MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
CLEMSON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE HELD AT THE WADE HAMPTON HOTEL, COLUMBIA, S.C.

January 27 and 28, 1948

The special meeting of the Board was scheduled for 11:00 A.M., January 28th, but since all members of the Board were present on January 27th, it was mutually agreed that a preliminary meeting be held that evening at 9:00 P.M. Mr. W. W. Bradley, Chairman, requested that Mr. Christie Benet act as Chairman.

The meeting was called to order at 9:15 P.M. with all twelve members of the Board present. Others present were Dr. R. F. Poole, President, Mr. J. C. Littlejohn, Business Manager and Mr. A. J. Brown, Secretary-Treasurer.

1. It was moved by Mr. Cope and Seconded by Mr. Douthit: That the Minutes of the October Meeting be approved.

Approved

2. The Chairman stated that if he heard no objections the Minutes of the January Meeting of the Executive Committee would be considered approved.

Approved

3. The President recommended that the 1948 Board of Visitors be appointed. The Chairman called for recommendations and the following were agreed upon:

Hold Over

Mr. Roddey Reid

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Rock Hill, S.C.

1st District

Mr. Austin Busby

C. E. Frank Prettyman

S. C. Power Co., Charleston, S.C.

Lumberman, Summerville, S.C.

2nd District

B. M. Edwards

Hugo Sims, Sr.

Banker, Columbia, S.C.

Publisher, Orangeburg, S.C.

3rd District

W. L. Watkins

W. C. Regnery

Attorney, Anderson, S.C.

Gen. Mgr. Joanna Cotton Mills

Goldville, S.C.

4th District

A. B. Taylor

J. P. Williamson

Spartanburg, S.C.

Dixie Stores, Greenville, S.C.

5th District

Honorable Roach Stewart

Elliot Springs

Lancaster, S.C.

Fort Mill, S.C.

6th District

R. R. Coker

P. A. Wallace

Hartsville, S.C.

Kollock, S.C.

Moved by Mr. Sanders and Seconded by Mr. Cope: That the gentlemen as recommended and agreed upon be appointed as the 1948 Board of Visitors.

Approved

4. The President recommended that the proposals of the J. E. Sirrine Textile Foundation be approved. The proposals were discussed at length and it was determined:

First: That amount provided for salaries could be used consistent with policy of Clemson College.

Second: That travel allowance was desirable.

Third: That the annuity proposal for Textile School Staff was desirable.

Moved by Mr. Thornhill and Seconded by Mr. Sanders: That proposals of the J. E. Sirrine Textile Foundation be approved.

Approved
5. The President recommended that the Board accept $15,000 from the Elgar and Emily Hesslein Fund and that authority be given to set up the fund in conformity with the wishes of the trustees provided such wishes are in agreement with the policies of the college.

Moved by Mr. Douthit and Seconded by Mr. McLaurin: That the recommendation be approved.

Approved

6. The President recommended that the following be adopted in regard to the shares of G. M. Shares, Inc. stock given to Clemson College by Mr. James Lynah:

"Resolved that the Treasurer of The Clemson Agricultural College be, and is hereby authorized, to convert the 60 shares of Class A stock of G. M. Shares, Inc., now registered in the name of The Clemson Agricultural College in an equal number of shares of Common Stock of General Motors Corporation. The Treasurer of The Clemson Agricultural College is further authorized by this resolution to execute the assignment of the stock in behalf of The Clemson Agricultural College."

Moved by Mr. Thornhill and Seconded by Mr. Sanders: That the recommendation be approved.

Approved

7. The President recommended that the Board authorize the payment of $500 to Mr. F. H. H. Calhoun in payment for teaching Geology during the first semester after a qualified person could not be secured. (The money allocated from the Baruch Fund.)

There being no objections the Chairman declared the recommendation approved.

Approved

8. Because many faculty members are also research workers it is necessary to pay their salaries from two or more sources. The President recommended that the Board endorse a strong protest against any movement which would require paying salaries from a single source. The salaries are properly fixed and allocations of funds are likewise fixed on the basis of the time devoted to each enterprise.

Moved by Mr. Cooper and Seconded by Mr. Douthit: That the recommendation be approved.

