REQUEST AND AUTHORITY TO CALL MEETING OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES

CLEMSON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE

April 11, 12, 1941

Governor Burnet R. Maybank
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Governor Maybank:

Please authorize a call for the regular spring meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Clemson Agricultural College to meet at Clemson on Friday, April 11, and Saturday, April 12, 1941.

Thanking you, I am

Yours very truly,

J. C. Littlejohn
Acting Secretary
Board of Trustees

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State of South Carolina
Office of The Governor
Columbia

April 4, 1941

Mr. J. C. Littlejohn
Business Manager, Clemson College
Clemson, S. C.

Dear Mr. Littlejohn:

Thank you very much for your letter under date of April 1.

This is your authority to call a regular spring meeting of the Board of Trustees of Clemson Agricultural College to meet at Clemson on Friday, April 11, and Saturday, April 12, 1941.

I regret that it will not be possible for me to attend this meeting.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

Burnet R. Maybank
Governor

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CLEMSON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, HELD AT CLEMSON COLLEGE, FRIDAY, APRIL 11, AND SATURDAY, APRIL 12, 1941

The Fertilizer Committee met in the President's Office at 11 A.M., Friday, April 11, 1941.

Acting under the authority of the Governor of the State of South Carolina, the Chairman, Mr. W. W. Bradley, called the meeting to order at 9:30 A.M., April 12th, in the President's Office. The following members responded to the roll call:


The Chairman, Mr. W. W. Bradley, stated that a typed copy of the minutes of the previous meeting had been sent each member for any alterations or corrections and called for any such. There being none the minutes were adopted.

The Chairman extended greetings to and welcomed the new member of the Board, Mr. J. P. Moxingo, III, and informed him that he would be assigned to committees later. (Mr. Moxingo was elected by the 1941 General Assembly to fill the unexpired term of the late W. D. Barnett.)

President Poole stated that since the General Assembly was still in session, recommendations as to finances, personnel and such would be deferred to the June meeting. Meetings of the Executive Committee and the Agricultural Committee had been scheduled for the morning, but since all members were present it was decided that the Board as a whole would hear all reports and recommendations.

Reports and recommendations relating to the Agricultural activities of the college were next in order. The following were invited to sit with the Board: Dean H. P. Cooper and Prof. R. A. McGinty, representing the School of Agriculture and the Experiment Station; and Director D. W. Watkins, T. W. Morgan, and G. C. Meares, representing the Extension Service.

President Poole stated that in order to finance the construction of a laboratory for use in connection with work on horticultural products, funds from two fiscal years would have to be used. He recommended that:

1. The Horticultural Department be authorized to proceed with the construction of a Horticultural Products Laboratory and that funds be used from both the 1940-1941 and the 1941-1942 Appropriations of the Legislature.

Upon motion of Mr. Sanders which was seconded by Mr. Cooper, the recommendation was APPROVED.

President Poole called to the attention of the Board the proposal of Dr. Cooper concerning the use of the Houston Lands for pastures. Dr. Cooper explained that this tract joined the College lands and was just across the river from the Ravenel Place and that it was being rented by the Animal Husbandry Department to pasture beef cattle. Dr. Cooper further stated there was a need for additional land to provide adequate pastures for all the cattle now owned by the College. After discussion it was

2. Moved by Mr. Sherard: That these proposals be received as information and that a complete report with recommendations be made at the June meeting.

Motion Adopted

Director Watkins was next presented. He stated that he was concerned by the demands upon the Extension Service by the various new agricultural agencies and the possibility of their encroaching upon the leadership of the Extension Service by virtue of ample funds and personnel. He felt that Clemson should be the agency to stand out in agricultural leadership and that the Extension Service was striving with limited funds and personnel to retain that leadership. This was being done through cooperation of regular staff and by contributing to the
salaries of several persons jointly employed. The demands upon the regular staff had reached the point where he felt that in a great many counties additional assistants were necessary. He wished to inform the Board of the situation and to advise that request for increase in appropriation would be made at June meeting.

