PROCEEDINGS OF SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE
LOUISIANA WILD LIFE & FISHERIES COMMISSION
FEBRUARY 3, 1961

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A special meeting of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission was called by Chairman McDonald at 10 A.M., Friday, February 3, 1961, at the office in the Peabody Hall, Baton Rouge, to act on the 1961-62 budget requests and any other business which may be presented to the Commission.

The following members were present:

E. R. McDonald, Chairman

Ray Whatley, Vice-Chairman

John Paul Crain

John Cutrone

William S. Denton

L. Richard Fleming

James J. Frey

Absent:

None

Personnel of the Commission attending the meeting:

Richard K. Yancey

Roy Schaefer

James N. McConnell

Steve Harmon

R.P.Easterly

The meeting was called to order by Chairman McDonald, who stated that the purpose of the meeting was to complete the budget, because it was his impression that the budget had to be submitted to the Division of Administration in Baton Rouge at once; however, more recent contact with Mr. Russell of the Division of Administration by Mr. Young revealed that it will not be necessary to have the budget in Baton Rouge for four or five weeks, and this will provide time to go over the details in the budget with Mr. Young and act on it at the regular meeting to be held on February 27 and 28, 1961.

Chairman McDonald stated that he did not see how we could actually approve the budget without Mr. Young being present; that we could not intelligently consider all of the details in the budget without first consulting with Mr. Young who had been ill.

Mr. Crain stated the Budget Committee had gone as far as they could until they could get with Mr. Young.

Mr. Cutrone stated that since Mr. Russell advised that we have more time, he would suggest that final decision be withheld until Mr. Young can be conferred with.

Mr. Yancey was requested to contact Mr. Russell of the Division of Administration by telephone to determine exactly when they would like to have the budget submitted. Mr. Russell was then contacted and he advised that the Division of Administration is not considering any State Agency budgets at this time due to daily changes in the State's economic condition and due also to the fact that they will not know the results of the next Mineral Board lease sale for another two weeks.

Mr. Russell advised that the Commission budget should be in Baton Rouge as close to March 1, 1961 as possible.

After discussion, on motion of Mr. Cutrone, seconded by Mr. Denton, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED that no other personnel be hired by the Commission until the budget is worked out and until such time as a limit is set on the number of employees in all Divisions

After a thorough discussion, on motion of Mr. Fleming, seconded by Mr. Denton, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that any employees hired in any Division of this Commission should be channeled through the Chief of that Division to the Director and that the Director in turn bring the matter up before the Commission so that the Commission will know at all times who is being employed.

On motion of Mr. Fleming, seconded by Mr. Whatley, and unanimously adopted, the Commission agreed to extend the payments of Louisiana Materials Company, which is overdue, to Monday, February 13, 1961, at which time, if payment is not received, the permit of the Louisiana Materials Company will be cancelled and necessary procedure taken to certify all money due the Commission.

Mr. Yancey presented the following contract which had been issued by Mr. Young:

Copy letter contract with Gresham

Mr. Yancey stated that no formal action by the Commission had been taken, and this would be necessary in order that payments could be made to Mr. Gresham for the work he had completed. He then requested that the Commission ratify Mr. Young's action in issuing this contract as previously discussed with the Board.

On motion of Mr. Crain, seconded by Mr. Cutrone, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the contract with Claude Gresham for the preparation of materials for publication for use in our educational program as issued by Director Young is hereby ratified.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director is hereby authorized and empowered to pay any and all invoices for services rendered in the preparation of this educational data.

The film LOUISIANA MARSHES OF THE MISSISSIPPI was then shown and Mr. Harmon requested approval of the Commission for the corrections made.

On motion of Mr. Crain, seconded by Mr. Denton, and unanimously adopted, the film LOUISIANA MARSHES OF THE MISSISSIPPI was approved with the corrections in title and narration contained therein.

Mr. Harmon was then called to the floor to report on the bids on the Shrimp and Fur films.

Mr. Harmon stated that the bids for the Shrimp Film ran from $9,000 to $21,650, and the bids on the Fur Film ran from $7,281 to $12,000, and since several of the bidders felt that they had insufficient bidding information, which accounted for the wide difference in bids, he recommended that all bids on the Shrimp and Fur Films be rejected and that the bidders be notified of this action by letter.

On motion of Mr. Whatley, seconded by Mr. Denton, and unanimously adopted, all bids on the Shrimp and Fur Films were rejected as recommended by Mr. Harmon.

When Mr. Harmon was asked about the possibility of producing films in the future, Mr. Harmon stated that there was a possibility of awarding contract following the calling for scrips on any future production of films. He stated that the script contract could be awarded on a professional service basis rather than the calling for bids on the production ~~mix~~. He further stated that following the award of contracts on a professional service basis for film scripts, the next step would be the awarding of contracts for professional photographer services, editing, rewriting, narrating and producing the answer print in final form.

Chairman McDonald stated that he called the meeting to approve the budget but since Director Young was still sick and not able to be present, that the approval of the budget would be deferred until Monday, February 27, 1961, at 9:00 A.M. at which time, he hoped Mr. Young would be present.

There being no further business, on motion of Mr. Whatley, seconded by Mr. Crain, the meeting adjourned.

R. K. Yancey, Assistant Director
acting for L. D. Young, Director