

MINUTES OF WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION MEETING AT PALMETTO BLUFF SEPTEMBER 19, 1966

Vice-Chairman Cantey presided and other Commissioners present were Hopkins, Jones and Mishoe. Also present were Director Webb, Pat Ryan, Jeff Fuller, Frank Nelson, Fred Ramage and Mr. Daniel Jantzen, former director of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Mr. Webb gave out copies of the proposed budget to the Commissioners present but it was agreed to take this up later in the meeting, after Mr. Cantey had said that key men should be considered for raises.

Mr. Webb presented a list of wardens for appointment and reappointment, all of which were approved. Two salaried wardens--Eugene Pluto of Georgetown and Robert Hamm of Newberry--were approved. Mr. Webb said that Mr. Hamm was to succeed Warden Wise upon his coming retirement but that he would like to have him appointed now in order for him to receive training and experience under Mr. Wise.

The minutes of the July 27 meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Webb said that a warden approved conditionally at the last meeting had failed his physical examination.

In answer to a question of Mr. Hopkins, Mr. Webb said that there were now around 130 wardens.

Mr. Cantey asked whether the work of non-pay wardens was being checked and Mr. Webb said this was being done, and also explained that most of them are restricted in the territory they can work. He said that a few have unrestricted commissions but that most have commissions restricted to lands they are paid to protect.

Mr. Mishoe explained some experience with non-pay wardens in his county.

Mr. Hopkins asked approval of the appointment of a non-pay warden with District One jurisdiction and this was approved, subject to investigation by Mr. Webb.

The suggested budget was then taken up after Mr. Webb had pointed out that it would be considered by the Budget and Control Board October 8. After some discussion a motion of Dr. Jones was adopted that a committee of Commissioners Parler, Cantey



and Mishoe should study the recommendations and report at the next meeting, which will be held prior to October 8. This special committee is also to consider the budgets of the Commercial Fisheries Division and Bears Bluff Laboratories.

Dr. Jones said he was concerned with the way Mr. Webb and Mr. Ryan were being bothered by wardens on matters that could be handled by the supervisors and a general discussion followed.

The importance of the "chain of command" was agreed upon but no definite action was taken.

In answer to a question from the Commission, Mr. Jantzen discussed what he knew of the outdoor recreation program and explained why progress seemed to be so slow.

A suggestion of Mr. Cantey was approved that he entertain the Commission at the next meeting in Columbia.

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