added that everything was being held in abeyance until the new delegation takes over.

The Secretary was instructed to write a letter of appreciation to the Union Bag and Paper Company, and also a letter of sympathy to Mrs. Robert McIntyre, widow of the Marion county warden who was drowned while on duty.

Mr. Nelson explained the public hunt that was being held on the Francis Marion area and Mr. Webb said that it had been decided to postpone any deer hunting in the Edgefield area for another year.

The possibility of getting gobblers from the Francis Marion area to breed with hens on the Palmetto Bluff area was mentioned.

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