

MINUTES OF MEETING OF WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION AT CLEMSON COLLEGE JULY 12.

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All members were present except Commissioners Dillard and Oliphant. Also present were Walter Gresh of the Fish and Wildlife Service, Director Richardson, Bartow Culp and Marlin Bruner of the advisory committee, Harold Steele, Mr. Wolling, Mr. Wade and five supervisors, and Warden Howard Wise.

Mr. Cantey mentioned the contribution taken up by the wardens to help in the defense of Warden M. O. Parsons, which amounted to around \$300, and the Commissioners voted to contribute \$30 each. Mr. Richardson said that defense expenses would be at least \$1,000 but the Attorney General had informed him he would approve the payment of \$500 from available funds.

Mr. Richardson recommended the appointment of Doyle Hayes Hill as a Clarendon warden to be paid from Santee-Cooper funds, saying that Mr. Hill had been strongly recommended by Senator McFaddin. The appointment was conditionally approved subject to the approval of Senator Warren following investigation by Supervisor Gregg.

Mr. Wade suggested that it might be possible to employ a man from Santee-Cooper funds to do educational work with the various youth camps on the lake but Mr. Richardson said all these funds were earmarked for "the protection and propagation of game and fish."

Mr. Johnson suggested setting up a radio system with Santee-Cooper funds and a committee of Mr. Johnson and Mr. Cantey was appointed to investigate the feasibility of this.

Mr. Gresh was invited to speak and praised the cooperation that has always existed between federal agents and the Department's wardens.

The appointment of William Eugene Jackson as a Sumter county warden was approved.

W. R. Haselden, whose commission had expired, was approved for re-commissioning.

The appointment of John Robert Hinson as a non-pay Marlboro warden was approved subject to the approval of Mr. McKeithan.

The appointment of Pelzer B. Powell as Georgetown warden was approved.

It was agreed to put up the land and house at the former Spartanburg hatchery for sale through sealed bids after a letter was received from Ernest Jackson offering \$5,000.

Mr. Wise presented an offer from Mr. Harrison to pay the Department 10 per cent of his gross revenue in return for the Department paying him \$5 per day for handling the concession stand, including boats, permits, etc.

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Mr. Wise was instructed to have Mr. Harrison draw up papers putting his offer in writing, the offer being conditionally approved.

The Newberry Electric Cooperative was granted the right to put up a power line over the Newberry hatchery land provided that if it became necessary to expand the hatchery the line would be relocated.

The appointment of L. D. Welsh, Jr., to succeed Mr. Fender as a Lee county warden was approved as a probationary basis.

The Bear Island situation was discussed and Mr. Richardson said that he had received a certified copy of the grand jury report. It was agreed that in view of the continuing investigation, no formal action be taken at the present time.

Mr. Richardson was requested to send a copy of the grand jury report to the Atlanta office of the Fish and Wildlife Service.

The recommissioning of Maurice B. Burns as a Beaufort non-pay warden was approved.

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Eddie Finlay