

MINUTES OF WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION
MEETING IN SPARTANBURG MAY 10, 1963

Present were Commissioners Johnson, Tison, Cantey and Hopkins, Director Webb, Jeff Fuller, Pat Ryan, Ed Latimer and Art Buehler.

Minutes of meeting of April 3, 1963, in connection with Dirleton deed, should be that Mr. Latimer stated an agreement had been prepared and sent to Attorney Rosen in Georgetown. Minutes of meeting changed to this effect.

In April 3, 1963, minutes, in connection with Mr. Tison's motion concerning putting wardens in State-owned cars, Mr. Tison's motion was that all wardens be placed in State-owned cars, but those wardens who had recently purchased cars be given time, not to exceed two years, to finish paying for them before being put in State-owned cars.

After these corrections, the minutes stood approved as read.

In a discussion about whether or not the Commission would consider a report or follow up report by the Wildlife Management Institute, Mr. Cantey suggested it would be a good investment. Mr. Webb stated they do a good job. Mr. Cantey suggested it be brought up at next meeting due to three Commissioners absent.

Mr. Johnson stated that Mr. Oliphant had called attention over the telephone to the amount of money in Game & Fish Revolving Fund. Mr. Webb stated that the Federal Government has allocated to the Department almost \$400,000 and that there's some highway money and county appropriation money. Mr. Hopkins wanted to know about money on hand. Mr. Webb said a lot of funds in there were earmarked.

The nine-month report furnished Commissioners covering the period July 1, 1962 through March 31, 1963 was considered and discussed briefly.

In connection with expenditures for March, 1963, copies of which were furnished Commissioners, Mr. Johnson posed the following questions:

Why Mr. Wolling is being paid \$7.50 garage rent? Mr. Webb stated this has been brought forward. He will check on it.

Who is Katherine C. Creighton? Mr. Webb said she is Mr. Welch's Secretary.



Why the wardens had travel expenses over the \$125.00 maximum per month?

Mr. Webb stated that when the wardens are sent out of the County they are allowed extra mileage.

Why the \$1,019.43 to American Decal Co.? Mr. Webb said the decals are furnished boat owners with applications.

Gasque's Sport Shop -- Mr. Johnson asked how they go about buying boating equipment. Mr. Webb said they usually buy where possible in the County where used provided they get discount. If not, they buy in Columbia or elsewhere where they do get discount. In Columbia they get 50% discount on Glassmaster and 25% on metal boats; and 25% on motors. Mr. Johnson asked if this is not the type thing they could take bids on. Mr. Webb stated they couldn't get them for any less. Mr. Johnson stated he thought the Department should have a policy for buying. Mr. Tison said buying locally, if possible, is good. Mr. Webb was asked to outline for the Commission his method of buying boats, motors, tires, etc., and other supplies bought in any sizeable quantities by the Department.

Mr. Johnson asked, who is Aline DeLoach? Mr. Webb stated she is Murray DeLoach's widow. She distributes licenses in Hampton County and is paid by its funds.

Mr. Webb explained the question about why the \$347.70 for fingerling fish was paid to him as director, being a bookkeeping transfer and the necessity of showing this payment so that the Department could be reimbursed by the Government.

Mr. Johnson asked about Voucher 6668 - \$2,415.72 to Central Chevrolet Co. Mr. Webb said this was a car for Lloyd Webb payed for 1/4 by Clemson College and 3/4 by the Government. Mr. Cantey called attention to the fact that while the Department funds are not being spent, that the Government is paying it, but this money could be used elsewhere for other projects.



Explanation of tires -- Mr. Webb said they buy tires on a contract of 100 at a time and put in the warehouse and then each project pays the Department as the tires are needed, similar to the fingerling fish deal.

Yonce Insurance Agency - liability insurance - Mr. Webb said this is put on bids every year and the Yonce Insurance Agency has had it for several years. This is liability on all Department cars, let on competitive bids. Mr. Johnson stated it might be well to consider whether or not to carry liability on other cars. Mr. Tison requested that at the next meeting that the Commission be furnished the annual total cost of liability insurance and the number of cars which are covered by this policy. Mr. Johnson asked Mr. Webb to check on the immunity feature of the policy.