President Poole brought to the attention of the Board the question of marketing by the State Department of Agriculture which had been discussed at previous meetings. He stated that he and Commissioner Jones had been called before the Agricultural Committee of the House. It appeared that some members of this Committee were preparing to introduce bills authorizing a marketing bureau in the State Department of Agriculture. It was stated that it was finally agreed at this meeting that he and Commissioner Jones make a report at a later date. President Poole then read the following letter which had been signed by Mr. Jones and himself:

April 1, 1941

The Honorable T. J. Hendrix
House of Representatives
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Hendrix:

When J. Roy Jones, Commissioner of Agriculture for South Carolina, and R. Frank Poole, President of Clemson College, appeared before the Sub-Committee of the House of Representatives some weeks ago they asked that the Committee forego further legislative action toward the Marketing Bill which was introduced during the 1940 session of the General Assembly. The Committee was good enough to grant the request which was favorable to both services and parties concerned. It was your understanding and of the parties concerned that a report would be made to the Agricultural Committee at as early a period as practicable on the efforts of the parties concerned to come to a common understanding on marketing matters in the best interest of South Carolina.

It seems to us that the marketing problems of South Carolina must have the service of the State Department of Agriculture, the United States Department of Agriculture, and the Clemson Agricultural College, and that the problems must be studied, good methods of distribution perfected, and proper regulation designated by law and otherwise pursued.

Pursuant to these needs and requirements, and on the desire of your honorable body, your Commissioner of Agriculture and your President of the Clemson Agricultural College have held three meetings and have had their agencies meet for full discussion of what each may do toward rendering a wholesome and cooperative marketing effort in South Carolina. While no concrete or specific proposals are ready to hand you at this time, you may be assured that some progress has been made toward an understanding and toward solving the problems.

It is proposed further, that during the next few months, which is the heavy truck marketing season, the Commissioner of Agriculture and the President of Clemson College shall make further studies for the purpose of receiving first hand information on which your two agricultural agencies may work jointly toward the efficient marketing of South Carolina produce, and during this interval neither agency will let up in its activities to aid South Carolina farmers in marketing farm products.

Assuring you of our interest and of our efforts to render efficient and effective marketing service through our agricultural agencies and of our belief that we can make our efforts cooperative, we are

Respectfully yours,

J. Roy Jones, Commissioner of Agriculture

R. Frank Poole, President of Clemson College

Sent through J. Roy Jones

Copy sent to -

The Honorable J. A. Lofton

Mr. Paul Sanders
There was a general discussion by members of the Board in which Messrs. Brown and Graham related some phases of the meeting of the House Committee.

3. It was moved by Mr. Young: That Dr. Poole's letter be received as information.

Motion Adopted

Mr. Brown suggested the desirability of immediate negotiations with the U. S. Department of Agriculture for additional funds for enlarging the marketing activities with the idea that these funds might be supplemented by the Legislature.

The gentlemen representing the Agricultural activities were then excused after being thanked for coming before the Board.

President Poole then proceeded with reading and discussing sections of his report. He recalled that the Board had requested him to look into certain phases of student life and activities. At this point there was a discussion of the practice of hitch-hiking and the desirability of wholesome amusements over the week-ends for the students. It was

4. Moved by Mr. Sanders: That the President be allowed to use his discretion as to Sunday amusements for the students.

Motion Adopted

President Poole then presented the following recommendations:

5. That authority be granted to use Hospital Funds for the purchase of hospital beds and equipment to be placed in the proposed Hospital Annex in the Old Textile Building. Further, that when necessary, the proposed Hospital Annex may be used as a "Hostess House", when not in use for hospital purposes.

Moved by Mr. Benet: That the recommendation be approved.

Motion Adopted

6. That on condition the proposed water plant be built by college forces, the renovation of the Old Textile Building be done by contract.

Moved by Mr. Sanders: That the recommendation be approved.

Motion Adopted

Following the reading of the section of the President's report dealing with the Mess Hall there was general discussion by members of the Board. It was

7. Moved by Mr. Sirrine: That the President be authorized to make such changes as may be necessary in the serving of food and improving the Mess Hall.

Motion Adopted

8. Moved by Mr. Benet: That the President be authorized to investigate and employ a dietician for the Mess Hall.

Motion Adopted

President Poole next presented the following recommendations which had been read:

9. That a right-of-way be granted to the State Highway Department from near the Dairy Barn South across Hunnicutt Creek for the purpose of building a hard-surfaced road to the Old Stone Church. (The present road is to be moved several hundred feet up the creek.)

10. That, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee, the President, the Business Manager, and the College Attorney be authorized and empowered to negotiate for the refinancing of the outstanding Barracks Building Bonds at a lower interest rate.
11. That Mr. S. W. Evans, Treasurer, be continued on sick leave until the June 1941 meeting of the Board.