Approved

9. The President recommended that authority be granted to employ Antonio Paul de Albuquerque, a native of Brasil, as Instructor in Architecture at a salary of $2,700 and that we file with the State Department the necessary papers covering the employment of a non-citizen.

Moved by Mr. Cooper and Seconded by Mr. Thornhill: That the recommendation be approved.

Approved

10. At recent conferences with the authorities of the South Carolina Sinking Fund Commission, it was determined that the method of insuring floating items of the Experiment Station such as farm supplies, equipment, implements, seeds, feeds and livestock, did not afford full coverage of such items and there was also a serious question in the minds of the officials of the Sinking Fund Commission as to the extent of the liability of the Commission in the event of destruction of the above stated items by fire or otherwise. As a result a new schedule of insuring these commodities has been worked out with Mr. J. M. Costart, special agent of the Sinking Fund Commission. This schedule definitely defines the liabilities of the Sinking Fund Commission in the event of loss and likewise insures full coverage of the items above enumerated in the

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event of total or partial loss of such items. It is the opinion of the Insurance Sinking Fund Commission that it is the obligation of the college administration to so insure these items. This will result in an increased premium of approximately $2,500 but in the event of loss the college would be fully protected. The President requested approval of this amended schedule to our insurance policy.

Moved by Mr. Young and Seconded by Mr. Thornhill: That the recommendation be approved.

Approved

11. The President recommended that authority be granted the administration to negotiate with the Sinking Fund Commission to increase insurance on Barracks 2, Barracks 3 and other of the older buildings on the college campus. Many of these structures were built partly with convict labor, therefore the original cost was low and the estimated values are not in keeping with present-day building costs. Any increases in premiums will have to be within the budget and will be submitted to the chairman of the executive committee for his consideration.

Moved by Mr. Cooper and Seconded by Mr. Sanders: That the recommendation be approved.

Approved

12. The Hunter School District, Anderson County, owned approximately two acres of land in Anderson County used primarily for school purposes. When this land was purchased by the Hunter School District it was provided that, "When the land ceases to be used for school purposes it shall revert to the person or persons owning the original tract from which said land was taken." These tracts are completely surrounded by lands of the Land Use Project in the possession of Clemson College. The Hunter School District has deeded in fee simple said lands to The Clemson Agricultural College of South Carolina without cost or reservation of any kind. The President requested the Board's approval of his acceptance of this property.

There being no objections the Chairman declared the recommendation approved.

Approved

13. Last September with the Board's authority the college outfitted the R.O.T.C. students in the traditional gray Clemson uniform as in years past. The contract for the manufacture of these garments was let to Jacob Reeds Sons, Philadelphia. This firm is one of the oldest and most reputable firms in the uniform business. Our transactions with them this past year have been highly satisfactory. They have submitted a proposed contract for furnishing uniforms for the 1948-49 session and upon thorough investigation by the college administration, it is desirable in the interest of economy and performance to enter into this contract and the President requested the Board's approval of same.

Moved by Mr. Barnette and Seconded by Mr. McLaurin: That the recommendation be approved.

Approved

14. The President recommended that a right-of-way be granted the South Carolina Power Company to cross the property of the Edisto Experiment Station for the purpose of furnishing power to the station and to others in the community.

Moved by Mr. McLaurin and Seconded by Mr. Young: That the recommendation be approved.

Approved

15. Under the Emergency War Act Clemson College leased to the War Department approximately 4,000 acres of land from the Clemson Project LU-SC-3 in the Isaqueena area of the Land-Use Project for a gunnery and bombing range. In order to round out and complete the range the War Department condemned and purchased from property owners two additional tracts containing 265.33 acres within the area.
With the cessation of hostilities this property was declared surplus to the needs of the government and turned over to the War Assets Administration for disposal. The 4,000 acres originally leased to the War Department by the college is being returned to the college as provided in the original lease agreement.

It was found highly desirable to acquire from the War Assets Administration the 265.33 acres purchased by the War Department and upon request of the college the War Assets Administration advertised and offered for sale the 265 acres. This was bid in by the college for $2,520 being the value placed thereon by the War Assets Administration.

After the purchase of this land, acting under the regulations of the War Assets Administration with regard to surplus property, the college applied for the transfer of the property at a 100 per cent public benefit. The basis of this application was that the property be used for the purposes of reforestation, soil conservation, land reclamation, wildlife control, public demonstration and other uses consistent with the purposes of the original Land-Use Project.

