MINUTES OF MEETING OF WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION

IN COLUMBIA JUNE 3, 1953

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Warren will all members present, along with Director Richardson, Director Seabrook and Assistant Director Webb.

Mr. Warren read a letter from Doug Wade offering his services for a position in the information and education division. This was passed over temporarily.

Mr. Richardson recommended that Jefferson C. Fuller, Jr., now employed by the Mississippi Commission, be employed as fisheries biologist in charge of the entire fresh water fisheries program and this was approved, subject to the approval of the budget and control board, at a salary of $5,200.

Mr. Richardson presented the names of five wardens — J. Clyde Ross, Greenville; Augustus M. Flood, Jr., Moncks Corner; Lonnie C. Bundrick, West Columbia; Freddie McKerley, Williston; and Boyd A. Gregg, Florence — as supervisors. They were approved subject to approval by the budget and control board.

Mr. Johnson suggested that they be given a uniform allowance and it was agreed that the salaries would be $4,000, along with a uniform allowance. Mr. Richardson said he hoped to be able to get the supervisors enrolled in the fall North Carolina wardens school and explained the reports they were to file.

The possibility of district offices and allowances for clerical help were discussed but it was decided to postpone action on this until it could be seen how things worked out. It was agreed that the supervisors would continue at the present travel allowance instead of being given cars.

Mr. Warren brought up the action at the May 15 meeting at which he and Mr. McKeithan had been instructed to explore the possibility of securing a man qualified under the law to become Director of the Division of Commercial Fisheries.

Mr. Warren then read a statement that he considered Mr. Seabrook well qualified to continue as Director on his record and experience and that replacing him would be a reflection on Mr. Seabrook as well as the Commission.

The Commission agreed to Mr. Johnson's motion that the matter be held in abeyance until Mr. McKeithan had a chance to study the matter.

Mr. Warren then read a letter he had written Senator Rodgers of Beaufort regarding Senator Rodger's complaints of Georgians being unmolested in Calibogue Sound and the reports on the matter from Mr. Seabrook.

A letter from Mr. Marion Winter of Moncks Corner regarding the possible effects of a brine factory on the fish in a private pond near Moncks Corner was turned over to the Secretary and he was instructed to write Mr. Winter and also contact the Water Pollution Control Authority.

Mr. Webb stated that a report from Mr. W. A. Garth on the Santee-Cooper locks survey was impossible because of Mr. Garth's injury in an auto wreck.

Mr. Warren brought up a visit to him by two Beaufort men regarding the license on submerged traps and crab pots and the possible use of crab pots without license and the question of whether the Commission could pass a regulation regarding this. It was agreed the present regulation could not be changed.

Mr. Richardson recommended the appointment of Samuel Augustus Mattison of McCormick as a salaried warden and it was approved subject to approval by Mr. Smith, who was to contact the Secretary if he approved it.

Mr. Johnson then moved that the matter of a Director of Commercial Fisheries be taken under advisement.

Mr. Oliphant moved that a committee composed of Mr. Smith, Mr. Johnson and Mr. Hopkins be instructed to look into the employment of Mr. Wade to assist in information and education work.

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It was subsequently agreed to employ Mr. Wade at a salary not in excess of $4,500, subject to the approval of the budget and control board. Mr. Smith was to interview Mr. Wade and later contact the other members of the committee.

Mr. Hopkins brought up the request of a Greenville resident to run a power line over land in the Oak Grove Lake project and it was agreed that he look further into the matter.

It was agreed to hold the next meeting at Belmont at 3 p. m. July. 1st.

Eddie Finlay