12. (a) That the President and the Business Manager be authorized and empowered to make application to the Work Projects Administration for a project or projects for the construction and improvement of Reserve Officer Training corps facilities at the college. (Applications may be made for $100,000.00 and be exempt from Sponsor's Contributions. They may be approved if and when any funds are available for this class of work.)

(b) I recommend that authority be granted to negotiate with an architect for the furnishing of preliminary plans and specifications to accompany the above W. P. A. project with the understanding that if the project is approved and funds made available the said architect will be employed subject to terms and conditions approved by the Executive Committee.

13. That a Caretaker be employed for the Calhoun Mansion at a salary not to exceed $70.00 per month. Further, that Miss Ida Calhoun, who is part-time Caretaker, be continued at $25.00 per month. (Miss Ida Calhoun has been Caretaker for a number of years but is now too old to perform the required duties. The records show that several thousand persons visit this building each year.)

14. That the sum of $4,000.00 be appropriated to cover the increase in the cost of coal due to the stabilization of prices by the Guffey Act and the increase in the amount of coal burned this season.

15. That the Athletic Stadium be authorized, the same to be developed at an opportune time under the final approval of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees.

16. That the site surrounding the old spring, near the field house and the proposed stadium, be set aside for development as a Naturalist Park.

17. That the Treasurer be authorized to pay Mr. A. W. Quattlebaum, Assistant Professor of Civil Engineering, the sum of twenty to thirty dollars for the surveying work done at the Edisto Experiment Station.

18. That the Board approve the granting of Honorary Degrees by Clemson College, the degrees to be granted after recommendation by the Faculty Council and upon the approval of the Executive Committee.

19. That the request of the Code Commissioner for authority to seek the repeal of Sections Nos. 5743, 5744, 5747 in the 1932 South Carolina Code of Laws be granted.

Upon Motion of Mr. Brown which was Seconded by Mr. Sirrine, these recommendations, Numbers 9 to 19, inclusive, were APPROVED.

20. That the Board of Visitors for 1941 be elected.

The Board proceeded with the election of the 1941 Board of Visitors as follows:

Chairman and Hold-Over Member
Mr. A. W. Huckle, Rock Hill, S. C.

First District
Mr. J. Ross Hanahan, Charleston, S. C.
Mr. J. D. Dinkins, Manning, S. C.

Second District
Mr. Edwin Boyle, Sumter, S. C.
Mr. Geddings H. Crawford, Columbia, S. C.

Third District
Senator W. J. Bryen Dorn, Greenwood, S. C.
Mr. Wm. L. Watkins, Anderson, S. C.

Fourth District
Mr. R. E. Babb, Laurens, S. C.
Mr. R. H. Chapman, Spartanburg, S. C.
Fifth District
Mr. Robert Gage, Chester, S. C.
Mr. Elliott Springs, Lancaster, S. C.

Sixth District
Dr. G. J. Lawhon, Hartsville, S. C.
Mr. W. A. Coleman, Hyman, S. C.

The President was authorized to fill any vacancies in the event any of those elected are unable to serve.

The Chairman, Mr. W. W. Bradley, announced the appointment of the following committees:

Messrs. R. M. Cooper, Paul Sanders and S. H. Sherard to prepare suitable resolutions on the death of the late Dr. E. W. Sikes.

Messrs. Christie Benet, J. B. Douthit and Clyde Graham to prepare suitable resolutions on the death of the late W. D. Barnett, who died while a member of the Board.

The Board authorized the committees to forward the resolutions to the Secretary for transmission to the families of the deceased.

The Board invited Cadet R. R. Pearce, President of the Senior Class, and Cadet DeWitt Ross, Colonel of the Cadet Corps, to appear before them. Cadet Pearce explained the working of the Senior Council in the administration of discipline in the Cadet Corps as between cadets and among cadets. He also told about the adoption of a set of by-laws on the part of the Council with the idea that they would be presented to the college authorities for approval.

Cadet Ross talked about the military training and the desire on the part of the students for a uniform rain coat and for uniform gloves.

21. Moved by Mr. Cooper: That the Board express its appreciation of these student representatives coming before them.

Motion Adopted

22. Moved by Mr. Sirrine: That the Board approve of the adoption of a set of by-laws on the part of the Senior Council in collaboration with the President and the Commandant, and that the Student Council be commended for their activity.

