

## MINUTES

### SOUTH CAROLINA WILDLIFE & MARINE RESOURCES COMMISSION MEETING

Room 335, Rembert C. Dennis Building  
Columbia, S. C.  
September 18, 1992  
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, September 18, 1992, 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, Pendarvis, Miller, Poston, Graham, Haynsworth, Leary and Rasor. Directors and staff members present included: Dr. Timmerman, Larry Cartee, Sonny Baines, Brock Conrad, Paul Sandifer, 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 August 21, 1992 Commission Meeting and approve them as submitted.

#### ITEM II - COMMENTS

Dr. Timmerman read a statement on the Department's budget cuts and noted that the media had held some recent interviews with employees of the Department. Senator John Drummond commented on this matter and noted that he was very impressed with the unselfish attitude of Department employees and he noted that the interviews made him very proud of the Department.

Dr. Timmerman distributed new stationery to the Commissioners for their use as deemed appropriate.

Dr. Timmerman passed out a program for the Donnelley Wildlife Management Area Dedication to be held on September 20, 1992.

Dr. Timmerman went over the budget cuts in the Department over the past three years and he presented some handouts to the Commissioners regarding these budget cuts. He noted that he is doing everything possible not to lay off employees and that he will go over the proposed cuts in more detail with the Commission in Executive Session since they involve personnel vacancies. Dr. Timmerman noted that at the next Staff Meeting on October 13th,



he will go over the strategic ways of dealing with the Department's budget reductions. He noted that he has sent to all staff, a request to justify vehicle assignments in the Department.

ITEM III - NEW BUSINESS

A. Proposed Glassy Mountain Heritage Preserve Management Plan: Brock Conrad noted that this Plan was sent to the Commissioners (copy attached to original Commission Minutes). Following discussion, the Commission adopted a motion to approve this Plan as presented.

B. Freshwater Fisheries Video: Brock Conrad introduced a freshwater fisheries video to the Commission and this was shown which went into details regarding the Freshwater Fisheries Program. Dr. Timmerman recognized Joe Logan, Chief of Fisheries, who has resigned noting that he has been employed with the Department since 1962.

C. Division Reports:

1. Administrative Services: There was nothing further to report.

2. Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries: Brock Conrad noted that the staff met recently with the staff of Law Enforcement on the hog hunting issue and a joint meeting of the Law Enforcement and Wildlife & Fisheries Advisory Boards is scheduled on November 12, 1992 to further discuss this matter.

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

4. Conservation Education & Communications: There was nothing further to report.

5. Marine Resources: Paul Sandifer noted that he and Chairman Burnside recently attended the signing ceremony with the Governor for the Estuarine Reserve Program. He noted that a ceremony will be held on October 3, 1992 to dedicate the Estuarine Reserve as well as the federal refuge property. He further noted that the shrimp baiting season started last Friday and 8800 licenses had been sold at that time. Dr. Sandifer further noted that Dr. Ed Joseph who recently retired is facing a serious illness and he wanted to make the Commissioners aware of this matter.

D. Advisory Board Reports:

1. Law Enforcement & Boating: Commissioner Miller noted that the Board met last week and there are no issues for Commission action and he introduced John Jernigan who serves as Vice Chairman of the Board. Mr. Jernigan noted that the Midlands Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation will hold a banquet on November 18, 1992 and he invited the Commissioners to attend this banquet.



2. Marine Resources: Commissioner Pendarvis noted that the Board met on September 11, 1992 and he advised the Commission that the Harry Hampton Wildlife Banquet held on July 31, 1992 had been completed and was very successful. He noted that the Board discussed the use of tongs as it related to commercial vs. recreational use and they have asked the Law Enforcement and Boating Advisory Board to review this matter. He further noted that the Board had discussed a proposed minimum length as it related to red drum and that input from the ACCA is currently being sought regarding this matter.

Commissioner Pendarvis recommended that the Commission approve the appointment of Dr. Ray Isabel of South Carolina State College for appointment to the Marine Advisory Board as a Commission appointee. The Commission adopted a motion to approve this appointment as recommended.

Commissioner Pendarvis noted that the Marine Advisory Board would hold its next meeting on November 6, 1992.

E. Other Remarks: Brock Conrad distributed a report on the Heritage Trust Program to the Commissioners for their information.

There were no further remarks from the Commissioners and at this time, Commissioner Miller moved for the Commission to hold an Executive Session to discuss legal and personnel matters. Commissioner Haynsworth seconded the motion and it was adopted by the Commission. Chairman Burnside announced that at this time, the Commission would hold an Executive Session to discuss legal and 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.

Commissioner Miller moved for the Commission to approve the personnel vacancies identified by Dr. Timmerman to be used to balance the budget. Commissioner Poston seconded the motion and it was adopted by the Commission.



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F. Appointments: There were no appointments for action by the Commission.

G. Time and Place of Next Meeting: Chairman Burnside noted the next meeting would be held in Union at 10:00 a.m., on October 16, 1992.

ITEM IV - ADJOURN

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

