

MINUTES OF MEETING OCTOBER 27 IN SENATE JUDICIARY

COMMITTEE ROOM, OCTOBER 27, 1952

Present were all members of the Commission, Dr. Ira Gabrielson and Leonard Foote.

Mr. Warren welcomed Dr. Gabrielson, who discussed generally the South Carolina situation and the planned report and recommendations--which he said would be ready on or before December 1.

Dr. Gabrielson said that the commission form was the type that had been found most efficient for wildlife management and administration and that the commission should act as a buffer between the administrative staff and the public.

The most common breakdown in commission forms came, he said, where there was no clear line between the duties of the commission and the administrative staff, this situation usually leading to confusion and the creation of cliques among personnel. He added that anytime a commissioner began acting as an individual he undermined the value of the commission.

The proper concept of the commission is that of a group setting policies, standards and budgets and letting a competent staff handle the administrative work. Commissioners should avoid making suggestions and giving instructions.

Dr. Gabrielson also stressed the importance of a strong public relations program and said it was also important to keep the staff informed as to the commission's program. He also discussed the need for supervisors, a report system for wardens and proper methods of rating the efficiency of wardens, avoiding emphasis on the number of cases.

Mr. Warren then discussed the plans of the commission and the policies it had followed, particularly in the selection of wardens.

Dr. Gabrielson said that this policy was the only one that could have been followed under the existing conditions but in the future rigid standards should be set and rigidly adhered to.



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A general discussion followed of uniforming wardens, setting up a checking system, best methods of handling licenses, a universal fishing license and abolition of the many permits, reciprocal agreements with neighboring states, the need for allowing the commission to set seasons and limits, and commercial fisheries. No definite action was taken on any of these matters.

Mr. Warren read a letter from T. K. Ellis of Virginia, a trustee of the Bears Bluff laboratory, commending Inspectors Richardson and Barwick, who had approached him while he was collecting marine specimens,

The Commission approved Director A. A. Richardson's recommendations of T. C. Jones as a Greenville warden and C. S. Youngblood as a Barnwell warden. It also approved the appointment of Alex J. Willis as a non-pay warden in Colleton county. It disapproved the recommendation for the appointment of Mr. Ramsey as a York county warden. Mr. Ramsey had been recommended by Mr. Richardson in a letter to Mr. Warren July 25.

The Commission also approved the appointment of Levis Jaynes as a non-pay Oconee warden, subject to the recommendation of Mr. Richardson.

The appointment of J. C. Hodges and J. P. Cooler as fisheries inspectors was approved.

The meeting then adjourned for lunch and continued in the hotel with Jim Webb and Harry Hampton present.

Raises were approved for fish hatchery men as recommended by Mr. Richardson and possible raises for Pittman-Robertson men were also discussed, as well as one for Dr. Lunz.

Mr. Webb told of various project plans, particularly those regarding public shooting grounds.

Mr. Warren had to leave and Mr. Johnson took over as chairman.

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On motion of Mr. Oliphant, it was voted that Mr. Richardson advertise in the York papers that a vacancy existed for a qualified warden residing in the Rock Hill-Fort Mill area or willing to reside there. It was later decided that a news story instead of an advertisement could be sent.

The Department was authorized to set up a Pee Dee area project for waterfowl with appraisal of the land to follow setting up the project.

It was decided that a meeting would be held at Beaufort the latter part of November.

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