

Columbia, South Carolina  
May 6, 1952

The State Budget and Control Board met in the Governor's office at 11:00 o'clock on May 6, 1952. All members of the Board were present except General Rhodes who was away from Columbia.

The meeting was attended by Senator O. T. Wallace and Mr. H. A. Petit, of Charleston, and Mr. Flory and Mr. Jaycock of the State Forestry Commission. These gentlemen met with the Board to continue the discussion of a site for a negro park in the vicinity of Charleston. The State Auditor had requested the State Highway Department to survey the sites under consideration and to estimate the cost of constructing roads into these areas. The report of the State Highway Department was before the Board at this meeting, and showed the cost of such roads, as estimated by the Highway Department, to range from \$190,800.00 at Kiawah Island to \$1,148,000.00 at Dewees Island. A copy of the Highway Report is attached hereto.

After considerable discussion of the matter, in view of the high cost of constructing roads to the islands under consideration, it was decided to defer action and to continue the effort to procure a suitable beach area where the cost of the approach to same would not be prohibitive.

Senator Callison of Greenwood, representing a group of employees at Buzzard's Roost, and Mr. Frank A. Jaycock, City Manager of Spartanburg, S. C., appeared before the Board requesting the Board's permission for certain employees of Buzzard's Roost and of the City of Spartanburg to qualify for Federal Social Security Retirement benefits. Mr. Tatum Gressette, Director of the State Retirement System, was also present at the meeting.

After some discussion of the matter it was agreed that no action should be taken at this meeting, but that the matter be considered further at a later date.

At the request of State Superintendent of Education Anderson, the Board reconsidered its decision at the last meeting, to decline permission for the Superin-

tendent to employ a Negro Supervisor, and granted permission for the Superintendent to do so for the year 1952-53, and agreed to transfer funds within the department for the purpose of paying this salary.

The Board approved a request of the Clemson College Board of Trustees to be permitted to increase the salary of President R. F. Poole to \$12,000.00 per annum for the fiscal year 1952-53, and that no change be made in the current expense allowance.

The Board agreed to supplement from the Civil Contingent Fund the current year appropriation for the Board of Law Examiners by the amount of \$600.00.

The State Treasurer submitted a list of cash and investments of the South Carolina Retirement System as follows; cash \$218,178.41, investments \$35,436,000.00, total \$35,654,178.41.

The State Auditor submitted an inventory of state-owned property of the Ashwood Vocational School which was to close at the end of the present fiscal year. The State Auditor was directed to have an appraisal made of any items of this property which the Ashwood Public Schools desired to purchase, and to dispose of the remainder of this property to such state institutions as might show a need for same, the State Purchasing Agents to make the appraisals, and the Surplus Property Division to dispose of this property to the various state agencies showing such need.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

REPORT OF CUSTODIAN OF FUNDS  
SOUTH CAROLINA RETIREMENT SYSTEM  
CLOSE OF BUSINESS APRIL 30, 1952

Cash Balance April 30, 1952

\$ 218 178 41

Investments (carried at par):

