

## MINUTES

### SOUTH CAROLINA WILDLIFE AND MARINE RESOURCES COMMISSION MEETING

Room 335, Dennis Building  
Columbia, S. C.  
September 19, 1984  
2:00 P.M.

The regular monthly meeting of the South Carolina Wildlife and Marine Resources Commission was held in Room 335 of the Dennis Building, Columbia, S. C., at 2:00 P.M., September 19, 1984, with Chairman Webster presiding. Notice of the date, time and place of the meeting was mailed to the state's media. Commissioners present included Commissioners Webster, Compton, Harrelson, Owen, Quackenbush, Stokes, Thomason, Bennett and Dennis. Directors and staff members present included Dr. Timmerman, Larry D. Cartee, Sonny Baines, Paul Sandifer, Benny Reeves, Jeff Fuller, Bobby Gifford and various other staff and guests.

#### CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Webster called the meeting to order at 2:00 P.M. and welcomed all guests 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 17, 1984 Commission Meeting and approve them as submitted.

#### ITEM II. COMMENTS

Dr. Timmerman informed the Commission that he had recently held a staff meeting and the notes to this meeting will be sent to the Commission for information. Dr. Timmerman noted that Bill Chastain has been ill, but is doing much better and should be back at work soon.

Dr. Timmerman noted that several hydroelectric projects on streams in the upstate have recently been considered. Ed Duncan informed the Commission that three projects have been proposed, two of which have been rejected by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. The other project is being sent out on public notice which will be sent to the Department for comments. Dr. Timmerman stated that this project will be on the agenda for the next Commission Meeting.

Dr. Timmerman noted that he has appointed a staff committee to review the Department's revenue funding and he asked the Commission's Finance Committee to work with the staff to develop recommendations to present to the Commission. Benny Reeves discussed some current revenue problems in the Department for the Commission's information.

Larry Cartee discussed the history of selective use of the Santee Reserve Boat Ramp noting that we have received a request to use this ramp again this duck season. Mr. Cartee noted the Department has worked to develop a ramp project on the South Santee River, but this project is currently on hold by the S. C. Department of Highways and Public Transportation. Following discussion, the Commission adopted a motion to extend the permission to use the Santee Reserve Boat Ramp to the same individuals and under the same conditions as in the past. Commissioner Dennis abstained from voting on this motion. Chairman Webster noted that this should be the final letter of permission to use this ramp.

Larry Cartee updated the Commission on the Augusta Canal Project whereby the City of Augusta proposes to direct most of the flow of the Savannah River to generate electricity. Mr. Cartee noted that the S. C. Water Resources Commission has voted to be an intervenor in the federal licensing procedure and we have been asked by the Attorney General's Office to be a plaintiff in the intervention. Ken Woodington of the Attorney General's Office discussed this matter and asked the Commission to enter as an intervenor in the federal licensing process. Following discussion, the Commission adopted a motion for the Department to be an intervenor in the federal licensing process for the Augusta Canal Project.

Dr. Timmerman noted that a structure for the Land Procurement Committee has been developed and a list of proposed members was distributed to the Commission (copy attached to original Commission Minutes). Chairman Webster asked the Commissioners to review this list and provide any input on it to Dr. Timmerman.

Dr. Timmerman noted that the Conservation Officer grades have been re-allocated and funds for this were not provided in this year's budget process. A list of the Conservation Officer's grades and salary ranges were distributed to the Commission for information. Commissioner Dennis noted that funds for this reallocation was an oversight this year.

### ITEM III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Advisory Board Appointments: Commissioner Quackenbush moved for the Commission to approve recommending to the Governor the re-appointment of Lamar Dawkins to the Law Enforcement and Boating Advisory Board. The Commission adopted this motion. Commissioner Quackenbush noted that a recommendation on the Commission's appointee will be made at a later date.

Commissioner Owen moved for the following appointments to the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Advisory Board: 1) Coy Johnston - reappointed by the Commission; 2) Marshall Jordan - recommended to the Governor for reappointment; and 3) Dr. Tom Eleazer and Joe Chapman - recommend to the Governor to appointment to terms of G. B. Stokes and Ed Bennett. The Commission adopted this motion.

Commissioner Harrelson moved for the Commission to approve reappointing Walt Zachowski to the Marine Resources Advisory Board and to recommend to the Governor that Dr. Harry Freeman be reappointed to this Board. The Commission adopted this motion.

B. 1984 Fall Turkey Season: Brock Conrad distributed the proposed 1984 Fall Turkey Season (copy attached to original Commission Minutes). Following discussion, the Commission adopted a motion to approve the season as recommended.

C. Division Reports:

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

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

3. Law Enforcement and Boating: Bobby Gifford recommended the Commission approve a radio at no cost to the Department for the York County Emergency Preparedness Agency and to assign for use at no cost to the Department a small jon boat, motor and trailer for the Department of Youth Services. The Commission adopted a motion to approve both requests as submitted.

4. Information and Public Affairs: There was nothing further to report.

5. Marine Resources: Dr. Sandifer informed the Commission that the Marine Center's Open House will be held on November 4th. Dr. Sandifer also distributed the Commercial Fisheries Newsletter to the Commission for information. Commissioner Harrelson noted that our commercial fisheries are important and we need to look at more research on commercial fisheries in the future. Commissioner Harrelson also noted that we need to look at a saltwater fishing license as we may get some pressures on this from the federal level.

D. Appointments: Dr. Timmerman distributed a copy of the recommendations for appointments and reappointments of Conservation Officers and Deputy Wildlife Conservation Officers (copy attached to original Commission Minutes). The Commission adopted a motion to approve this list as submitted.

E. Other Remarks: There were no further remarks from the Commissioners.

F. Time and Place of Next Meeting: Chairman Webster announced that the next Commission Meeting will be at 10:00 A.M., October 19, 1984, in Room 335 of the Dennis Building, Columbia, S. C.

ITEM IV. ADJOURN

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