

MINUTES OF MEETING OF S. C. WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION MEETING MAY 28, 1958

Present were Chairman Warren, Commissioners Cantey, Cox, Oliphant, Johnson, and Hopkins, Director Richardson and Assistant Director Webb.

The minutes of the April 16 meeting were corrected on suggestion of Mr. Johnson.

Chairman Warren read a letter from Director Richardson in which he recommended reappointment of all wardens whose commissions expire on or around July 1 except N. E. Keisler, Lexington; R. G. Barrett, Chapin, and W. W. Mills, Newberry. He also recommended that action on the reappointments of Wardens Kearse and Davis be postponed until on or about July 1.

The Director's recommendations were approved and he was given authority to put Wardens Kearse and Davis on whenever their health warranted.

A delegation from Darlington composed of Senator Mozingo, Dan McKeithan and Mr. Cook appeared regarding the bill to establish a Darlington Game and Fish Commission.

Senator Mozingo said that the intent of the bill was to cooperate with and facilitate the work of the Commission, and there was no intent to weaken its authority.

Mr. McKeithan stated that the Darlington chapter had been instrumental in shortening seasons but that the delegation was placed under pressure from "game hogs" to extend seasons and the bill would remove this pressure.

Director Richardson said that the bill would be against the intent of Plan Eight while several Commissioners expressed the view the bill would set a bad precedent, and be an entering wedge for the introduction of bad legislation.

On motion of Mr. Cox it was agreed to continue discussion of the bill (H.2588) and to thank the delegation for its appearance.

Chairman Warren read a letter from members of the Colleton delegation requesting appointment of S. C. Risher as a Colleton warden. The matter was referred to Director Richardson.



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The reappointment of J. D. Howell as a non-pay warden and the appointment of Fred Conner as a non-pay warden were approved.

The request of the Secretary for temporary employment of an information assistant was approved.

On motion of Mr. Johnson it was agreed to name the lake at Chester Lake Alex Oliphant.

Mr. Oliphant invited the Commission to the opening of the lake June 18, or on whatever date it is officially opened.

Mr. Hopkins inquired about the status of repairs on Lake Paul Wallace and Mr. Webb reported on plans for repairs.

Chairman Warren invited the Commission to the Watermelon Festival in Hampton June 26 and it was agreed to hold a meeting at Belmont the evening of June 25. (Notices will be sent out on this).

Mr. Hopkins showed some light-weight hats and the purchase of one for each warden was approved. It was agreed that the hats be grey.

On motion of Mr. Oliphant it was agreed to appoint and commission Bill Knox, superintendent of the Chester lake.

*Eddie Finlay*

