

WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD
STATE OF CALIFORNIA
MINUTES MEETING OF DECEMBER 13, 1947

Meeting was called by Acting Chairman Emil J. N. Ott Jr. at 10:30 o'clock A.M. in the office of the Division of Fish and Game, Ferry Building, San Francisco.

The following members of the Board were present:

Emil J. N. Ott Jr.
Lee F. Payne

The following members of the Interim Committee attended:

Assemblyman Heisinger
Senator Hatfield

Others present

N. M. Hughes	Associated Sportsmen
D. H. Blood	Deputy-Director Comptroller, Dept. Natural Resources
E. Aronstein	Departmental Accounting Officer, Dept. Natural Resources
General H. H. Arnold	Member, Fish and Game Commission
R. E. Reedy	Administrative Aid, Division of Fish and Game

Mr. Ott presided over the initial portion of the meeting and explained its purpose to be one of procedure. He briefly reviewed the proposed procedure under which the Wildlife Conservation Board would act. After the proposed procedure was reviewed a discussion followed, at which time Senator Hatfield objected to blanket approval of the procedure inasmuch as only two of the legislative members were in attendance. Mr. Payne pointed out that adequate notice had been given all legislative members. During the discussion it was further pointed out that the procedure as outlined was only a suggested procedure and that even though adopted could be amended at any time.

It was decided that sufficient action should be taken now by the Board to enable any employees who are to be employed by the Wildlife Board to go to work and it would enable the Board to expedite a program. Mr. Ott called attention to the fact that under the suggested procedure the recommendations as given, i. e., that chairman of the Wildlife Conservation Board be president of the Fish and Game Commission, and he explained his ideas as to the reason for this recommendation and said that he would entertain a motion to that effect.

Moved by Mr. Payne, seconded by Senator Hatfield, that the President of the Fish and Game Commission shall serve as Chairman of the Wildlife Conservation Board, and act as Chairman of the Wildlife Conservation group which constitutes the Wildlife Conservation Board and the Wildlife Joint Interim Investigating Committee. Passed unanimously.

Upon passage of the above motion Mr. Ott relinquished the Chair to Mr. Payne, currently president of the Fish and Game Commission.

Moved by Senator Hatfield, seconded by Mr. Ott, that the administrative budget as presented be approved with such amendments as the Board saw fit to include at the time of submission. Passed unanimously.

Moved by Senator Hatfield, seconded by Mr. Ott, that the proposed projects already submitted to the Wildlife Conservation Board be submitted to the legislative committees, legislators, sportsmen's groups, individuals, and others in the manner prescribed in the proposed procedure for preliminary review and recommendations. Passed unanimously.

Moved by Senator Hatfield, seconded by Mr. Ott, that the legislative committees, organized sportsmens groups, civic groups, individuals, and others be invited to submit proposed projects to the Wildlife Conservation Board; that these requests and proposals be submitted in the form suggested in the proposed procedure. Passed unanimously.

There followed general discussion relative to the projects approved by the Wildlife Conservation Board at its meeting of November 12, 1947. The question was raised as to whether certain of these projects were within the legal intent or the actual intent of the Act. It was decided that it would be better to let the matter stand as approved and leave any decisions as to the intent, legal or actual, up to other approving agencies.

The Chair directed that copies of the proposed procedure be mailed as soon as possible to all members of the Wildlife Conservation Joint Interim Investigating Committee, all members of the Board, the Southern Council of Conservation Clubs, San Joaquin Council of Fish and Game Associations, the Associated Sportsmen, and other active councils.

The date of the next meeting was set as January 31, 1948 in the State Building, Los Angeles.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 o'clock A.M.