|   |                   |                             |
|---|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| U S Treasury Bonds 2 1/2%<br>due 6/15/69/64                             | \$ 3 300 000 00   |                             |
| U S Treasury Bonds 2 1/2%<br>due 8/15/69/64                             | 1 000 000 00      |                             |
| U S Treasury Bonds 2 1/2%<br>due 12/15/69/64                            | 2 300 000 00      |                             |
| U S Treasury Bonds 2 1/2%<br>due 3/15/70/65                             | 900 000 00        |                             |
| U S Treasury Bonds 2 1/2%<br>due 3/15/71/66                             | 1 000 000 00      |                             |
| U S Treasury Bonds-Investment<br>Series A-1965 2 1/2%<br>due 10/1/65    | 590 000 00        |                             |
| U S Treasury Bonds 2 1/2%<br>Series "G" due 10/1/61                     | 200 000 00        |                             |
| U S Treasury Bonds 2 1/2%<br>Series "G" due 12/1/62                     | 700 000 00        |                             |
| U S Treasury Bonds 2 3/4%<br>due 1980/75                                | 22 000 000 00     |                             |
| U S Savings Bonds Series "G"<br>due 8/1/58                              | 100 000 00        |                             |
| U S Savings Bonds Series "G"<br>due 1/1/59                              | 100 000 00        |                             |
| U S Savings Bonds Series "G"<br>due 5/1/60                              | 200 000 00        |                             |
| U S Savings Bonds Series "G"<br>due 7/1/60                              | 800 000 00        |                             |
| U S Savings Bonds Series "G"<br>due 6/1/62                              | 200 000 00        |                             |
| U S Savings Bonds Series "G"<br>due 10/1/62                             | 1 000 000 00      |                             |
| City of Rock Hill 2 3/4%<br>Bonds due 1/1/68-73                         | 200 000 00        |                             |
| City of Sumter 3% Bonds<br>due 12/1/67-72                               | 200 000 00        |                             |
| Clemson Faculty Housing Bonds<br>2 1/2% due 9/1/56                      | 38 000 00         |                             |
| Clemson Faculty Housing Bonds<br>2 3/4% due 9/1/63-66                   | 378 000 00        |                             |
| Darlington County Bonds 3%<br>due 6/15/67-71                            | 100 000 00        |                             |
| S C Agricultural Marketing<br>Commission Bonds 2 1/2%<br>due 12/1/65-68 | 10 000 00         |                             |
| S C Agricultural Marketing<br>Commission Bonds 2 3/4%<br>due 12/1/74-77 | <u>120 000 00</u> |                             |
| <br>Total Investments   |                   | <br><u>35 436 000 00</u>    |
| <br>Total Cash and Investments  |                   | <br>\$ <u>35 654 178 41</u> |

The above does not include the amount of \$15,000 allowed for revolving funds.

*Jeff B. Bates*  
JEFF B. BATES, State Treasurer  
Custodian of Funds  
South Carolina Retirement System

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SOUTH CAROLINA  
STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT  
COLUMBIA

May 5, 1952

Honorable J. M. Smith  
State Auditor  
Wade Hampton Office Building  
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Smith:

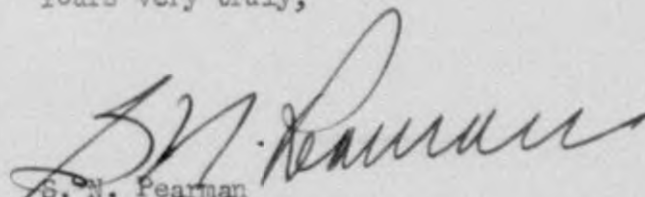
As recently requested by you, I have had an inspection made of possible approaches to and conditions of islands in the vicinity of Charleston for determining the feasibility of developing a beach for negroes.

Attached is original and two copies of a report prepared by the Department's Construction Engineer. You will note that the condition of the beach at Kiawah Island is the only one considered suitable for bathing purposes. The cost of constructing approaches to this island is very much less than any of the other three inspected.

I trust that this is the information you desire concerning development of a negro beach.

With kind regards, I am

Yours very truly,

  
S. N. Pearman  
State Highway Engineer

SOUTH CAROLINA  
STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT  
COLUMBIA

May 3, 1952

MEMORANDUM FOR THE STATE HIGHWAY ENGINEER

SUBJECT: Proposed roads to islands in the  
Charleston area on which bathing  
beaches may be provided for negroes

At your request, I have made an inspection of possible routes for roads to Capers Island, Dewees Island, Morris Island and Kiawah Island. On April 30 and May 1, 1952, an inspection was made of the approaches to and of the beaches on Capers, Dewees and Kiawah. In March of 1950, a similar inspection was made of Morris Island.