On the basis of this representation the United States through the War Assets Administration has offered to deed the property for the above stated purposes without payment except for the charges of $30.78, cost of disposal.

The terms, conditions, and restrictions imposed by the quitclaim deed are that it be used for the above stated purposes for a period of ten years when it will be the property of Clemson College without such terms, conditions and restrictions. The College Attorney is of the opinion that the Board of Trustees has authority to accept said quitclaim deed under the provisions of the Section 5733, Volume 3, of the 1942 Code of Laws of South Carolina.

In addition to the attached resolution of the Board of Trustees it is required that an opinion of the Attorney General of South Carolina be furnished stating that the college has legal authority to accept title to the property and observe and be bound by the terms, conditions and provisions imposed by the quitclaim deed.

If the Attorney General is of the opinion that the college does not have legal authority to accept title and be bound by the above terms, it will be necessary that an act of the General Assembly be enacted authorizing the transaction.

The alternative of these conditions is that the college pay to the Treasurer of the United States the amount of its bid, $2,520, for the premises and receive from the United States its title in fee simple to premises.

Based on the foregoing the President recommended that the following be adopted:

WHEREAS: The United States of America acting by and through the Federal Farm Mortgage Corporation under the pursuant to the powers and authority contained in the provisions of the Surplus Property Act of 1944 (58 Stat. 765); Regulation No. 1 of the Surplus Property Board (10 F.R. 3761); and Order of the Secretary of Agriculture dated April 26, 1945 (10 F.R. 6617); and Order of the Governor of the Farm Credit Administration dated April 26, 1945 (10 F.R. 4694) has agreed to convey to the Clemson Agricultural College of South Carolina at 100 per cent public benefit allowance all those tracts or parcels of land lying and being in Pickens County, South Carolina containing 265.33 acres, more or less, and being more fully described as follows:

PARCEL 1: BEGINNING at the southwest corner of tract No. 1715, formerly the F. C. Stewart tract, which corner is common to the F. C. Stewart tract and lands of U. S. Government (Dept. of Agriculture) thence north 16 degrees 30 minutes west 2706.00 feet more or less to a corner common to the lands of F. C. Stewart, J. M. Hunnicutt Estate and lands of U. S. Government; thence south 83 degrees no minutes west 369.98 feet; thence north 16 degrees 37 minutes
west 100 feet; thence north 38 degrees 54 minutes west 290.00 feet; thence north 17 degrees 15 minutes west 250.00 feet; thence north 20 degrees 30 minutes west 200 feet; thence north 28 degrees 51 minutes east 196.50 feet; thence north 55 degrees 30 minutes east 233.00 feet to a point in the line of the F. C. Stewart tract; thence north 16 degrees 30 minutes west 322.82 feet, more or less; thence north 8 degrees no minutes west 1828.20 feet; thence south 20 degrees no minutes west 1912.00 feet; thence south 85 degrees no minutes west 279.00 feet to point of beginning, containing 216.98 acres, more or less.

PARCEL 2: ALSO, BEGINNING at the southwest corner of tract No. 1609, formerly the J. H. Stewart tract, which corner is common to the J. H. Stewart tract and lands of U. S. Government (Dept. of Agriculture); thence north 15 degrees 28 minutes west 728.00 feet; thence north 79 degrees 32 minutes east 561.0 feet more or less to a corner common to the lands of J. H. Stewart and Andrew Sloan Estate; thence north 09 degrees 14 minutes west 190.00 feet; thence north 38 degrees 58 minutes east 351.50 feet; thence south 80 degrees 05 minutes east 275.00 feet; thence south 34 degrees 21 minutes east 352.50 feet; thence north 79 degrees 32 minutes east 1501.00 feet; thence south 05 degrees 28 minutes west 741.00 feet; thence south 79 degrees 32 minutes west 2155.00 feet to point of beginning, containing 48.35 acres, more or less.

The lands herein conveyed consist of tracts 320,1605,1715,1715A and 1609 of the Lake Isaqueena Bombing and Gunnery Range and are a portion of the lands acquired by the United States by declarations of taking in condemnation proceedings instituted by the United States of America, in Civil Actions 414v418 and 424 in the District Court of the United States for the Western District of South Carolina, and by deed from J. H. Stewart to the United States, dated May 21, 1943, and recorded in Deed Book 4-V, page 60, of the Deed Records of Pickens County, South Carolina.

