

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA WILDLIFE RESOURCES
COMMISSION IN THE OFFICE OF THE SINKING FUND COMMISSION JULY 10, 1952.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Warren with all members present. Also present were Chief Game Warden A. A. Richardson, Mr. M. R. Wolling, James Webb, Leonard Foote of the Wildlife Management Institute and Eddie Finlay, who acted as secretary.

Mr. Warren brought up a letter that had been written to him by Senator R. M. Jefferies of Colleton regarding his desire to retain Mr. Nettles as County Fisheries Inspector and his belief in the need for an inspector in the county. A telegram from Senator Jefferies was read saying that he would be unable to attend the meeting, to which he had been invited by Mr. Warren, but was interested in the reappointment of Mr. Nettles.

A copy of a letter from Acting Director Alonzo Seabrook of the Division of Commercial Fisheries to Senator Jefferies was read, this letter being in answer to one written Mr. Seabrook by Senator Jefferies.

The commission voted unanimously to adhere to its policy of giving directors of the divisions the power of selection of inspectors and wardens, subject to the approval of the commission.

The matter of setting standards for the employment of inspectors and wardens was discussed and it was agreed to postpone action on this pending the recommendations of the Wildlife Management Institute.

Mr. Smith read a letter from Senator Grantham of Pickens regarding the reappointment of a non-salaried warden and Mr. Warren read a letter from Mr. Richardson asking whether the commissions of approximately 75 non-salaried wardens had expired and whether he should reappoint them. Mr. Warren read a letter from Mr. Richardson which had been sent all these non-salaried wardens, along with a questionnaire.

Mr. Richardson said that most of the non-salaried wardens wished to be reappointed and asked what the commission's policy would be.



Mr. Warren suggested that Mr. Richardson make a complete list of the non-salaried wardens by districts and give it to the commissioners, after screening by Mr. Richardson and the county wardens. This recommendation was approved by the commission, after it was brought out that these wardens would make monthly reports and also cooperate with the county wardens. The commissions of these wardens, like those of regular wardens, would be subject to immediate recall.

Mr. Warren then read the budget that he had submitted to the budget and control board and said that it had been approved, with the understanding that the commission could switch some of the funds as it saw fit. The commission voted to approve the budget request.

The question of expense accounts to be filed by members of the commission was discussed and Mr. Finlay was instructed to consult Comptroller General Rhodes regarding the expense setup.

The commission then went into a discussion of certain wardens that had been recommended by Mr. Richardson in several counties where an emergency existed or where he believed the wardens were badly needed. Mr. Richardson pointed out that in several counties there were no wardens at present and no one to put out the licenses.

Mr. Johnson suggested that where a man was needed immediately the district commissioner be given the right to select one but no vote was taken on this.

A motion by Mr. Cantey that no further game wardens be employed except for vacancies or replacements until further direct orders of the commission was defeated.

The Commission then approved a motion of Mr. Johnson that in counties where there is no warden or where an emergency exists Mr. Richardson may, with the approval of the commission, put on such men as are needed.

The commission then approved the recommendations of Mr. Richardson for the employment of Manning Tuten, Hampton; G. D. Segars, Lee; Sam Webster, Dillon, F. F. Murphy Berkeley and Gailliard Heyward, Bluffton.



It disapproved the employment at present of Adam H. Clayton, Dorchester; Archie E. Barnhill and Harry Cribb, Georgetown, and Jack Valentine, Orangeburg, with the understanding that this might be discussed at a future meeting. Their recommendations by Mr. Richardson were received as information.

(It was my recollection that the commissioning of F. F. Murphy had not been approved. However, Mr. Richardson, Mr. Webb and Mr. Wolling all said that it had. Subsequently, Mr. Cantey and Mr. McKeithan said that it was their understanding that it had been approved, and Mr. McKeithan said Mr. Oliphant also had the same recollection. Mr. Johnson, who attended the meeting of the Pollution Control Authority along with Mr. Cantey and Mr. McKeithan, said that according to his recollection it had been approved.)

(I seem to be in the minority definitely on this matter and may well have made a mistake. Therefore, **in** view of the preponderance of opinion in the matter, I am recording the commission as approving this appointment.)

Mr. Foote then explained a system of examinations for wardens and the commission agreed to consider this at a later date.

Mr. Oliphant made, and then withdrew, a motion that the commission not approve the employment of any game wardens paid by county funds alone.

The commission approved a suggestion by Mr. Richardson that federal aid men and Dr. Bost be commissioned as game wardens.

An invitation was received from the Water Pollution Authority for the Commission to meet with it July 17. Several commissioners expressed their intention to attend.

Applications were received from two men -- a Mr. Deson and a Mr. Ingle -- applying for the position of Director of the Division of Fisheries and the commission approved the action of Mr. Warren in writing them and saying the commission was awaiting the report of the Wildlife Management Institute before selecting a man for this position.



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The school for wardens to be held at Clemson Aug. 3-8 was discussed and it was agreed for the commission to hold its next meeting Aug. 3 at 2 p. m. at the Clemson house.

Mr. Richardson was instructed to write all wardens and tell them that they were expected to attend this school, arriving in time for registration Sunday evening. It was agreed that the expenses of the wardens would be paid at the school.

Mr. Foote was requested to supervise operation of the school, working with the committee composed of Mr. Richardson, Mr. Webb and Mr. Douglas E. Wade. Mr. Foote was asked to contact Hayden Olds of the North Carolina Commission and see if he could attend the school.

A request from Senator Gressette of Calhoun asking for an appearance before the commission regarding the employment of wardens in his county was received as information.

Mr. Johnson told of contact he had had with Ross Stephens regarding Mr. Stephens coming to the state to make a survey of conditions and it was decided to take no action on this at present.

Mr. Hopkins read a column by Dave Tillinghast in the Greenville Piedmont regarding the construction and operation of a county fishing pond and Mr. Richardson explained the department's part in this. Mr. Finlay was instructed to write a letter to Mr. Tillinghast explaining the matter.

A resolution was adopted expressing the regrets of the commission at the death of Virgil F. Funderburk.

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