

MINUTES OF MEETING OF S. C. WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION
PALMETTO BLUFF
SEPTEMBER 7, 1955

Present were Commissioners Johnson, Dillard and Cantey, Jim Webb, Jeff Fuller and Rep. Wilton Graves of Beaufort.

Vice-Chairman Johnson stated that since no quorum was present the meeting would act only on matters on which no quorum was necessary or matters to which he did not believe there would be objection from absent Commissioners.

Wardens Raeford Rice of Anderson, Tom Burch of Chesterfield and Frank Graveley were reappointed and the reappointment of several non-pay wardens was approved subject to the approval of Senator Warren. J. W. Wilson was approved as a non-pay warden subject to the approval of Senator Warren.

A letter was received from Senator R. M. Jefferies requesting the Commission to join him in protest of the closing by the Fish and Wildlife Service of certain lands to shooting in the Santee-Cooper refuge area. Mr. Webb was requested to write Mr. Jefferies and state that the Commission had not held a meeting until after the final action date--August 29--and also that no quorum was present.

A letter was read from the Berkeley delegation recommending that Edward Wrenn be placed on the Santee-Cooper study, paid from Santee-Cooper funds--\$225 per month and \$30 subsistence--and Mrs. Rourke be paid \$50 per month for helping with license handling. Mr. Webb said Mr. Wrenn should ^{not} receive more than Roland Morris, who is now carrying on the creel census. On motion of Mr. Cantey it was agreed to hold the matter in abeyance until the next meeting.

After some discussion it was agreed that the high bid of \$6,000 from Spartanburg county for the quail hatchery be accepted.

Mr. Webb reported on a study of securing lands for a Cooper river waterfowl area and said around 3,000 acres might be secured at an average price of \$59 per acre.

Mr. Johnson said he believed too much was being spent on duck areas and that something should be tried that would benefit more people. The matter was carried over to the next meeting.

Mr. Johnson commended Mr. Webb, Mr. Fuller and Mr. Scruggs on the recent reports that had been received.

The matter of a radio setup was discussed and Mr. Johnson said he had talked with a Motorola representative and would get information on costs and operation as soon as possible.

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Mr. Johnson said he had investigated the possibility of securing an out-of-state person to check over the entire Department setup, particularly law enforcement, and that Director Clyde Patton of North Carolina had recommended Mr. Jones of Franklin. Mr. Jones is an attorney who was formerly in charge of the North Carolina enforcement setup and was on the program at the first Clemson clinic. Mr. Johnson said he believed he could secure a loan of the necessary funds to get Mr. Jones from the Spartanburg county fund and it was agreed that Mr. Johnson proceed with the matter of seeing whether Mr. Jones could be hired to make the survey for a reasonable fee.

A letter was read from Mr. Hopkins involving wardens failing to observe the proper chain of command. In one, Mr. Hopkins said he understood wardens on Clarks Hill were informed by McCormick wardens that they need not observe the law regarding the use of lights at night and in the other there was a complaint that a warden had dismissed warrants.

It was agreed that Mr. Webb should take up with Warden Ludwig and Senator Hester of McCormick the former's action in regard to enforcement of the light law. He was instructed to report on this to Mr. Hopkins.

There was a general discussion of law enforcement and it was agreed that fines should be put on a uniform basis.

It was agreed that a sign should be placed at Camp Croft Lake and that a name should be given the lake.

Eddie Finley