

MINUTES OF MEETING OF WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION IN COLUMBIA OCTOBER 17, 1969

Present were Commissioners Eltzroth, Glenn, Rhame, Thompson, Eppes and Mishoe, Major Cantey, Jim Webb, Pat Ryan, Roger Seamans, Hugh Fraser, Charlie Bearden, Jeff Fuller, Ed Latimer, Frank Nelson, Tommy Welch and Fred Ramage.

Mr. Ryan discussed the proposed plan of revoking licenses in cases where the holder has many violations, saying that Colorado has such a system. He said General Services was working up a plan that could be handled by computer but that it was not yet ready for submission and consideration.

Mr. Eltzroth mentioned the Highway Department system and Mr. Ryan said some of its features were being considered for incorporation in the Department plan. He added that he hoped to have a complete report by the next meeting. He said a system was being worked up under which various violations would be awarded certain numbers of points. He also said that Colorado holds hearings before suspending licenses and Mr. Eltzroth said the right to a hearing should be protected, as the Highway Department does.

Mr. Mishoe said extenuating circumstances should be considered and that he did not believe suspension should be mandatory, except for night hunting.

Mr. Glenn mentioned that shrimp boat captains have their licenses revoked and Mr. Latimer said that the captains are barred from the boats after their licenses have been revoked.

Mr. Webb brought up a number of appointments and the list was approved, some subject to further investigation by Mr. Webb.

Mr. Eltzroth then read a letter he had received from the Governor praising Mr. Ryan for the comprehensive and lucid letter he had written to a Parris Island Marine explaining the reasons for the boosts in hunting and fishing license fees. On motion of Mr. Glenn, the letters were made part of the records of the meeting.

Mr. Webb said that Walt Schrader had declined to move to Columbia as Chief of Game Management and he recommended that Brock Conrad be given the post. It was



then decided to take this matter up in executive session.

Mr. Webb then presented hunt regulations for the game management areas for the Commission's consideration, which were approved.

A motion of Mr. Mishoe was adopted that in the future the Executive Director furnish the Commissioners with an agenda of what was coming up at each meeting at least three days before the meeting.

Mr. Webb also presented the proposed schedule of duck hunts on the management areas, pointing out that under a staff recommendation all hunters be limited to 16 shells. Mr. Eltzroth suggested ways that violations could be detected and handled and Mr. Rhame moved adoption of the schedule.

Mr. Webb stated that several years ago the Commission had authorized him to take previous law enforcement experience and age into consideration in the employment of new conservation officers and start them at higher salaries and asked that it be made a continuing policy, which was agreed to.

The Commission then went into executive session.

The minutes of the September 19 meeting were approved.

Mr. Webb said that ordering of raincoats and uniforms was progressing. He said that officials of other agencies had advised against getting overcoats for the men and suggested long jackets. Mr. Webb also said that consideration was being given to getting 10-inch boots for the officers.

Mr. Ramage said that work on the programming for the computer was coming along all right.

Mr. Webb said the permanent improvements budget would be put in within the next few days.

Mr. Webb said that getting good labor on Bear Island was quite a problem and that he would like to build two houses to be used by laborers on a permanent basis, the houses to cost around \$15,000 each.



Mr. Nelson was complimented on the fine report he had prepared regarding consideration of new office facilities for the Department.

Mr. Eltzroth inquired as to what should be done to more properly utilize the central area of the present office space.

Mr. Rhame reported on the facilities at Eutawville, saying that they could be utilized to more benefit by other agencies if fixed up properly and possibly expanded.

The Commission approved Mr. Webb's and Mr. Ryan's recommendation for the employment of Mr. Conrad as chief of game management.

Mr. Eppes said a speaker was needed for a program at Greenville and Mr. Seamans said he would handle arrangements.

Mr. Eltzroth read a letter from R. C. Balfour to Mr. Rhame inviting a group from the Commission to inspect some game lands near Thomasville, Georgia on October 24. Final details of this are to worked out.

Mr. Glenn suggested that a pocketbook-size card listing the seasons and limits should be provided so that each license purchaser could get one. He said something compact and easy to read was needed. He suggested that both the hunting and fishing folders be reduced to pocket size, if possible. Mr. Eltzroth asked the Executive Director to study the matter and report at the next meeting as to what could be done.

Mr. Glenn suggested that the average costs of equipment maintenance should be compiled and kept up to date, for each district and overall.

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