

MINUTES OF MEETING OF WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION
IN COLUMBIA
OCTOBER 15, 1964

Present were all Commissioners, Director Webb, Assistant Director Ryan, Jeff Fuller, Tommy Welch, Frank Nelson, Buck Buchanan and Fred Ramage.

A suggestion of Mr. Johnson was adopted that the minutes of previous meetings would stand as approved unless there were objection.

Mr. Johnson read a letter from the State Auditor calling attention to the meeting of Budget and Control Board to consider the Department budget on November 5, asking what were the wishes of the Commission as to who should attend. It was agreed that Mr. Johnson and Mr. Cantey should attend the meeting, along with Mr. Webb, Dr. Lunz and Mr. Wolling.

Mr. Fuller then presented maps he had drawn up for presentation to the legislative committee, showing trout stockings, strip bass stockings and county by county expenditures in fisheries work.

Mr. Buchanan said that he had also prepared charts and Mr. Nelson said he had his figures up and could put them on maps and charts with little delay.

A general discussion followed as to the best method of presentation, Mr. Cantey saying that one map should show how much was spent in each county and how much was received from the county--this being designed to answer possible complaints from the Low Country counties.

It was agreed that a chart should be prepared showing receipts and disbursements county by county for a two-year period on a fiscal year basis, 1962-63 and 1963-64.

Mr. Johnson suggested that other charts would be needed, including one showing warden expenditures.

Mr. Webb said that he had not learned anything definite as to when the committee will meet.

Mr. Cox said that he would pursue his discussions with Mr. Pearman regarding disposition of part of the gasoline tax money paid by boaters.



Mr. Webb said that the committee studying the possibility of marking underwater islands and other obstacles in reservoirs had met, and had also taken up the gasoline refund money as a possible source of funds for its work.

Mr. Johnson asked whether the Power Squadrons might be interested in the gasoline tax refund and Mr. Welch said they definitely would be.

Mr. Ryan reported on talks with Bodie McDowell in relation to employment by the Department and said a meeting would be arranged when Mr. McDowell was available.

Mr. Johnson mentioned a story in the Georgia Department magazine listing the number of stations carrying the Department's programs.

The Andersen report on procedures, contracts and other matters was then taken up point by point by Mr. Johnson.

Mr. Johnson mentioned the fact that Dr. Lunz had told him there was no way of checking license collections through the county treasurers.

Mr. Johnson asked whether or not there might not be a deferral of proceeds from licenses handled by wardens and Mr. Webb explained the system used, saying there was very little possibility for the Department to lose money.

Mr. Welch said that he would like to get a copy of the report for study.

Mr. Buchanan said that he would notify all banks that the Department should be the only payee on deposits of license money by wardens handling.

The matter of accounting for all summons issued was discussed and Mr. Ryan said that there was no difficulty in accounting for all summons issued.

Mr. Webb explained the procedure for project payrolls.

Mr. Ryan said controls over equipment were working well.

The concession system at public lakes was discussed and Mr. Fuller said a flat fee system was now in operation at the Chester and Spartanburg lakes.

The question of standardization of allowances for meals was brought up and after some discussion a motion of Mr. Cantey was adopted that nothing be done at



present to change the present method.

After some discussion it was agreed not to take Dr. Lunz' report. Mr. Johnson suggested that Mr. Ramage confer with Auditor Jim Smith to see what could be worked out regarding the reports of the county treasurers, the suggestion later being withdrawn.

Mr. Cox brought up the matter of a car purchased for Dr. Lunz that cost \$600 more because it was bought through the purchasing division and said there were similar instances in the Division of Game.

Mr. Johnson said it might be good for Dr. Lunz to get up the figures on the car purchase and furnish them to the Auditor and to the Governor.

Mr. Cox reported that a special committee composed of himself, Mr. Johnson and Mr. Cantey had agreed nothing should be done about assistant supervisors. A motion to this effect was approved.

Mr. Johnson asked Mr. Nelson to report on his investigation of the possibilities of getting land for field trials and other uses.

Mr. Nelson said he had talked with North Carolina officials, where 50,000 acres had been bought during the depression and later turned over to public agencies. He said that in South Carolina similar land had been secured by Clemson college and the Forestry Department. He said he had checked with the Forestry Department and that they were not interested in releasing any of the land, which was going into pine production.

Mr. Johnson suggested that Mr. Nelson get up facts and figures on the situation and report to the bird dog group.

Mr. Webb then presented some appointments and on motion of Mr. Tison all on which the Commissioners had been notified were approved.

The question of giving non-pay commissions to wardens who had reached the re-



tirement age was discussed at some length, after which the following motion of Mr. Tison was adopted:

"That upon retirement any warden upon approval of the Commission shall retain his uniform and subsequently, upon approval of the Commission, will be allowed to purchase uniforms." This motion applies to recently retired Wardens DeLoach, Mims, Bessinger, Quick and Harrelson.

Mr. Webb said that other state agencies were putting in for a 10 percent raise for employees and on motion of Mr. Tison he was authorized to put this in the Department budget request.

Mr. Webb, in answer to a question from Mr. Johnson, said the state treasurer gets interest on money deposited in banks.

The Commission then went into executive session, after which it announced that Supervisor Gene Howell had been named Chief of Law Enforcement.

Eddie Finley

