

Mr. Andrews moved; Dr. Ware seconded that the next regular meeting be held at 10 a.m. at Christopher Newport College on September 11, 1965, and that the Director of the College be authorized to make all arrangements, including invitation for the speaker. The motion was adopted by vote of the Board.

President Paschall: We are ahead of our schedule of adjournment of 12:30, and I would appreciate an opportunity to present several communications for consideration by the Board.

You will note from the Agenda that the Governor and his Advisory Committee will visit the College on May 25 for the purpose of reviewing our capital outlay requests. It is hoped that as many members of the Board as find that they can attend will do so.

On May 18 and 19, the Commission to Study Higher Education in Virginia will send two specialists to review our plant situation and capital outlay needs. On May 26, Dr. Russell, who is heading the Study for Higher Education will visit the College.

You may have noted from the explanation in the Agenda which necessitates a special meeting of the Board on June 24, 1965 in the Treasurer's office in Richmond for the purpose of receiving bids on the bonds for the new dining hall and also the new library if the same becomes necessary because of our not being able to utilize the library grant offer from the U. S. Office of Education. It is very important that we have a quorum of the Board present on June 24 in order that action can be taken on bonds. This date, by the way, was set by the Governor's Office for all State institutions, and the bonds have to be sold at that time.

I have just received two communications from the Williamsburg Real Estate Agency, indicating a request for access to Lake Matoaka for the purpose of sewage effluent that would be directed into a tributary to the lake as a result of a contemplated shopping center west of the College property, off Route 5. The other request involves the possible sale or lease of a small strip of land (6/10 of an acre) which is desired in connection with the development of the shopping center.

Rector: Is there a motion that the matter be referred to the Committee on Buildings and Grounds and that this Committee be empowered to act for the Board?

President: If that is adopted, we would certainly bring the matter back to the Board of Visitors if the Committee were disposed to permit the effluent request.

Mr. Andrews: I am glad to know that because I voted against the other one involving effluent in the little branch which was requested by the school authorities.

Rector: Is there any further discussion?

Mr. Cox moved, and Mr. Ernst seconded that the matter be referred to the Buildings and Grounds Committee with power to act for the Board, and the same was approved by vote of the Board.

President Paschall: Mr. Rector, I have another matter in which you will recall that in January of 1964 the Board authorized us to proceed with selective thinning of the College woods in the interest of fire protection and of the woods themselves. We had the State Forester to help us mark a few trees, but there was such a terrific reaction by persons in the community to our doing anything that we delayed our plans. In the meantime, a member of the Biology Department and the Garden Clubs became deeply concerned about the impact of such action on the domicile of the pileated woodpecker.

Rector: Are you speaking, Mr. President, for the woodpecker now?

President Paschall: The woodpecker is involved, but I was really giving a background to a more serious situation that now requires that we take action in

a hurry. Our pines have become infested with the Southern Pine Beetle. The State Forester, as well as representatives of the Biology Department, have reported to us that we will soon have a large number of dead trees in the College woods if we do not proceed to dispose of the infested area. The State Forester has agreed to make a survey and mark the trees. He has assured us that he would protect the aesthetic strips of hardwood which approximate the vicinity of those who have written members of the Board about the matter. Colonial Williamsburg has already moved on this matter involving its trees, and we felt that we should take action as soon as possible. In this connection, I invite attention to Chapter 233 of the Acts of Assembly of 1956, quoted as follows:

The Board of Visitors of the College of William and Mary in Virginia is hereby authorized to cut, sell and convey, subject to the approval of the Governor, the timber standing and growing on the property owned by said College in the City of Williamsburg and the adjoining county.

The proceeds of sale are hereby appropriated to the College of William and Mary in Virginia to be used for capital improvements as the Board of Visitors, with the approval of the Governor, may direct.

We would like to have the approval of the Board for us to proceed with the disposal of this timber through the proper procedures and in accordance with the previously mentioned Act.

Rector: The timber to be sold, is it all pine?

Mr. English: Most of it is pine, but there is some other type timber in the immediate vicinity.

Mr. Goodrich: Is that all infested area or are you referring to all the timber?