The reasonable approach to Capers is from U. S. Route 17 at a point about 16.1 miles north of Charleston. The route would cross marsh, the Intracoastal Waterway, Santee Pass and enter the island near Videt Landing. The approach to Dewees would leave U. S. Route 17 at a point about 14.1 miles north of Charleston and would cross marsh, Intracoastal Waterway, a part of Bullyard Sound and end on high ground near the center of the island. The approach to Morris would start at Parrot Point which is about 9 miles south of Charleston by road, and cross marsh, Schooner Creek, another marsh creek and end near the jetty. The approach to Kiawah would leave Road 90 at its southern terminus which is 19.5 miles southwest of Charleston and cross marsh, a narrow part of Kiawah River and enter the island near the southwest end.

Estimates were made from scaled distances on U. S. Geological maps. Road elevation to be +10 above mean sea level which is about 8 feet above marsh level. Fill width to be 30 feet with 4 to 1 slopes and an equal area mucked for stability. Base to be 4 inches of sand asphalt with a single bituminous surfacing as a wearing course. Bridges are to be 22 feet wide of permanent type construction.

No attempt was made to estimate the cost of roads on the islands that will be necessary in case the islands are used as resorts.

The following estimates are for roads and bridges needed to get from existing roads to high land on the islands:

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CAPERS ISLAND

| Section   | Length<br>(miles) | Estimated<br>cost |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|
| Route 17 to marsh                               | 1.0               | 15,000            |
| Across marsh                                    | 2.18              | 357,500           |
| Bridge (Intracoastal Waterway), 1200 ft.        | .23               | 510,000           |
| Fixed bridge over Santee Pass, 400 ft.          | .08               | 72,000            |
| TOTAL   | 3.49              | 954,500           |
| Distance from Charleston to approach            | 16.10             |                   |
| Distance from Charleston to Capers Island ..... | 19.59             |                   |

DEWEES ISLAND

| Section   | Length<br>(Miles) | Estimated<br>cost |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|
| Route 17 to marsh                               | 1.0               | 15,000            |
| Across marsh                                    | 2.59              | 425,000           |
| Bridge (Intracoastal Waterway, 1200 feet        | .23               | 510,000           |
| Fixed bridge (Bulkyard Sound), 1100 feet        | .21               | 198,000           |
| TOTAL   | 4.03              | 1,148,000         |
| Distance from Charleston to approach            | 14.1              |                   |
| Distance from Charleston to Dewees Island ..... | 18.13             |                   |

MORRIS ISLAND

| Section   | Length<br>(Miles) | Estimated<br>Cost |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|
| Across marsh from Parrot Point to Island                          | 2.94              | 482,000           |
| Fixed bridges over Schooner Creek and a<br>marsh creek, 1100 feet | .21               | 198,000           |
| TOTAL   | 3.15              | 680,000           |
| Distance from Charleston to Parrot Point                          | 9.00              |                   |
| Distance from Charleston to Morris Island                         | 12.15             |                   |



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KIAWAH ISLAND

| Section                                   | Length<br>(miles) | Estimated<br>Cost |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|
| From Andell Creek to marsh                | 1.0               | \$15,000          |
| Across marsh                              | .6                | 98,400            |
| Bridge over Andell Creek, 30 feet         | .01               | 5,400             |
| Bridge over Kiawah River, 400 feet        | .08               | 72,000            |
| TOTAL                                     | <u>1.69</u>       | <u>\$190,800</u>  |
| Distance from Charleston to Andell Bridge | 19.50             |                   |
| Distance from Charleston to Kiawah Island | <u>21.19</u>      |                   |

The beach on Capers is about 2.5 miles long and the high ground is about 0.7 miles wide at its widest place. Through the center and lower end, there is a growth of palmettos, pines and oaks. Logging operations are in progress. The property is posted by C. D. Huyler. The only residence is by Schooner Creek on northeast end at a dock. The beach is eroding rapidly and along the section adjacent to growth the beach is littered with stumps, whole trees and tree tops. Remanents of one line of sand dunes are evident. Trees are dying back of beach line apparently due to salt water.

