

MINUTES
South Carolina Board of Registration for Foresters
Board Meeting
10:00 A.M., April 15, 2010
Synergy Business Park
Kingstree Building
110 Centerview Drive, Conference Room 204
Columbia, South Carolina

Meeting Called to Order

Virgil Wall, chairman, of Greenwood, called the regular meeting of the SC Board of Registration for Foresters to order at 10:05 a.m. Other Board members in attendance included: George Chastain, secretary, of Georgetown; Allen Dunn, PhD., of Central; Fred Gantt, of Columbia; and Olin Lominick, of Pomaria.

Staff members participating during the meeting included: Lenora Addison-Miles, Administrator and Sandra Dickert, Administrative Assistant.

A member of the public attending the meeting was John B. Sabine, III.

Mr. Wall announced that public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the S. C. Board of Registration for Foresters office, Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building and provided to all requesting persons, organizations, and news media in compliance with Section 30-4-80 of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

Invocation

Mr. Gantt delivered the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Excused Absences

MOTION

Mr. Chastain made a motion the Board approve Charles Sibley's and Amy L. McFadden's absences from this meeting. Dr. Dunn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Approval of the January 14, 2010 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Gantt stated Pat Straka was listed as a member of the public attending the meeting. He feels the minutes should reflect that the Board presented her with a plaque for her time and commitment to the Board. He questioned the date Dena Jacob's application was received and the date she took the examination. He asked the Board regarding the development of state specific questions for the SAF exam. Mr. Wall stated developing the state specific questions for the SAF exam is still in process. Mr. Gantt asked that the exam specific questions be placed on the agenda for the July 15, 2010 meeting.

MOTION

Mr. Chastain made a motion the Board approve the minutes of the January 14, 2010 meeting as amended. Dr. Dunn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Chairman's Remarks – Virgil Wall

Mr. Wall deferred his remarks to later in the meeting.

Administrator's Remarks – Lenora Addison-Miles

Mrs. Addison-Miles reminded the members that the Statement of Economic Interest forms are to be submitted to the State Ethics Commission no later than today, April 15, 2010.

Mrs. Addison-Miles stated last fiscal year the agency had to remit over \$10,000,000.00 to the legislature in addition to the required ten percent the agency already remits. She further stated the legislature would inform the agency prior to the end of the fiscal year how much money the agency would need to remit this fiscal year. She went on to say she would inform the Board of the amount during the July 15, 2010 meeting.

Legislative Update, If Needed, Legislative Liaison Office

Advisory Opinions, If Needed, Office of General Counsel

There was no legislative update or advisory opinions given during this meeting.

Unfinished Business

Mr. Wall stated he is working on the development of the state specific questions for the SAF examination.

New Business

1. Ratification of Mail Ballot – Lawrence B. Curtis

Mrs. Addison-Miles stated staff received Lawrence Curtis' application prior to the January 14 2010 meeting; however, it arrived too late to be included on the agenda for that meeting. She further stated instead of making Mr. Curtis wait until this meeting for approval she asked the Board to review the application following the January meeting and provided the members with a mail ballot to vote for approval or disapproval of the application. She noted all of the members voted to approve Mr. Curtis' application and that the ballot vote had to be ratified during this meeting for the action to be made official.

MOTION

Dr. Dunn made a motion the Board ratify the mail ballot regarding the approval of Lawrence B. Curtis' application. Mr. Chastain seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

2. Request for SAF Exam by Experience – John Barton Sabine, III

On March 18, 2010 the Board received a registration by examination application from John Sabine, III. Mr. Sabine's application states he obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology from Furman University in 2000; however, staff has not received an official transcript.

John Sabine, III appeared before the Board. He stated he holds a Master's Degree in Forest Resources from the University of Georgia, which he understands is not an accredited course. He also has taken several forestry classes, such as plant biology, physiology, and forest management type classes. He noted the courses he took while at the University of Georgia concentrated on wildlife, although he did take forestry courses. He presented the Board with transcripts from Furman University and the University of Georgia during the meeting. He currently works for Sabine and Waters, a family owned business, which is run by his father. He has done timber cruising, timber marking, oversight of timber operations, wetland delineation, and endangered species surveys. While he was working on his Master's Degree he assisted in survival analysis of seedlings planted in well and restoration sites. He said his thesis was in regard to birds. He is also a prescribed fire manager.

The Board informed Mr. Sabine if he is approved to take the examination he would be required to submit a portfolio of work he has completed prior to issuance of licensure since his degree is not in forestry.

