

MINUTES OF MEETING OF WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION AT BELMONT July 1, 1953.

All members were present except Mr. Oliphant and Mr. Smith. Also present were Director Richardson, Assistant Director Webb, Mr. Alex Quattlebaum, Mr. Douglas Wade and Mr. T. Connor Guess, who represented the Wildlife Federation.

The appointment of Willie Roland Haselden of Johnsonville as a Florence warden was approved.

The appointment of Floyd B. Carter of Green Pond as non-pay warden was approved.

Mr. Warren read a letter from Senator Weathersbee of Jasper discussing the need for an additional warden in the county but making no recommendation as to any individual. Mr. Richardson said that Harry Cooler, Jr., had been highly recommended and the Commission approved his appointment. (Note: Mr. Cooler subsequently decided not to take the job).

Mr. McKeithen brought out that there was at present only one warden in Georgetown county and suggested the hiring of two part-time men. These two men are employed on plantations and would work mostly against night hunters. Mr. Richardson agreed that there was a need and the Commission approved Mr. Richardson putting them on on a part time basis.

The Secretary was instructed to process all these appointments.

Mr. Warren said that he had had much contact with Mr. Lunz and Mr. Seabrook regarding salt water matters that he did not consider worthy of the attention of the full Commission but did not want to take too much authority. The Commission agreed that he should continue his course in such matters.

Mr. Hopkins moved that the new supervisors be invited to the next meeting of the Commission and it was agreed that this could be done at Clemson during the Clinic, with Mr. Richardson making arrangements for the supervisors meeting with the Commission at a suitable time, probably Tuesday evening.

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(The Commission will hold a meeting at 10 a. m. Wednesday, July 29.)

Mr. McKeithan moved that Mr. Seabrook be authorized to have half of the fisheries inspectors attend the first half of the Clinic and the others the second half. The Secretary was instructed to notify Mr. Seabrook of this and also to invite him to attend the general session Wednesday.

Mr. Webb discussed the failure to reach agreement with Georgia on a reciprocal agreement for Clarks Hill fishing due to a conflict in laws and a general discussion followed, the Commission agreeing that the present situation was unsatisfactory and that the working out of a reciprocal agreement should be recommended to the General Assembly.

Mr. Webb said title had been secured to the Bears Island property and that the planting of millet had already been started, since it was the only plant that could produce a crop by fall. He said engineering plans were needed for further diking and did not think it would be possible to have any public shooting on the area this fall.

Mr. Johnson submitted a statement of policy regarding the construction of public fishing lakes and this was approved subject to revision. The Secretary was instructed to publicize this and also send copies of the statement to members of the General Assembly and to chapters of the Wildlife Federation.

Mr. Quattlebaum expressed some ideas on publicizing the report and suggested that something be drawn up specifying what the county should do and stressing that the county get up all information and submit it to the Commission for approval or disapproval.

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Mr. Richardson said any **publicity** should make it clear that the county must draw up the plans and surveys and submit them to the Commission.

Mr. Webb was instructed to draw up something stating what must be done by the county.

The program for the Warden's Clinic at Clemson college July 26-31 was discussed and Mr. Wade asked approval of the purchase of booklets for distribution to the wardens -- Whirring Wings by the Missouri Department of Conservation and the Boy Scout handbook on wildlife management. This was approved.

The Secretary was instructed to invite two members of the Federation to attend each half of the Clinic as guests of the Department.

Mr. Wade was instructed to continue with his plans for the program.

Mr. Johnson moved that at a future meeting Mr. Wade explain his views on a public relations program.

It was agreed that there would be no meeting prior to the one at Clemson.

Eddie Finlay