Mr. English: The first section involves selected infested areas.

Mr. Goodrich: That will be clear-cut then?

President Paschall: The first section in the Strawberry Plains area, way out toward Dunbar, would undoubtedly have to be clear-cut.

Mr. Robertson: I would like to join the protests of the Garden Clubs in respect to cutting our white oaks, tulip poplars and other timber. It appears as if this may be timber-cutting to get money. We turn over the contract and people come in there and slaughter woods that it will take two generations to recover.

Mr. George: Mr. President, in that connection, a couple of people contacted me about it, and they said they did not know we were "that hard up," and I told them I did not know what they were talking about. They seemed to have the idea that we are doing this in order to get money. I asked them if they heard the report of the disease and they were not disposed even to listen.

President Paschall: We never had any idea of cutting any of the woods for the purpose of raising money, and I have so advised those who have contacted me. I have explained to them what the State Forester has reported to us; namely, if we do not cut these areas that are diseased they will die, and then we will be faced with the economic problem and financial burden of removing large areas of dead trees. At the same time, if it is possible to derive something from the sale of the trees that must be cut, it would be folly not to do so.

Mr. Robertson: As I understand this matter now, we are about to cut our pine and a good deal of our hardwoods. If you go down in Virginia and cut out all the pine forest because you have some infested areas, you would destroy one of the greatest assets of the State. It seems to me that we are now being faced with a different proposition than the Board considered before.

Mr. Mason: Mr. President, as I understand it, the hardwoods are not infested.

President: The hardwoods are apparently not infested, but in some instances they have fallen across other trees and are creating a jungle situation that is impossible to protect from fire and gradual deterioration of the entire section.

Miss Peebles: Visitors to the Board should be seen and not heard. But, Dr. Paschall, would there be a possibility of offsetting some of the consternation that might be brewing if you and Mr. English could talk again with the Forester in regard to reforestation. I know that in Sussex County where my family owns some land, they took out the pine that was infested, but we worked with the Forest Service and replanted in pine. If the College could remove the pine that is infested and replant the area, perhaps the Garden Clubs might help. Now, I realize that it takes about 65 years for those trees to reach the saw timber stage again. But that may offset some of the unhappiness.

Mr. Goodrich: I have had some experience with timber, and the timber that I saw should be thinned. It is a conservation measure unless you want a jungle area for some purpose. The thinning of the pine wood should be undertaken regardless of the infestation. It is not simply to raise money, but to make the rest of the pine grow and look pretty.

Mr. Harper: For the benefit of us city boys, is this something that will not keep for a while? Is the infestation so urgent that we cannot make some study or report on it?

Mr. Goodrich: I think it is urgent. It is a very critical matter.

President: The infestation is upon us heavily, and the State Forester has urged us to do something about it.

Mr. Robertson: There is nothing new about this infestation of pine. I would like to move that the Board authorize the cutting of such pine as is infested or in the immediate potential of infestation, and conserve the other timber in the area, and consideration be given to the area which has been cut.

Dr. Ware seconded the motion, and Mr. Andrews added that provision should be considered for reforestation with disease-resistant pine.

The motion was adopted by vote of the Board.

President Paschall: I would like to report on one further item involving the Director of Development situation. Dr. Swindler will be leaving that position as of July 1 and going full-time in the Law School. The trend in the country for some time is to have the Executive Secretary of the Alumni Society and the Director of Development position combined. We have given a lot of thought to this possibility, and the Director of State Personnel indicates it to be a natural combination. I will discuss the matter with the Alumni Board when it meets in June with a possibility of that combination. State funds would actually be less than what we now contribute to the Director of Development and, at the same time, the danger would be avoided of having a person in this position who would be undertaking fund-raising projects in conflict with those under the auspices of the Alumni Board. Such a combination would make for an harmonious relationship involving alumni on whom we must count for fund-raising contacts and for funds. If this can be done, the logical person would be Mr. James S. Kelly. He has matured significantly in his position as Executive Secretary of the Society of the Alumni, and has certainly earned the respect and esteem of alumni everywhere. I hope very much that we will be successful in effecting this combination, and I wanted the Board to be advised on the developments.

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

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