

MINUTES

SOUTH CAROLINA WILDLIFE & MARINE RESOURCES COMMISSION MEETING

Room 335, Rembert C. Dennis Building
Columbia, S. C.
October 18, 1991
10:00 A. M.

The regular monthly meeting of the South Carolina Wildlife and Marine Resources Commission was held at 10:00 A.M., on Friday, October 18, 1991, in Room 335 of the Rembert C. Dennis Building, Columbia, S. C., with Chairman Burnside presiding. Notice of the date, time and place of the meeting was mailed to the state's media. Commissioners present included: Commissioners Burnside, Poston, Snow, Miller, Graham, and Pendarvis. Staff members present included: Dr. Timmerman, Larry Cartee, Dan Dobbins, Benny Reeves, Paul Sandifer, Sonny Baines, Brock Conrad, Bill Chastain and various other staff members and guests.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Burnside called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

ITEM I. READING OF THE MINUTES

The Commission adopted a motion to dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the September 20, 1991 Commission Meeting and approve them as submitted.

ITEM II. COMMENTS

Dr. Timmerman noted that he is continuing to monitor the Department's budget and it appears the revenue picture is about on par with our revenue collections last year.

Dr. Timmerman distributed to the Commission, the quarterly Vehicle Accident Report and noted that an Accident Review Panel has been put together to review these accidents and follow the state's regulations.

Dr. Timmerman noted that the American Disabilities Act will have a big impact on state government and most of the requirements in this Act will go into effect on January 1, 1992. Dr. Timmerman noted that he recommended we have a briefing for the Commission on this Act at the next meeting.



Dr. Timmerman noted that the Ethics Act has been adopted and that we also need to have the Commissioners and key staff briefed on the items which are in this Act. Dr. Timmerman noted that this Act is far-reaching and very complicated and that it also provides that the two legislative members on the Commission will no longer serve as members of our Commission.

Dr. Timmerman noted that he had a personnel matter for the Commission for Executive Session.

ITEM III - OLD BUSINESS

A. 1992 Legislative Proposal: Dan Dobbins noted that the 1992 Legislative Proposal had been sent to the Commission (copy attached to original Commission Minutes). Mr. Dobbins went over this proposal briefly and following discussion, the Commission adopted a motion to approve the 1992 Legislative Proposals as submitted.

ITEM IV - NEW BUSINESS

A. Proposed Easement - Lake Oak Grove: Benny Reeves noted that a proposed easement at Lake Oak Grove had been sent to the Commission (copy attached to original Commission Minutes) and he discussed this briefly with the Commission. Following discussion, the Commission adopted a motion to approve this easement as submitted.

B. Boating Demand Study: James Duke noted that a boating demand study had recently been completed at Clemson University and he passed out a summary of the projected boating demand through the Year 2010 which reveals a 75% projected increase in demand for the state as a whole. Mr. Duke noted that facilities are already overused to capacity and this demand will create more problems. Mr. Duke noted that the staff is conducting a boating needs assessment and will create a Master Plan for boating access in the Department which should be completed in about six months.

Chairman Burnside noted that we need to look at the issue of speed limit for boats on water.

C. Division Reports:

1. Administrative Services: Benny Reeves informed the Commission that the Budget and Control Board Staff is still looking at sources of funds in the Department and that he will keep the Commission informed on this matter. Mr. Reeves noted that the Department underwent a 1% budget reduction and a 2% set-aside and that the 2% set-aside funds are now gone and will not be included in the Department's budget this year.



2. Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries: There was nothing further to report.

3. Law Enforcement & Boating: There was nothing further to report.

4. Conservation Education & Communications: Sonny Baines noted that the new RESOURCE has been distributed to the Commission and Mike Creel advised the Commission that 65,000 of the people in this state were mailed this publication at a cost of approximately 22¢ each.

5. Marine Resources: Paul Sandifer noted that the staff is moving into the Administration Building and are currently working through the problems with this move. He asked the Commission to consider a re-dedication of this facility at some time in the future. He also noted that under the Marine Fishing License statute there is an Advisory Board and the members of this Board include a member of the Commission and he asked the Commission to think about a member to chair this new Advisory Board. He noted that the art competition for the Marine Fishing License will take place on December 7, 1991 and that shrimp baiting activity is up again this year with about 12,000 licenses already being sold.

D. Advisory Board Reports:

1. Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries: Brock Conrad noted that there were several items approved by the Board to bring to the Commission and such will be presented at the next meeting.

2. Law Enforcement & Boating: Commissioner Miller noted that the Law Enforcement & Boating Advisory Board had been working on a proposal on trespassing to hunt. Commissioner Miller distributed this proposal to the Commission (copy attached to original Commission Minutes) and went over this proposal with the Commission. Following discussion, the Commission adopted a motion to approve this proposal as submitted and for such to be included in the Department's Legislative package for 1992.

E. Other Remarks: Dr. Timmerman noted that the Employee Awards would be presented at the next Commission Meeting and that he would like to have a briefing to the Commission on the American Disabilities Act and the Ethics Act which would take approximately two hours. Commissioner Poston noted that the next Commission Meeting would be held on November 14 and 15, 1991 in Kingstree.



Commissioner Miller moved for the Commission to hold an Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. Commissioner Snow seconded the motion and it was adopted by the Commission. Chairman Burnside noted that the Commission would, at this time, hold an Executive Session to discuss personnel matters.

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RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

Following the Executive Session, the Regular Meeting was resumed and participants were invited into the meeting.

The Commission adopted a motion to approve the appointments and re-appointments of Deputy Wildlife Conservation Officers to include the appointment of Freddy Earhart, II with statewide authority.

F. Appointments (Executive Session): This item was previously acted upon by the Commission.

G. Time and Place of Next Meeting: The Commission noted that the next meeting would be held at 2:00 P.M., on November 15, 1991 in Kingstree.

ITEM V - ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Commission, a motion was adopted to adjourn the meeting.

