

MINUTES OF SOUTH CAROLINA WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION MEETING IN COLUMBIA
JUNE 8, 1965

Present were Chairman Parler and Commissioners Cantey, Oliphant, Hopkins and Glenn. Also present were Directors Webb and Lunz, Pat Ryan, Jeff Fuller, Frank Nelson, Allison Fickling, Fred Ramage, Tommy Welch, and Clyde Eitzroth, member of the advisory committee.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, who said he was happy to be associated with the other Commissioners and was looking forward to serving with them.

Minutes of the May meeting were approved.

Major Cantey reported on the meeting held with Mr. Webb on payrolls for 1965-66 for the Division of Game, which called for a three per cent across the board raise and some incentive raises. These were subsequently approved.

The Division of Commercial Fisheries and Bears Bluff schedules were also approved, these calling for the three per cent and also two raises approved by the General Assembly.

Also approved was the schedule for the Division of Boating.

A letter from Dr. Lunz was presented regarding using the pier tax fund for raises and certain shifting of salaries, which were approved.

Dr. Lunz said the fisheries operators want continuing surveys and next year the oyster work should be carried on under a regular appropriation from the State, and not from pier tax funds. The oyster industry also should help. He said all this would be of great help to the industry and that later a similar setup should be started for the crab industry.

Mr. Parler asked how long it would be before Dr. Lunz could give an idea of the costs of a program for crabs as well as oysters, and also what the reaction of the crab people was to the oyster people getting help.

Dr. Lunz said that the crab people understood the situation.

Mr. Webb said that the General Assembly had appropriated \$20,000 for the Outdoor Recreation setup to meet matching federal funds. He said the state was also getting



\$142,000 which must also be matched by the agency receiving the funds. However, a plan must be completed and approved before this money would become available. He added that Art Buehler, information assistant, was being transferred to the ORC to prepare the plan, along with his secretary.

The schedule of wardens' salaries, as well as some other salaries not in the appropriation account, along with some minor changes, were approved as recommended.

The question of a Fairfield county warden who has passed his 40th birthday being approved was then discussed. Mr. Webb said he was highly recommended by the delegation but that he was 40 on his last birthday in September. Under a previous ruling of the Commission this would make him over age.

Mr. Oliphant said the Commission might adopt the policy of insurance companies in judging age by the nearest birthday, which would make the applicant eligible.

A motion of Mr. Oliphant was adopted that in the future the 40-year limit be considered on the basis of the date of the nearest birthday, and a suggestion of Mr. Webb was adopted that this apply to the time the applicant is first considered for appointment.

Mr. Webb recommended approval of the Fairfield applicant subject to further investigation, which was approved.

Mr. Eltzroth said he appreciated being invited to serve on the advisory committee.

Dr. Lunz said that for three years fisheries people had been trying to get federal funds like Pittman-Robertson and Dingell--Johnson and it finally looked as if things were shaping up, and that South Carolina might get \$26,000, which would have to be marched with state funds. He said this could be used only for research of a practical nature and two projects were being submitted.

In answer to a question from Mr. Fuller, he said funds could be used in both fresh and saltwater commercial fisheries work.



Mr. Glenn said that coastal senators should be advised of the Commission action in approving of Dr. Lunz' suggestions for a program of research and development of the oyster industry. (Dr. Lunz drew up a draft of a letter to the coastal senators and it was agreed that the letter should go to all coastal senators.)

A resolution was adopted authorizing Dr. Lunz to proceed with setting up a similar program for the crabbing industry.

A non-pay warden in Berkeley county was approved.

Commissioning of a lake supervisor in Cherokee county was approved subject to his meeting the qualifications. He needs the commission to protect the city water works and the commission was requested by a member of Cherokee delegation.

A letter was read from Barney Slawson of the Development Board thanking the Department for its work in entertaining a radio man from the middle west, who will give Santee-Cooper much good publicity.

Mr. Fuller was granted a week's delay en route to a meeting in Oklahoma which he would attend in his car.

The question of some equipment that had been used by Former Commissioner Johnson was brought up, Mr. Cantey suggesting that the equipment be given Mr. Johnson, along with a letter of thanks. The equipment consists of a pair of field glasses, a cabinet and a dictaphone.

It was agreed that this would have to be approved by the Attorney General and it was approved by the Commission, subject to the approval of the Attorney General.

The Secretary was instructed to write a letter to Mr. Johnson expressing the thanks of the Commission for all he had done; and also to write a letter to Mr. Cox.

The meeting then adjourned.

Eddie Finlay

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