Motion Adopted

23. Moved by Mr. Young: That a raincoat and a pair of gloves be included in the list of prescribed uniform garments.

Motion Adopted

Mr. Young suggested that Mr. Sirrine be consulted in the selection of the raincoat.

Mr. Sanders made a brief statement to the Board about the meeting of the Fertilizer Committee and its action in placing fines upon the fertilizer companies for short weights in fertilizer shipments. The Fertilizer Inspectors had found large numbers of shipments of fertilizers to be deficient in weight.

24. Moved by Mr. Brown: That the College authorities make an effort to secure from the Federal Government shop equipment, buildings, manual training equipment, and such, now being placed in connection with the preparedness program. Further that the college authorities work with Mr. J. E. Sirrine in the carrying out of such activities.

Motion Adopted

At the request of the Chairman the Secretary read the following resolution:

25. RESOLVED: That all measures and recommendations made at this meeting, which, according to the By-laws, require a roll call vote of two-thirds or more of the members, be hereby adopted and confirmed, and that the Treasurer be authorized to issue his checks for all appropriations made at this meeting.
Resolution adopted unanimously on roll call vote - 12 members present voting "Aye".

The Chairman assigned Mr. Mozingo to the Fertilizer Committee and the Finance Committee.

There being no further business, it was

26. Moved by Mr. Sherard: That the Board do now adjourn.

Motion Adopted

The Board adjourned at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Approved: Correct:

Chairman

Acting Secretary
Adopted By The Board of Trustees Of The Clemson Agricultural College
Of South Carolina
Nineteen Hundred Forty-One

In Memoriam
ENOCH WALTER SIKES
President
The Clemson Agricultural College Of South Carolina
July 1, 1925 - June 30, 1940

In Memoriam
ENOCH WALTER SIKES
May 19, 1868 - January 8, 1941

With only a breath dividing, Enoch Walter Sikes, late President of
The Clemson Agricultural College, passed from time to eternity. His thoughts,
attuned during a lifetime to the highest and noblest inspirations of mankind,
may have found consonant response across the mystic divide. He died as he had
lived, confident in the promised peace of Christian faith.

Enoch Sikes was the son of a North Carolina farmer. While he was yet
in swaddling clothes, his mother would hold him in her arms and say to visiting
friends, "This is my little preacher." Throughout his life, his moral code
might well have qualified him for this high calling though he chose even a
broader field of work wherein confident youth had not yet tasted of the cynicisms
of life.

From earliest youth, Doctor Sikes seems to have elected to be an edu-
cator. His first connection was in the faculty of his Alma Mater, Wake Forest,
as professor of history and economics. He was later chosen President of Coker
College, where he was serving with distinction when the Trustees of Clemson
sought him out.

Doctor Sikes took up his work at Clemson under rather critical circum-
stances. The years immediately following the World War with the many changes in
all phases of life, produced a feeling of unrest and discontent among most people
of the nations; and this was reflected in the youth in the colleges throughout
our own land. Doctor Sikes' great heart and broad understanding, permeating
student influences at Clemson, acted as "balm of Gilead". Through the years
that followed, the College grew materially as well as in efficiency and student
attendance. His career closed at the peak of his progress.

Side lights on the life activities of Doctor Sikes show diversity of
talent. He was an author of repute, having to his credit: "From Colony to Com-
monwealth", "Nathaniel Macon", "James Iredell," "The Confederate Congress", and
other books of note. His style was pleasing and convincing. In public speaking
he was terse, analytical, and forceful.

The material growth of Clemson College was greater during Doctor Sikes'
administration than in all the history of the College. In this accomplishment,
coordinate credit should be given to the efficient cooperation of his able
Business Manager, J. C. Littlejohn. The fundamental growth, however was from
the reflected elements of Doctor Sikes' character, that shone from his life as
pure as they were noble.

Doctor Sikes' thoughts were inspiring and his ability to impart them
to the student body through exceptionally interesting addresses was one of the
crowning achievements of his career. He was an orator of the old school, and
knew just where and how to embellish with forceful literary references. Some of
his addresses were literary masterpieces.

It is with deep grief that the Board of Trustees of Clemson College
have come to the closing of the book of Doctor Sikes' earthly career. Our affect-
tion follows him to the spirit land to which unerring faith guided him despite
the maze of modern materialism that purported to offer fairer by-paths to the haven of eternal rest.