

MINUTES OF MEETING OF WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION IN COLUMBIA MARCH 23, 1962

The meeting had been called to consider Department participation in a fish and wildlife lake on the Thicketty Creek Watershed in Cherokee and Spartanburg counties.

Present were Commissioners Cox, Cantey, Heyward, Hopkins, Oliphant and Tison, Director Webb, Jeff Fuller, Frank Nelson, Pat Ryan and Mr. Shull of the Soil Conservation Service.

Mr. Webb mentioned discussions that had been carried on with the SCS and the Thicketty Creek Watershed Conservation District and asked Mr. Shull to explain plans and what the Department participation would involve.

Mr. Shull explained that the plans for the project were drawn up by the local people with the SCS helping, with the idea of managing the watershed to reduce runoff, erosion and sedimentation. He said the Public law under which Watershed districts were set up provided for multiple use and that plans called for a 100-acre fish and wildlife lake.

He said the Department would participate in land acquisition for the lake up to \$13,000 with the District bearing the remainder of the approximately \$25,000 involved in land acquisition, bridge structure and road and REA line moving. The total cost of the lake construction would be around \$100,000 with the federal government putting up 58 per cent and the District the other 42 per cent.

Under questioning Mr. Shull said that it was possible that the Department might have to bear a larger part of the \$25,000, and also possible that if local support was not strong enough the Department might, at some future date, be asked to provide some of the 42 per cent local support. He added that there might be some verbal agreements that are not in writing.

The Department would own and operate the lake and would bear the annual operating costs, which would depend upon what plan of management was agreed upon.

After a general discussion the Commission agreed that more study was needed to determine to what extent the Department would be involved if the agreement was signed.



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A motion of Mr. Oliphant was adopted that Mr. Webb contact the Cherokee delegation to see whether a meeting could be arranged for Tuesday morning with the delegation and all local interests, and to determine what maximum cost to the Department would be. The motion also said that if meeting could not be set Tuesday it be set Wednesday, and if not Wednesday Thursday; but if not set for any of these days the matter be deferred until after the meeting April 7 at Bears Bluff.

(The Secretary apologizes if the minutes are unclear but the more he heard the more confused he became).

A non-pay warden in Barnwell county was reappointed.

Senator Scurry appeared before the Commission to protest the naming of Charles Lafitte as Saluda county warden, and his statement were received as information.

*Eddie Finlay*