Now therefore be it resolved that this Board accept title to the property and observe and be bound by the terms, conditions, provisions and restrictions imposed by the quitclaim deed conveying said premises to the Clemson Agricultural College of South Carolina.

Be it further resolved that the Clemson Agricultural College of South Carolina pay to the Treasurer of the United States the sum of $30.78 costs incurred in the disposal of the property.

Moved by Mr. Cope and Seconded by Mr. Thornhill: That foregoing resolution be adopted and that the plan be carried out.

Approved

16. The President recommended that the General Assembly be asked to approve certain changes in the "Civil Code 1942 -- Section 5806-33 (5) Killing diseased animals -- compensation," so that we may clarify the indemnity payments on horses, mules, and asses infected with glanders and cattle infected with tuberculosis.

17. The President recommended that the General Assembly be asked to approve certain changes in the "1942 Code of Laws of South Carolina, Section 5806-33, as amended in 1943," so that we may handle more equitably the payment of indemnity to cattle owners whose animals are infected with Bang's disease.

Held over until January 28. Secretary instructed to request Dr. Mays to be present.
At 27 18.

proposals
decision
Mr. Thornhill moved: That further debate be postponed until
tomorrow and that the meeting adjourn until 10:00 A. M. January 28, 1948.

Approved

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 P. M.

The Special Meeting of the Board was called to order at
10:00 A. M. by Mr. Christie Benet, Chairman, with the following members
being present: Messrs. Christie Benet, Chairman, Paul Sanders, T. B. Young,
R. M. Cooper, W. A. Barnette, Ben T. Leppard, J. F. McLaurin, F. E. Cope,
J. B. Douthit, Jr., J. F. Byrnes and T. W. Thornhill. Also present were
Messrs. R. F. Poole, President, J. G. Litemjohn, Business Manager, A. J.
Brown, Secretary-Treasurer, and Dr. R. A. Mays, State Veterinarian.

On motion duly seconded: The Chairman declared as approved
at this time all resolutions passed at pre-meeting of January 27, as shown
by Minutes of the Meeting. (See Items 1 through 18 preceding)

Approved

16. & 17. Dr. Mays was requested to discuss fully the matter covered
by the recommendations. Three main points were brought out in the
discussion:

First: The indemnity payments on horses, mules and asses
were seldom necessary and request to change law should not be made at
this time.

Second: The present act in connection with indemnity paid
from State and Federal Funds for slaughtered livestock uses the word
"equal" which in some cases deprives owner of Federal indemnity. It
would be desirable to have the word "equal" deleted from the act.

Third: The present indemnity allowed on slaughtered cattle
is not in keeping with present price of cattle and does not encourage
livestock development in the state.

Moved by Mr. Barnette and Seconded by Mr. Cooper: That no
change be requested relative to indemnity on horses, mules and asses.

Approved

Moved by Mr. Barnette and Seconded by Mr. Sanders: That
Dr. Mays be given authority to work for necessary change in act to have
the word "equal" deleted so as to make the act more advantageous to the
owner.

Approved

Moved by Mr. Cope and Seconded by Mr. McLaurin: That Dr.
Mays be given authority to work for the necessary change in the act to
provide double the indemnity as now paid on slaughtered cattle.

Approved

Mr. Benet reported to the Board that, on request of Dr. Mays
some months ago for authority to establish quarantine on certain livestock
being brought into the state, he, as Chairman of the Executive Committee,
authorized the quarantine.

Moved by Mr. Thornhill and duly Seconded: That action of
the Chairman of the Executive Committee in authorizing the quarantine
be approved.

Approved
The Athletic Department was discussed at length and several suggestions were made as to changes in present set-up which might tend to improve the athletic situation. They were as follows:

A. Obtain new blood for the coaching staff by enlarging staff if necessary with other than Clemson graduates.

B. Give greater attention to and provide increased facilities for intramural sports to include entire student body.

C. Increase membership of athletic council by two alumni members, with system of rotation and have alumni members elected from separate areas with at least two to be from areas in the State.

