The board convened at 1:45 p.m. with the following members present: Messrs. R. M. Cooper, Chairman; W. A. Barnette, Edgar A. Brown, F. E. Cope, Charles E. Daniel, J. B. Douthit, Ben T. Leppard, J. F. McLaurin, Winchester Smith, and T. Wilbur Thornhill. Others present were R. F. Poole, Harold Major, F. M. Kinard, M. D. Farrar, G. B. Nett, and G. E. Metz.

Item 1. The Chairman asked if there were any objections to postponing the reading of the minutes of the meeting of October 26 until the next meeting of the Board. There were no objections and the reading of the minutes was postponed.

Item 2. The Chairman read in full a letter he had received from Mr. T. B. Young suggesting that the Board postpone for a year the moving of the Home Demonstration Extension personnel from Rock Hill to Clemson. Mr. Young's letter was received as information.

Item 3. The following letter from Mr. Harold Major, College Attorney, to Dr. R. F. Poole, President, was read for the information of the Board:

"December 17, 1955

"Dr. R. F. Poole, President
Clemson Agricultural College
Clemson, S. C.

"Dear Dr. Poole:

"Pursuant to your request, the following is my opinion on the law affecting Extension Home Demonstration activities in which Clemson and Winthrop are interested.

"Under the Smith-Lever Act and the Land Grant College Act of Congress, Clemson as the Land Grant College in South Carolina is designated as the agency to administer and conduct agricultural extension work provided in the Acts of Congress.

"The General Assembly of South Carolina by joint resolution, dated February 12, 1915, designated Clemson as the agency in South Carolina to carry on this work.

"Pursuant to the above Acts, Clemson and the United States Secretary of Agriculture have agreed by written memorandum as to the responsibilities of both the United States Department of Agriculture and Clemson Agricultural College in the conduct of Cooperative Extension Work in South Carolina. This memorandum was revised and a new understanding reached in July, 1955.

"Clemson Agricultural College
Clemson, South Carolina

MINUTES
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December 19, 1955
(5) That all lands at the Sandhill and Coast Stations not needed for authorized projects but suitable for timber be planted in timber, and

(6) That the Agricultural Committee of the Board visit and study the other branch experiment stations and recommend appropriate policies concerning them.

It was MOVED AND PASSED that the recommendations be approved.

APPROVED

Item 6. The following recommendations of the Dean of Agriculture were presented by Mr. Douthit for the consideration of the Board:

(1) That all projects under the South Carolina Experiment Station be confined to research, demonstration, or recognized services at Clemson College and the six (6) branch experiment stations,

(2) That all land at these locations not used in the support of research projects be subjected to critical study as to its future use, and

(3) That all land not needed in the immediate future be planted to tree or other soil conserving crops and held in such plantings until needed in the support of future research.

It was moved by Mr. Douthit and seconded by Dr. Barnette that the recommendations be approved.

APPROVED

Item 7. Mr. Douthit presented a recommendation of the Dean of Agriculture that the production of milk at the Clemson College Dairy be limited to the amount of milk or milk products that may be sold to the College Dining Room, the College Student Center, College milk vending machines, the Clemson House, and the College retail store.

It was MOVED AND PASSED that the production of milk at the Clemson College Dairy be limited to the amount needed for local consumption, the object of this policy being that of preventing the sale of milk to processors and distributors as nearly as possible.

APPROVED

Item 8. It was moved by Mr. Daniel and seconded by Dr. Barnette that the Chairman of the Board be authorized to negotiate the terms of a new contract for the Clemson-Carolina game with the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the University of South Carolina, such contract to be applicable to the 1957 game, and further, that the Chairman of the Board write to the Chairman of the Carolina Board that he has such authorization and instruction and requesting a meeting with him for this purpose.

Item 9. The President presented the following recommendations of Mr. Melford A. Wilson, Comptroller, for the consideration of the Board.

"Based on the recommendations of Mr. Watson and Mr. Mac Lean, I recommend that we be authorized to offer Mr. Ralph Collins the position of Superintendent of Utilities at a beginning salary of $6,500 per year. Although Mr. Collins has given a preliminary indication that he would accept the position at a beginning salary is such that he may decide he cannot afford to make the change at this figure. If such is found to be the case, I further recommend that we be authorized to go as high as $6,800 to obtain the services of Mr. Collins. Although this figure is lower than Mr. Collins' present salary, I do not feel that it would be wise to go above
$6,800 in view of the other salary levels at Clemson at this time.

"In the event that Mr. Collins does not accept the position, I recommend we be authorized to recruit and hire a Superintendent of Utilities at a beginning salary ranging from $6,000 to $6,800, depending on the qualification and experience of the applicant."

It was moved by Mr. McLaurin and seconded by Mr. Thornhill that the recommendations be approved.

Item 10. RESOLVED that all measures and recommendations made at this the December 19, 1955 meetings, which according to the By-Laws, require a roll call vote of nine or more members, be hereby adopted and confirmed, and that the Comptroller be authorized to issue his checks for all expenditures authorized at this meeting.

The resolution was unanimously ADOPTED on roll call vote; ten members voting "aye."

Item 11. There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned -- 10:00 p.m.

CORRECT: APPROVED:

G. E. Metz, Secretary
R. M. Cooper, Chairman

Attached to the minutes of December 19, 1955 at the request of Mr. R. M. Cooper, Chairman of the Board.

December 30, 1955

Members of the Board of Trustees
Clemson Agricultural College

Gentlemen:

At a recent meeting of the Board in Columbia, I announced that I had appointed Messrs. Brown and Barnette, asking them to appoint a third member, to a committee to assist in the appraisal, et cetera, of Clemson properties that might be absorbed by the Hartwell Dam project. These gentlemen have succeeded in persuading Mr. Charles E. Daniel to assist them in this work, so we have an excellent committee thoroughly capable of functioning.

I think for the time being we should keep the appointment of this committee in confidence.

Sincerely,

/R. M. Cooper
R. M. Cooper, President
Board of Trustees
Clemson College

RMC:as
cc: Dr. R. F. Pool

P. S. Will you have this made a part of the minutes?