

MINUTES

SOUTH CAROLINA WILDLIFE & MARINE RESOURCES COMMISSION MEETING

Savannah River Valley Beagle Club
Edgefield, S. C.
April 15, 1988
11:00 A.M.

The regular monthly meeting of the South Carolina Wildlife and Marine Resources Commission was held at 11:00 a.m., Friday, April 15, 1988, at the Savannah River Valley Beagle Club in Edgefield, S. C., with Chairman Webster presiding. Notice of the date, time and place of the meeting was mailed to the state's media. Commissioners present included: Commissioners Webster, Compton, Drummond, Owen, Thomason, Stokes and Bennett. Directors and staff members present included: Dr. Timmerman, Larry Cartee, Dan Dobbins, Benny Reeves, Bill Chastain and various other staff and guests.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Webster called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. and welcomed all guests who were attending the meeting. Chairman Webster expressed thanks to Mr. Pat Robertson of the Savannah River Valley Beagle Club for allowing the Commission to meet at this location.

ITEM I. READING OF THE MINUTES

The Commission adopted a motion to dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the March 18, 1988 Commission Meeting and approve them as submitted.

Commissioner Compton presented a lapel pin with the Department's logo to Commissioner Drummond and expressed how glad the Commission is to have him serving as a member of the Commission.

ITEM II. COMMENTS

Dr. Timmerman informed the Commission that Mr. J. M. Pendarvis and Mr. Marion Burnside have been confirmed by the Senate as newly appointed members of the Commission.

ITEM III. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Dan Dobbins distributed the latest Legislative Report and he also distributed copy of the testimony presented before the Energy and Water Sub-Committees of the House Appropriations Committee in Washington, D. C. Mr. Dobbins discussed the status of various legislation with the Commission and answered various questions they had concerning various bills.

ITEM IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. S. C. Deer Management Program: Derrell Shipes presented an in-depth report and slide show to the Commission concerning the deer management program in South Carolina. The Commission commended Mr. Shipes for this program presentation and various comments were made concerning the items in the presentation.

B. Criteria for Real Property: Buford Mabry noted that proposed criteria for evaluation requests to use or acquire real property were sent to the Commission for their consideration (copy attached to original Commission Minutes). Mr. Mabry discussed this criteria and Dr. Timmerman noted that this was developed at his request as he feels like it is a good idea to have a policy on this matter. Following discussion, the Commission adopted a motion to approve the criteria as submitted.

C. Proposed Heritage Trust Property Acquisitions - Buzzard Roost Mountain Property and Chandler Project: Stuart Greeter noted that the proposed purchase of lands at the Buzzard Roost Mountain Property and the Chandler Property were sent to the Commission for their consideration (copy attached to original Commission Minutes). Mr. Greeter noted that while some of the land acquisition proposals are estimates, the Department cannot pay more than the appraised value for the property. Following discussion, the Commission adopted a motion to approve these acquisitions as presented.

D. Division Reports:

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

2. Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries: Brock Conrad informed the Commission that the Freshwater Fisheries Study Committee had recently met with the staff and a report will be forthcoming in the near future.

3. Law Enforcement & Boating: There was nothing further to report.

4. Conservation Education & Communications: Sonny Baines distributed to the Commission, for their information, a copy of a recent article that is trying to stop Project WILD from being implemented in the country.

5. Marine Resources: Dr. Timmerman noted that there was no report this month and informed the Commission that Paul Sandifer had been invited to visit China in an upcoming trip.

E. Advisory Board Reports:

1. Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries: Commissioner Owen noted that the Board met yesterday in Union and he went over the agenda and items discussed at this Board meeting.

2. Law Enforcement & Boating: There was no report from the Board this month.

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

4. Conservation Education & Communications: Commissioner Thomason noted that the Board met recently and he went over various items discussed, noting that the Board is working on an aquatic education program and he distributed a schedule to the Commission of the various fishing rodeos that are scheduled in the Department.

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

At this time, Commissioner Owen moved for the Commission to hold an Executive Session to discuss personnel and legal matters. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Compton and adopted by the Commission. Chairman Webster announced that at this time, the Commission would recess the regular Meeting to hold an Executive Session to discuss personnel and legal matters.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

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

Commissioner Compton moved for the Commission to approve the appointments and re-appointments of Deputy Wildlife Conservation Officers and Conservation Officers as presented to the Commission (copy attached to original Commission Minutes). Commissioner Stokes seconded the motion and it was adopted by the Commission.

F. Other Remarks: There were no further remarks from the Commission.

G. Appointments: This matter was previously acted upon by the Commission.

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H. Time & Place of Next Meeting: Chairman Webster announced that the Commission will hold a Special Meeting on May 5, 1988 in Columbia. Chairman Webster also noted that the next regularly scheduled meeting would be held on May 20, 1988 in Spartanburg.

ITEM V. ADJOURN

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