

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met at the Health Department with the Board of Health it being a meeting of the Health Board, on February 22, 1978, at 7:30 p.m.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT:

C. Waldo Marlowe, Chairman

Junior W. Dew, Vice-Chairman

Edward W. Williamson

L. A. Hinson

David L. McPherson

James E. Hill, Jr., Attorney and Acting Clerk

The meeting was a discussion of complaints against Cecil Edwards, Sanitarian III, Columbus County Health Dept. and is an official record in the minutes of the Health Board.

The following business was transacted which is a continuation of unfinished business of the meeting of February 20th regular meeting:

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner McPherson and unanimously passed to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the United States Fish and Wildlife, an agency of the Department of Interior, has attempted to place three species of fish located in Lake Waccamaw on the Endangered Species List; and

WHEREAS, the placing of the said fish on the Federal Endangered Species List would cause Lake Waccamaw to be specified as a critical habitat in accordance with the Environmental Protection Act; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina has been informed that the background reports stated that Lake Waccamaw is a body of water of approximately six thousand acres in dimension with a sandy bottom and fed by springs; and

WHEREAS, in actuality Lake Waccamaw is a body of water of nine thousand acres in dimension with a peat and silt bottom and is fed mostly from swamps with supplemental feedings from springs; and

WHEREAS, the background information on the said proposal concerning the placing of the said species on the Endangered Species List has numerous other erroneous areas throughout and appears to be a waste of the taxpayers' dollars; and

WHEREAS, the County Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina, are fully satisfied that the Town of Lake Waccamaw has invested much time and effort in maintaining the quality of water in Lake Waccamaw and in 1974 completed a water & sewer system which was constructed not only for the residents of the Town but also for future developments of the outlying areas in order to maintain securely a high quality of water in the future for the said Lake; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Columbus County and in particular Lake Waccamaw only recently discovered that the December 30, 1977, edition of the FEDERAL REGISTER stated a proposal that three fish should be placed on the endangered species list which are located in Lake Waccamaw. The three fish named were "Waccamaw Darter" (*Etheostoma Parlongum*), Waccamaw Killfish" (*Fuhdulus Waccamensis*) and the "Waccamaw Silverside" (*Menidia Extensa*); and

