

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

**Room 335, Rembert C. Dennis Building**  
**Columbia, South Carolina**  
**Friday, April 21, 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, April 21, 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, J. M. Pendarvis, George Vickery, Knox Haynsworth, and Jake Rasor. 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 everyone to the meeting.

**II. Meditation**

The Board held a moment of silent 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 March 24, 1995 Board Meeting as submitted.

**IV. Presentations/Commendations**

There were no presentations/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 asked the Board for clarification on the surplus property that employees can purchase in the Department, and he passed out the Budget and Control Board guidelines on the purchase of surplus property within the Department. He noted that we need to define surplus property and this item will be further discussed with the Board.



Dr. Timmerman discussed the Deputy Enforcement Officer legislative proposal and the training of Deputy Enforcement Officers as it relates to the Bill introduced in the House. He noted that the Board had previously set the number of Deputy Enforcement Officers for each of the law enforcement districts.

Dr. Timmerman noted that the Board had previously taken action to require a four year college degree for hiring of new conservation officers and he noted that we need to notify people of this degree requirement. The Board discussed this matter and agreed to let this policy stand that had been adopted to go into effect on January 1, 1995.

Dr. Timmerman noted that in the Restructuring Legislation, the Natural Resources Enforcement Officers and Deputy Enforcement Officers are identified in the Bill and he asked about the badges for Conservation Officers and Deputy Enforcement Officers. Following discussion, the Board asked for this information in detail and a sample of the badges for each to be presented to them for consideration and for this to be an agenda item for discussion at the next Board meeting.

2. Legal - There was nothing further to report to the Board this month.
3. Legislative Affairs - Michael Thompson reported that the Chapter 9 revisions and statewide hiring Bills have been introduced and Billy McTeer discussed the provisions of H.3976.
4. Human Resources - Caroline Agardy noted the Training Plan is being finalized at this time and a TQM Steering Committee is being developed for 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 FY 94 Audit is being conducted at this time by the State Auditors. He also noted that information on a 1-800 phone number to allow people to order licenses had been sent to the Board and he discussed this proposal with the Board. He noted that this system would be set up and phased in over a period of time, and the Board gave a consensus opinion to proceed in this direction.



2. Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries - Brock Conrad distributed information to the Board on the cost of Heritage Trust land acquisitions, and Tom Kohlsaad discussed the recent meeting held with Mr. Pendarvis and others on the Otter Island Management Plan. Mr. Pendarvis noted that the group endorsed the plan with the change of moving the line to the high water mark and subject to this change, the Board approved this Plan. Brock Conrad noted that Phase III testing is being held at Lake Richard B. Russell and there are differences in the estimates on the number of fish being killed in this testing as submitted by the Corps, and the Department feels that the estimates are much higher than the numbers being presented by the Corps.
3. Natural Resources Law Enforcement - Bill Chastain reported that all new officers have completed the Basic Wildlife School and are now in the field working.
4. Conservation Education & Communication - Sonny Baines went over the DNR pledge and received input from the Board on this pledge.
5. Marine Resources - Dr. Paul Sandifer noted that a proposal on the spring shrimp season had been sent out to the Board and he asked the Board's approval to open the season based on sampling and to close if necessary to protect juvenile brown shrimp. Dr. Sandifer noted that when this action is taken, the Board would be immediately notified of such action. Following discussion, the Board approved this recommendation as submitted by Dr. Sandifer. Dr. Sandifer also distributed the Governor's Cup Billfishing Series Proposal and went over this with the Board. He recommended that the Board establish the Governor's Cup Billfishing Series as an Advisory Committee under the guidelines submitted and to appoint the members to the Governor's Cup Board as noted and to recommend these appointments to Governor Beasley. Following discussion, the Board adopted a motion to approve this proposal and these recommendations as presented.
6. Water Resources - Freddy Vang reported that the Blue Ribbon Water Resources Committee met and a full report should be submitted in the Fall. Mr. Vang discussed the recent lack of rainfall and discussed the status of rain with members of the Board.
7. Land Resources and Conservation Districts - Cary Chamblee distributed a proposal to the Board on a mapping program with the National Guard, and Dr. Timmerman noted that we will be using this same technology to put Department properties on maps through the Land Resources Division.



**VII. Items for Board Action**

- A. Proposed Opening Spring Shrimp Season - This item was previously discussed and acted upon by the Board.

**VIII. Advisory Committee Reports**

- A. Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries - Knox Haynsworth noted the Committee had met recently and he went over the items discussed and acted upon by the Committee. Mr. Haynsworth noted that the Committee approved a motion on the proposed sale of venison and that the provision concerning shooting across the road needed to be added to the highway bill being considered. The Board discussed both of these items and following discussion, accepted these items as information for the staff to work on and present further information to them as a later time.
- B. Marine Recreational Fisheries - Dr. Paul Sandifer reported on the items discussed at the recent meeting of the Marine Recreational Fisheries Advisory Committee.

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

There was nothing further to report to the Board at this time.

**X. Policy Review**

There was nothing further to report to the Board at this time.

**XI. Comments**

Dr. Timmerman commended Benny Reeves for his work recently on the budget process noting that all funds requested had been approved by the Senate Finance Committee.

**XII. Executive Session**

Mr. Miller moved for the Board to hold an executive session to discuss legal and personnel matters. Mr. Haynsworth 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 legal and personnel matters.



**RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION**

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





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The Board approved a motion to adopt the attached position on the South Carolina Migratory Waterfowl Stamp Committee changes (copy attached to original Board minutes), with Mr. Pendarvis abstaining on voting on the motion.

The Board adopted a motion to allow Deputy Enforcement Officers to change from the 357 weapon to the Glock 40 caliber weapon if they qualify under the present law enforcement guidelines.

The Board adopted a motion to approve the Conservation District Commissioners as presented (copy attached to original Board minutes).

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

Chairman Burnside stated that the next Board meeting would be in Columbia at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, May 19, 1995.

**XIV. Adjournment**

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

