

MINUTES

BOARD OF THE S.C. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Room 335, Rembert C. Dennis Building
Columbia, South Carolina
August 26, 1994
9:00 A.M.

The regular meeting of the Board of the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources was held at 9:00 a.m., on Friday, August 26, 1994, in Room 335, Rembert C. Dennis Building, Columbia, S.C. 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, Knox Haynsworth, George Vickery, Jake Rasor and Dr. Howard Poston. Dr. James Timmerman and staff members of the Department of Natural Resources were present at the meeting as well as various guests.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Burnside called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

II. MEDITATION

The Board held a moment of silent meditation prior to the meeting beginning.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

The Board adopted a motion to dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the July 15, 1994, Board Meeting and approved them as submitted.

IV. PRESENTATIONS/COMMENDATIONS

Chairman Burnside introduced David Cline to make a presentation. Mr. Cline appeared before the Board and made contributions to the Harry Hampton Wildlife Fund from the Cline Foundation for the following programs: \$2,500 - Operation Game Thief, \$2,500 - Hooked on Fishing Not on Drugs Program, \$2,500 - Billie Anne Cartee Scholarship Fund, and \$5,000 to the Cline Fund in the Harry Hampton Wildlife Fund. Chairman Burnside expressed appreciation to the Cline Foundation for these contributions and the purposes for which they have been designated.

Dr. Timmerman passed petitions to Chairman Burnside from a Senator in Newberry County as it relates to the two week break in the deer hunting season in the Piedmont.



Dr. Timmerman noted that the Department has been associated with Duke Power Company for some time and we have developed a very good partnership. Brock Conrad discussed the history of various agreements with Duke Power Company and noted that an agreement will be signed today on In-Stream Flows for the Saluda River. Bill McCabe and John Garton of Duke Power went over the history of these projects and the working relationship they have had with the Department on various projects. Dr. Timmerman signed the agreement on the Saluda River regarding Minimum In-Stream Flows and Mr. Pendarvis of the Board asked that a copy of these agreements with Duke Power be sent to the Board for their information. Dr. Timmerman noted that he would send a copy of these agreements to the Board members for their information.

V. CONSTITUENCY COMMENTS

There were no constituency comments to be presented at this time.

VI. DIRECTORS' BRIEFINGS

A. Executive Office:

1. Director - Dr. Timmerman expressed thanks to the staff and employees in the radio room that provided assistance during the recent tornadoes in Lexington County. Dr. Timmerman noted that he has asked the Deputy Directors to hold their presentations to about five minutes and that an expanded presentation will be presented on Conservation Districts Program. Dr. Timmerman noted that there has been a growth in state revenues and the \$1.2 million in supplemental funds approved in the budget process will be funded in the Department. Dr. Timmerman distributed a memo to Paul Sandifer on a new Marine Science Lab to be constructed at Ft. Johnson. Dr. Timmerman distributed to the Board a new organizational chart. Dr. Timmerman noted that the Crime Bill in Washington has a new tax on ammunition and the Department will oppose this provision as it may effect Pittman/Robertson funds.
2. Legal -
There was nothing further to report to the Board this month.
3. Legislative -
Dan Dobbins went over the report sent out to the Board regarding the 1995 Legislative Proposal (copy attached to original Board Minutes). Mr. Dobbins noted that an effort will be initiated to modernize the current laws under which the Department operates, and Chairman Burnside noted that we need changes in Title 50 so that it will fit into an officers shirt pocket. Following other discussion, the Board adopted a motion to approve the 1995 Legislative Proposal as submitted.



4. Human Resources -
There was nothing further to report to the Board this month.
5. Environmental -
There was nothing further to report to the Board this month.

B. Deputy Directors -

1. Administrative Services -
There was nothing further to report to the Board this month.
2. Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries -
There was nothing further to report to the Board this month.
3. Natural Resources Enforcement -
Bill Chastain reported that the closure of the Congaree River to deer hunting due to high water would be lifted on this date at noon.
4. Conservation Education and Communications -
Sonny Baines distributed a copy of the new sea shell poster to the Board for their information. Mike Creel gave an update on the "Resource" that will be coming out in September, and Dr. Timmerman noted that we are working on publishing two issues of the "Resource" each year.
5. Marine Resources -
John Miglarese noted that a joint meeting of the Natural Resources Enforcement and Marine Resources Advisory Committees will be held in two weeks on shrimp baiting. Mr. Miglarese also noted that meetings regarding channel nets are being held and a proposal will be developed.
6. Water Resources -
Freddy Vang passed out recent photos of the tornadoes in Lexington County and noted that his staff spent a great deal of time working on this situation. Mr. Vang noted that the staff is working on a new weather forecasting system called LLF and he announced that the River Sweep/Beach Sweep Day will be held on September 17, 1994.
7. Land Resources and Conservation Districts -
Cary Chamblee noted that there is a concern in the Conservation Districts of not being able to continue programs in the newly restructured Department of Natural Resources and that these concerns are being dealt with. Mr. Chamblee went over the various programs in the Land Resources and Conservation



Districts Division and Von Snelgrove gave an overview to the Board of the Conservation Districts Program. Following these presentations, Mr. Pendarvis asked the Land Resources staff to work with the CEC staff to get information out on the grain drills and other equipment that are available for use by hunt clubs. Dr. Timmerman talked about working on the various educational programs in all of the various counties and the office structure, and the funding provided for each conservation district was discussed with the Board.