Mr. Webb stated he is still short two riders on airplane policy. He will have the information on this at next meeting.

Mr. Johnson asked about the Victor Fertilizer Company selling to the Department. Mr. Webb explained that fertilizer bids are taken. This was lowest.

Mr. Johnson asked, who is Elsie B. Warren? Mr. Webb says she is in Mac Flood's office.

Mr. Johnson asked about Voucher No. 6619 - Central Chevrolet Company in the amount of \$4,832.26. Mr. Webb is to furnish this information at the next meeting.

Mr. Johnson requested an explanation for duplication of Voucher Nos. 6646, 6647, 6652, 6756, 6777, 6919, 7050, 7074, and 6546. Mr. Webb will get this from Mr. Wolling for next meeting.

Mr. Cantey presented a letter from Arthur Andersen & Company submitting their proposal for a study of the accounting and reporting procedures of the South Carolina Wildlife Resources Department. Mr. Cantey stated that he thinks their fees as set forth in this letter are all right, but due to the illness of Mr. Smith, the state auditor, he thinks this should be held in abeyance until



Mr. Smith can be consulted. This was satisfactory with other Commissioners.

Mr. Hopkins presented a letter from D. P. Polatty of the Greenville County Chapter of the S. C. Wildlife Federation requesting a vehicle for transporting fish to mountain streams. After a general discussion, Mr. Fuller was asked to look into this before next meeting and to furnish specifications.

Mr. Webb stated they are closing the Cleveland Fish Hatchery.

Mr. Johnson requested Director Webb not to be too hasty on continuing the employment of Mr. Lloyd Webb at Clemson.

After a general discussion of the retirement of game wardens, Mr. Tison moved and Mr. Cantey seconded, that the matter of wardens Mims and Grimball be carried over to a subsequent meeting.

Mr. Webb stated they have received bids for State-owned cars for the wardens. Specifications were fixed so that Dodge, Ford and Chevrolet would be eligible. Burnside Motor Co., Columbia, S. C. had the low bid. Mr. Tison moved and Mr. Cantey seconded that the Director be authorized to purchase Dodge automobiles as set forth in the bid of Burnside Motor Company, and this unanimously passed.

Mr. Webb recommended Joseph F. Smith for non-pay game warden for Greenville County. Mr. Hopkins approved the appointment.

Mr. Webb recommended Isaac Hayne, Jr., as game warden for Richland County. Mr. Cantey moved for his appointment.

Pat Ryan presented a proposed Bill concerning alligators. After discussion, it was unanimously approved by the Commission for introduction.

Mr. Cantey moved to approve the rough draft of the bill presented by Mr. Ryan dealing with night hunting, forfeiture, etc. with the exception of adding bow and arrow.

Motion by Mr. Hopkins, seconded by Mr. Tison that Mr. Webb be authorized to file with the Secretary of State regulations for decals on boats.



Mr. Fuller explained a request by Duke Power Company for right of way adjacent to I-85 across property owned by the Department known as Oak Grove Lake in Greenville County. After discussion, it was moved by Mr. Tison and seconded by Mr. Hopkins that Mr. Johnson, as chairman of the Commission, sign a letter presented by Mr. Fuller.

Mr. Cantey asked for a list of game wardens for the next meeting. He suggested that a warden's salary be raised according to achievements. Mr. Buehler stated 90% have completed first aid; approximately 50% have completed advanced class; about 5% have gone on to instructor's classes. Mr. Ryan said he would bring up correct figures at next meeting on this.

Mr. Webb stated he has talked with Senator Dennis about the gun case bill. Mr. Dennis wants Mr. Webb to meet with his committee.

Mr. Ryan stated he had investigated the bond premium. If the fishing license bill went through, the bond premium would be at the rate of \$2.50 per \$1,000.00 with a minimum of \$2,000.00.

Mr. Johnson stated that he did not believe it proper, under the circumstances, for the Commission to furnish him a full time secretary. He requested that the salary paid by the department, effective July 1, be reduced to \$50.00 per week. He stated that if it becomes necessary for him to employ an additional secretary that he will let the Commissioners know.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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