

MINUTES OF WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION MEETING IN COLUMBIA FEBRUARY 28, 1956

All Commissioners were present, along with Advisory Committee members Jerry Settles, Jack Carroll and Charlie Brice and Director Richardson, and Mr. Webb, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Nelson and Mr. Wade.

Chairman Warren discussed legislative progress and the status of the general appropriations bill. He said that at present the bill calls for direct state appropriations for the Division of Commercial Fisheries and Bears Bluff and that this would be a great help, if it is retained in the bill. He said that this, along with good sales of the combination license-permit, should greatly improve the Department's financial condition.

The appointment of Mr. Robert Barrett as a Lake Murray warden was approved, along with that of the following non-pay wardens Lenhrew Lovette, Beaufort; and Samuel E. Wilson and W. W. Franklin, Berkeley.

Chairman Warren said that Director Richardson had informed him that he would qualify for Social Security benefits January 1, 1957 and would appreciate being reappointed until July 1, 1957, at which time he would retire. He had also said that if the Commission could secure a successor after January 1 he would be willing to resign. The Commission voted to reappoint Director Richardson until July 1, 1957, with the acceptance of his offer to resign after January 1 if a successor were secured.

The question of delegation of authority by Director Richardson was discussed after Mr. Hopkins stated that he understood that wardens and supervisors had received conflicting orders from Mr. Webb and Mr. Wolling.

Director Richardson said that he would instruct Mr. Wolling to clear all orders through him or Mr. Webb but if neither of them was in he should notify them as soon as possible of what action had been taken.

Mr. McKeithan said that the county treasurers of Darlington, Dillon and Marion counties were not handling shad licenses, although the law required it and Director Seabrook had been instructed to deliver them. Mr. Warren said that he had understood from Mr. Seabrook that the licenses

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Mr. Webb said that Ed Sullivan, Bear Island project leader, had been offered a position with the Fish and Wildlife Service. He then read a letter from Mr. Sullivan outlining conditions under which he could continue as a project leader--including a raise, being allowed to live off the project and also devoting time to other waterfowl projects.

It was voted to agree to this and also to give raises to Walt Schrader and Herman Holbrook, as well as employing a resident manager for the Bear Island Project.

Mr. Webb added that it might be possible to have some public shooting on Bear Island next year on a small scale.

Mr. Webb said that the Graniteville mill had renewed its offer to turn the Langley pond over to the Department. He said that the water was unable to support fish and it would not be wise to accept the offer as long as the present condition existed. The Commission approved turning down the offer.

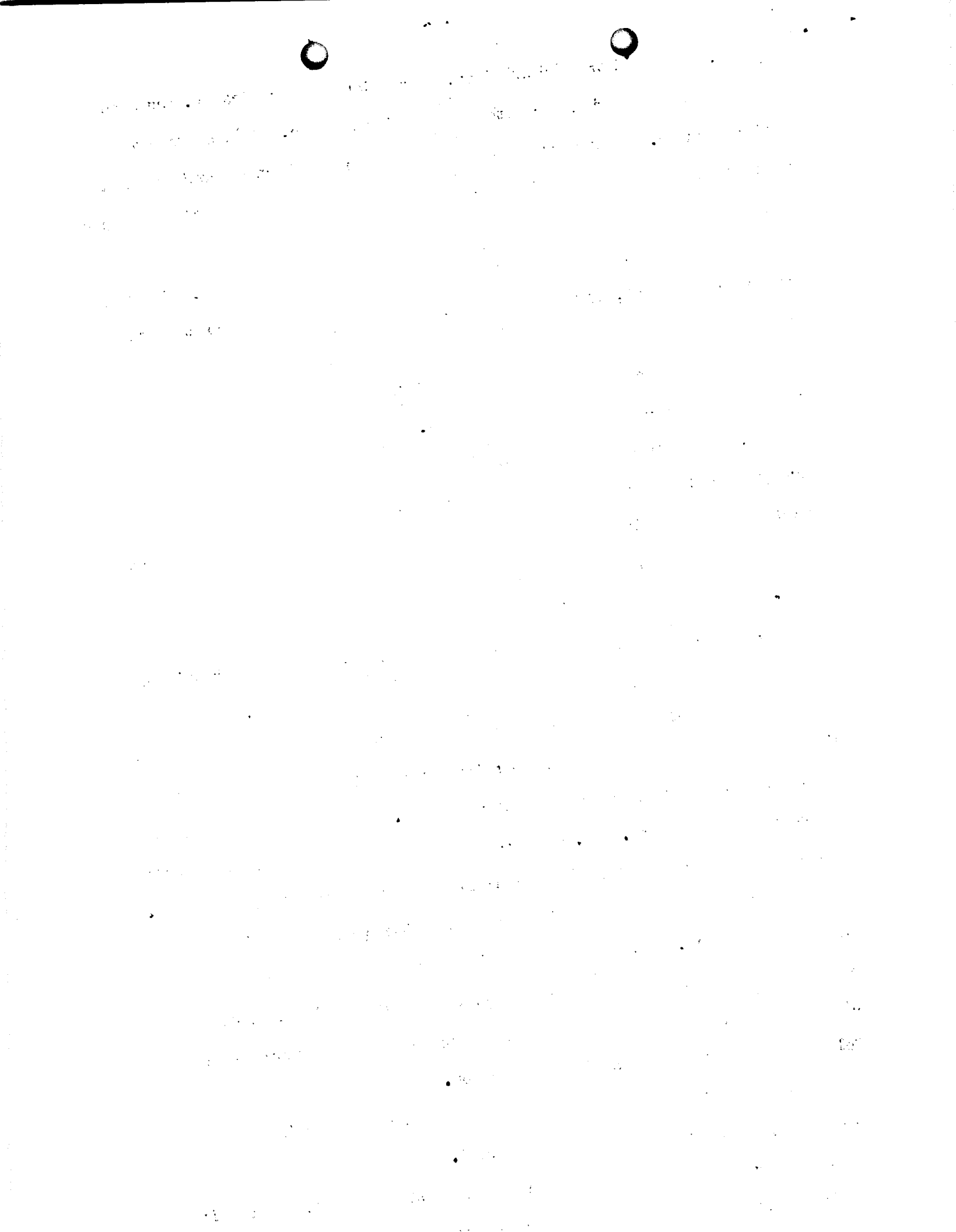
Mr. Webb said that the uniforms for wardens would be summer khaki and that wardens could secure additional ones at their own expense.

Mr. Wade explained the plans for a state educational TV setup and said the committee of which he is a member favored a mobile unit rather than trying to get the discontinued Columbia station. He discussed the planned system and its benefits. Mr. Johnson moved that the Commission express its interest in the proposition but that it could make no definite commitments.

Mr. McKeithan brought up the extension of the quail season in some Zone Five counties. Mr. Richardson said that passage of the bill had shown the legislative intent, even though the Governor had not actually signed the act, and that the action taken was the same that would have followed adoption of a concurrent resolution.

Mr. Fuller stated that a fram pond man was badly needed in the fisheries division and the Commission agreed.

Mr. Hopkins said that he had received several calls citing violations



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The federal aid projects were discussed and Mr. Webb said some waterfowl management was planned for the Francis Marion and that the Clemson project was being put back on an active basis.

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