VII. ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION

- A. Board Finance Committee - 1995/96 Budget Proposal: Finance Committee Chairman J. M. Pendarvis and Benny Reeves went over the Board Finance Committee and the FY 95/96 Budget Proposal (copy attached to original Board Minutes). Following discussion, the Board approved the FY 95/96 Budget request as presented.
- B. Proposals for Land and Water Resources Advisory Committees: Dan Dobbins distributed proposals to the Board for consideration to develop advisory committees for Water Resources and Land Resources. Following discussion, the Board agreed that the intent is to have these two advisory committees and to finalize the wording regarding these advisory committees at the next Board meeting. The Board adopted a motion to accept in principle the concept of these two advisory committees and finalize the documents for these advisory committees at the next Board meeting and accept recommendations for appointments to these committees.
- C. Proposed Budget for Antlerless Doe Quota Program Funds 94/95: Derrell Shipes noted that the proposed budget for the Antlerless Doe Quota Program Funds for 1994/95 were distributed to the Board (copy attached to original Board Minutes). Mr. Shipes went over this proposal in detail and following a discussion of this matter with the Board, the Board adopted a motion to approve the budget as submitted with Mr. Pendarvis voting no on the motion.
- D. Proposed Budget for State Duck Stamp Funds 94/95: John Frampton noted that the proposed budget for the State Duck Stamp Funds for 1994/95 was distributed to the Board (copy attached to original Board minutes). Mr. Frampton went over this proposed budget with the Board, and Mr. Pendarvis suggested that the staff look at including a track hoe and an operator in next year's Duck Stamp Budget. Following other discussion, the Board adopted a motion to approve the Budget as submitted by staff.



- E. Proposed 1994-95 Waterfowl Seasons: Brock Conrad presented a video to the Board on the Status of Waterfowl in the U.S. and Canada. Mr. Conrad noted that the proposed 1994/95 Waterfowl Regulations had been submitted to the Board (copy attached to original Board minutes). Following discussion of these regulations with the Board, the Board adopted a motion to approve the regulations as submitted.

VII. ADVISORY COMMITTEE/BOARD REPORTS

- A. Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries: Mr. Haynsworth noted that he did not have anything further to report and he commended the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division staff on the fine job they recently did as it relates to waterfowl seasons and regulations.
- B. Heritage Trust: Stuart Greeter noted that the Board had met and he went briefly over the items discussed by the Board. Mr. Greeter noted that the next Heritage Trust Board meeting would be held in November.

IX. MISSIONS, GOALS, STRATEGIC PLANNING

- A. Problems/Issues Document: Larry Cartee noted that the Board had been sent a copy of the Problems/Issues Document as developed by the Strategic Planning Committee (copy attached to original Board minutes). Mr. Cartee went over this document as it relates to the Strategic Planning Process and discussed the concepts and principles in this document. Following discussion, the Board adopted a motion to approve the document in concept in order for the Strategic Planning Committee to move ahead in the Strategic Planning Process.

X. POLICY REVIEW

Caroline Agardy distributed a copy of the draft Personnel Policies to the Board members for their information, and also noted that a handbook is being developed.

XI. COMMENTS

There were no further comments from the Board members at this time.

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Board Member Mr. Miller moved for the Board to hold an Executive Session to discuss personnel and contractual matters. Board Member Dr. Poston seconded the motion and it was approved by the Board. Chairman Burnside announced that at this time the Board would hold an Executive Session to discuss personnel and contractual matters.



RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

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

The Board adopted a motion to approve the Soil Conservation staff's proposed slate of commissioners. Mr. Pendarvis spoke against the motion and also voted in the negative on the motion.

The Board adopted a motion for the Soil Conservation staff to work with the individual Conservation Districts to encourage diversity in the make-up of the Conservation Districts commissioners.

The Board adopted a motion to approve the staff proposal as it relates to the Deputy Enforcement Officers in the form of a proposed Bill (copy attached to original Board minutes). The Board adopted a motion that if the legislation is approved by the General Assembly on the Deputy Enforcement Officers, then the Board adopts the staff proposals and policies on this Bill in this regard.

XIII. TIME AND LOCATION OF NEXT BOARD MEETING

The Board agreed to hold its next meeting at 9:00 a.m., Friday, September 16, 1994, in Columbia, S.C.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

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