The beach along Dewees is about 1.7 miles long with the northeast half consisting of sand dunes in front of a salt marsh. A section of the southwest portion is grown up with palmettos, oaks and pines. The Southwest end is a sand spit. The vegetated section is about one half mile wide and remanents of a line of sand dunes are evident along this section of beach. Rapid erosion is taking place with high tides breaking through sand dunes into marsh on northeast end. Trees are dying back of the beach where there is vegetation. Along this section, the beach is littered with stumps and tree tops.

Morris Island is about 3.5 miles in length along the ocean. The southern 2.2 miles has eroded to where tides break at the edge of the marsh. The northern 1.3 miles has a line of sand dunes back of the beach. The widest section of high land is less than 1/4 mile wide. From the northern tip at Cummings Point to where the jetty reaches the beach there is some build up. South of this point erosion is progressing rapidly. The vegetation is low growing evergreens such as myrtle. About 25 years ago, the Morris Island lighthouse near the south end of the island was several hundred feet back of the beach.

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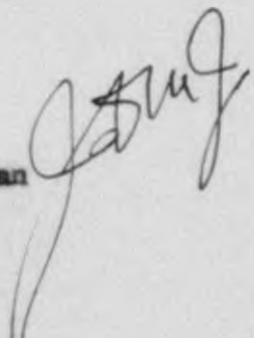
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Now the lighthouse is several hundred feet in the ocean.

Kiawah is about 8 miles long and has high ground about 0.7 miles wide. Along Kiawah River are pastures stocked with horses and cattle. Other parts have a growth of palmettos, pines and oaks. One residence was noted near Kiawah River. The island is posted by C. C. Royal. The southwest part of the island was inspected. There is no evidence of erosion and there are three lines of sand dunes back of the beach. The beach is 200 feet to 250 feet wide at low tide. It is covered with fine sand and is smooth and hard.

Of the four islands inspected, the southwest part of Kiawah is the only place considered suitable for a bathing beach. The northeast part may be suitable but it was not inspected. An access road with bridges to the southwest end of Kiawah should be built for less than \$200,000. This amount is from 1% to 2% of the cost of constructing approaches to any one of the other three islands.

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April 25, 1952

Mr. H. A. Petit  
141 Meeting Street  
Charleston, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Petit:

After conferring with Governor Byrnes about the matter of securing a suitable site for a negro state park on the coast, we have asked the Highway Department to make a survey of Morris Island with respect to beach erosion, and Morris, Dewees, and Capers Islands with respect to the cost of constructing roads to them.

The Highway Department will complete these surveys next week and the Budget and Control Board will hold a hearing on the matter week after next, the date to be determined later, to review the findings of the surveys.

You will be advised of the exact date of this hearing in sufficient time to arrange to attend it.

Very truly yours,

J. M. Smith  
State Auditor

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Copy to:  
Sen. O. T. Wallace  
Mr. C. H. Flory

ONE-FORTY-ONE MEETING STREET  
CHARLESTON, S. C.

April 22, 1952

Mr. J. M. Smith, Secretary  
State Budget & Control Board  
State House  
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Smith:

I have been advised that Senator O. T. Wallace of Charleston disagreed with the recommendations of the Citizens Committee formed for the purpose of securing a suitable site for a Negro State Park in this area.

I feel that the counter suggestions of Senator Wallace of using Dewees or Capers Islands has little chance of being brought to a successful conclusion.

I would like an opportunity to appear before this Honorable Body with members of my committee to present our views on the matter.

If you would prefer, I would be delighted to have the State Budget and Control Board meet in Charleston and I would provide transportation to the Islands involved so that they may see first hand why the committee recommended Morris Island as being not necessarily the best beach but one that for all practical purposes would meet the requirements.

A large segment of the Negroes in this area realize the difficulties which would be encountered with both Dewees and Capers and have concentrated their efforts to try to get Morris Island. I have available a petition requesting this which carries over one thousand names of representative Negroes in this community.

Any date suitable to you, other than May 2nd and May 9th will be agreeable with us for a meeting.

Please let me know at your earliest convenience if such a meeting can be arranged.

Yours very truly,



H. A. PETIT

HAP/hmk  
cc: Mr. C. H. Flory  
Members of Budget & Control Board

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