MOTION

Mr. Chastain made a motion the Board approve John Sabine, III to take the examination. Dr. Dunn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

3. **Approval of Licensure via Examination**

Christopher L. Bryant

On December 9, 2009 the Board received a registration by examination application from Christopher Bryant. Mr. Bryant received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Forest Resource Management from Clemson University in May 2005. He passed the Society of American Foresters (SAF) exam in September 2009. His application is complete.

MOTION

Dr. Dunn made a motion the Board approve Mr. Bryant for licensure. Mr. Chastain seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Curtis A. Collins

On July 8, 2009 the Board received a registration by examination application from Curtis A. Collins. Mr. Collins received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Forestry from Louisiana Tech University in May 2000 and a Master of Science Degree in Forest Resources from Mississippi State University in December 2003. He passed the SAF exam in February 2010. His file is complete.

MOTION

Dr. Dunn made a motion the Board approve Mr. Collins for licensure. Mr. Lominick seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

4. **Reinstatement of Licensure**

Donald C. Murphy

On February 25, 2010 the Board received a reinstatement application from Donald Murphy. Mr. Murphy's license lapsed on June 30, 2009. He has submitted an updated application, employment verification, a notarized statement indicating he has not practiced forestry in South Carolina during the time his license has been lapsed, and proof of continuing education. He has also paid the appropriate fees.

MOTION

Dr. Dunn made a motion the Board approve Mr. Murphy for reinstatement of licensure. Mr. Gantt seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

David T. Pritchard, Jr.

On January 27, 2010 the Board received a reinstatement application from David Pritchard, Jr. Mr. Pritchard's registration lapsed on June 30, 2009. He has submitted an updated application, employment verification, a notarized statement indicating he has not practiced forestry in South Carolina during the time his license has been lapsed, and proof of continuing education. He has also paid the appropriate fees.

MOTION

Mr. Chastain made a motion the Board approve Mr. Pritchard for reinstatement of licensure. Dr. Dunn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

5. Continuing Forestry Education Audit

Britt A. Feldner

Mrs. Addison-Miles stated the Board reviewed Mr. Feldner's continuing education documentation during the January 2010 meeting during which time the Board determined he only obtained six hours of continuing education in Category I and six and one-half hours of continuing education in Category II. She further stated the Board voted to allow Mr. Feldner 90 days to obtain the additional seven and one-half hours of continuing education. She noted Mr. Feldner has submitted proof of additional continuing education hours.

MOTION

Dr. Dunn made a motion to approve the hours submitted by Mr. Feldner. Mr. Chastain seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

H. G. Rhodes, Jr.

Mrs. Addison-Miles stated the Board reviewed Mr. Rhodes' continuing education documentation during the January 2010 meeting. She reminded the members that Mr. Rhodes submitted a letter to the Board stating there had been a house fire which destroyed his continuing education documentation; however that he had 19 ½ hours of surplus continuing education. She noted the Board directed her to draft a letter to Mr. Rhodes asking that he submit a print out from SAF regarding the hours as proof of the continuing education hours. She went on to say Mr. Rhodes responded by submitting documentation from 1998 until 2008.

MOTION

Dr. Dunn made a motion the Board draft a letter informing him he has 9.5 credit hours and that he has until July 1, 2010 to achieve the additional 10.5 hours of continuing education, with at least three hours of continuing education in Category 1. Mr. Chastain seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Terry Seals

Mrs. Addison-Miles stated the Board reviewed Mr. Seals' documentation during the January 2010 meeting and determined he had only eight hours of continuing education. She further stated the Board granted him 30 days to obtain the additional 12 hours continuing education. She reminded the members that he had asked for continuing education credit for reading the forestry journals. She went on to say Mr. Seals has submitted documentation regarding the additional hours of continuing education for the Board's review.

MOTION

Dr. Dunn made a motion the Board accept the hours submitted to comply with the continuing education audit. Mr. Chastain seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Wall stated the Board had discussed during the January 2010 that these individuals who did not comply with this continuing education audit would be audited during the next continuing education audit.

The Board determined these individuals should be informed by letter that these hours would not count toward continuing education credit for July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2012.

Public Comments

No public comments were made during this meeting.

Executive Session

The Board did not enter executive session during this meeting.

Adjournment

The April 15, 2010 meeting of the SC Board of Registration of Foresters adjourned at 11:03 a.m.