

MINUTES OF SOUTH CAROLINA WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION MEETING

AT CLEMSON JULY 13, 1954.

All members were present except Mr. Oliphant. Also present were Director Richardson, Mr. Webb, Mr. Wade, Walter Gresh and Warren Lupton of the Atlanta office of the Fish and Wildlife Service, Harold Steele, and Carl May of Spartanburg.

The minutes of the last meeting were amended as had been proposed by Mr. McKeithan to state that a three-man committee be appointed to select a successor to Mr. Richardson when he retires.

Mr. Richardson's recommendation that C. E. McClellan be recommissioned as a warden on the turkey refuge was approved.

Richard E. Buswell of Hilton Head was approved as a non-pay warden.

Mr. Richardson stated that the attorney general had ruled that all non-pay wardens must be recommissioned and asked authority to recommission them as their times expire. On motion of Mr. McKeithan he was given this authority, subject to the approval of the Commissioner from the district involved.

Mr. Warren read a letter from former Commissioner Brandon Smith telling of how much he had enjoyed serving.

Several reports were received as information.

The question of acquiring two boats was brought up and Mr. Warren told of negotiations that had been carried on. Mr. Steele said that a 65-foot boat he had inspected had been approved by Bob Lunz for off-shore work and that a 45-foot boat was not available for the purpose wished but others were. He said a 63-foot, T-boat that could sleep 10 persons was probably available.

It was agreed that Mr. Warren instruct Mr. Steele to put forth all his efforts to secure the two boats and appreciation was expressed to the Fish and Wildlife Service for its efforts and cooperation.

A letter from President John Lee of the Sumter Game and Fish Association regarding the failure to recommission J. P. Broughton was read, Mr. Lee requesting a hearing on the matter.

Mr. Warren and Mr. Richardson reviewed correspondence they had had with officers of the association and it was agreed that the matter should be handled by Mr. Richardson as he saw fit. It was agreed that the Chairman should write a letter to Mr. Lee.

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Mr. Warren read a letter from Senator R. M. Jefferies renewing his request that Ralph Poole be appointed Colleton game warden, as well as a letter from Rep. I. A. Smoak opposing this. This matter was discussed at some length and it was finally voted that Mr. Warren inform Mr. Jefferies that the age requirement not be waived but that the Commission was perfectly willing to consider the application of a man qualified for the job.

Mr. Gresh discussed the fine cooperation that the Fish and Wildlife Service had always received from South Carolina.

A request that an additional Dillon warden be put on to be paid with county funds was referred to Mr. Richardson and Mr. McKeithan.

It was agreed that Mr. McKeithan and Mr. Richardson be authorized to select a warden for Georgetown county.

Mr. Johnson said that many quail at the Spartanburg hatchery were ready for release and it was agreed that priority would be given to those counties where hatcheries had been closed.

The meeting then adjourned without setting a time or place for the next meeting.

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