

MINUTES OF MEETING OF WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION
AT PALMETTO BLUFF
SEPTEMBER 24, 1964

Present were Commissioners Johnson, Cantey, Cox and Heyward, Director Webb, Assistant Director Ryan, Chief of Fisheries Fuller and Chief of Boating Welch.

The report on procedures prepared by Mr. Wolling and Fred Ramage was discussed but action was postponed until a later date.

Mr. Webb presented the proposed budget which will be presented to the Budget and Control Board in October. He said the only changes were raises for Mr. Fuller, Mr. Nelson and Mr. Welch and some adjustments for stenographic help to conform to the salaries being paid at present.

Mr. Johnson mentioned the Commission's policy of not discussing anyone's salary in their presence.

The proposed budget was approved.

Mr. Webb presented the names of some non-pay wardens for appointment and re-appointment and these were approved subject to approval of absent Commissioners. Mr. Webb also presented a letter from Commissioner Tison requesting approval of a regular warden--Mr. Driggers--in Marlboro county. The Commission approved this appointment.

It was agreed that it would not be necessary to send a representative to the National Recreation Conference at Miami. Mr. Webb said that Highway Commissioner Pearman had been appointed coordinator of the program in the State. He said the Department was helping prepare the State plan that must be completed before specific projects are approved. Any project that is approved must be in keeping with the State plan. All federal money made available must be matched 50-50.

Mr. Webb said figures on Department operation had been prepared and could be put in final form for presentation to the Legislative Committee in short order, but that the figures needed to be studied and a decision made on how they should be presented.

Mr. Cantey mentioned the map that had been prepared showing expenditures county by county.

Mr. Heyward suggested that a time might be set aside at the next meeting for personnel to present figures on the operation of various Divisions but no action was taken on this.

Mr. Webb said that the legislative committee appointed to study the possibility of marking islands and channels has met, and had appointed a sub-committee to study the possibility of getting some of the boat gasoline tax money for this purpose.

Mr. Cox said Mr. Pearman appeared to be very receptive to this.

Mr. Welch said he had received no official word about marking boat channels but several persons had inquired unofficially. He then discussed marking the channel from Charleston to Columbia through Santee-Cooper, saying the Coast Guard now considered it not feasible because of the fluctuating water levels.

Mr. Fuller said an answer was needed for the group of Barnwell ladies who were planning to beautify the grounds around Lake Edgar Brown. Mr. Webb said the group should draw up plans outlining what they wished to do, but that nothing should be done that would interfere with mowing the grass. The Commission approved this, subject to the approval of the Highway Department.

Mr. Johnson mentioned the need of a check station between the Enoree and Broad River areas at the time of the deer hunts and Mr. Webb said he was working on this and it would be taken care of.

Eddie Finlay