D. Work for closer relation between Athletic council and the Board of Trustees.

E. Consider advisability of having athletic committee of the Board of Trustees.

F. Work to eliminate any clique, if any found to exist in athletic council and coaching staff.

The consensus of opinion was that the coaching staff was capable and earnest and had full sympathy of the Board of Trustees. The full discussion brought about the two following approved resolutions.

18. (a) Moved by Mr. Leppard and Seconded by Mr. Thornhill: That the salary increases for the athletic staff amounting to $3,000.00 as recommended by the athletic council be approved with corresponding increase for position held by Mr. Norman (approximately $300.00) and suggestion that vacant position of Mr. Hinson be filled. The increase is to apply to Mr. Norman only in case he is deemed qualified for the increased salary, and that the position be filled in due course by some one else if he is not worthy of the position.

Approved

18. (b) Moved by Mr. Thornhill and Seconded by Mr. Leppard: That the question of having athletic committee of the Board of Trustees and the matter of change in set-up of athletic council rest for present and be considered at later meeting of the Board on recommendation of the President.

Approved

19. The President recommended approval of cooperation between Clemson College and the Federal Government on projects of Manufacturing and Research.

Approved

20. The President recommended that the Y.M.C.A. be authorized to proceed with the architectural plans for constructing a new auditorium on the South Wing of the present building.

Moved by Mr. Thornhill and Seconded by Mr. Sanders: That the recommendation be approved.

Approved

21. The President recommended approval of construction of tennis courts as recommended by the athletic council.

Moved by Mr. Thornhill and Seconded by Mr. McLaurin: That construction of tennis courts be approved with recommendation that the courts be of concrete or all weather construction.

Approved

22. Moved by Mr. Young and Seconded by Mr. McLaurin: That this Board go on record as requesting that U.S. Department of Agriculture keep Mr. Rainwater at Pee Dee Experiment Station, Florence, South Carolina and that the Secretary wire Senators Maybank and Johnston and Representative
McMillan requesting their aid in having Mr. Rainwater retained at the Pee Dee Experiment Station.

Approved

The following day letter was wired immediately after the meeting:

" SEN. OLIN D. JOHNSTON
SEN. BURNEY R. MAYBANK
REP. JOHN L. Mc MILLAN
WASHINGTON, D. C.

MR. RAINWATER WHO FOR YEARS HAS BEEN KEY MAN IN BOLL WEEVIL WORK AT PEE DEE EXPERIMENT STATION AT FLORENCE HAS BEEN ORDERED TRANSFERRED TO A TEXAS STATION. THIS TRANSFER WILL BE GREAT AND IRRREPARABLE LOSS TO THE WORK IN THIS STATE. THEREFORE THE CLEMSON BOARD OF TRUSTEES IN SESSION TODAY UNANIMOUSLY URGE YOU TO CONSULT WITH BUREAU OF ENTOMOLOGY THERE TOWARD RETAINING RAINWATER AT FLORENCE.

CHRISTIE BENET, Acting Chairman
A. J. BROWN, Secretary
CLEMSON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES"

23. Mr. Thornhill reported that adequate housing was not available at Clemson for teachers and that this made it difficult to employ teachers; he had looked into the matter of financing housing through the Federal Housing Authority and had received hearty encouragement from that agency. The discussion that followed resulted in the following resolution:

Moved by Mr. McLaurin and duly Seconded: That Mr. Thornhill be authorized to look further into the needs and matter of financing and building housing units at Clemson and that with the assistance of President Poole make recommendations at next meeting of the Board.

Approved

Dr. Poole reported on action of the Executive Committee on the $1,300,000.00 building appropriation and on request for appropriation of $500,000.00 for Agricultural Engineering Building.

Heating Unit: Plans and request for bids authorized.

Chemistry Building: Held up until cost of Heating Unit is determined.

The Chairman had the Secretary present the following resolution:

24. Resolved that all measures and recommendations made at this the January 28, 1948 meeting, which according to the By-Laws, require a roll call vote of nine or more members, be hereby adopted and confirmed that the Treasurer be authorized to issue his checks for all expenditures authorized at this meeting.

The resolution was unanimously adopted on roll call vote, the eleven members present voted "aye".

There being no further business, it was

Moved by Mr. Cooper: That the Board now adjourn.

Motion Adopted

The Board adjourned at 3:50 P. M.

Approved:

Christie Benet, Acting Chairman

Correct:

A. J. Brown, Secretary