

SOUTH CAROLINA SOIL CLASSIFIERS ADVISORY COUNCIL

Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building

110 Centerview Drive, Room 204

Columbia, SC 29210

Minutes

Tuesday, March 20, 2012

10:00 a.m.

NOTE: These minutes are a record of the motions and official actions taken by the Board and brief summary of the meeting. A transcript of this meeting providing more detail will be available on the Board's website: www.llr.state.sc.us/POL/soil .

Call to Order:

Dennis DeFrancesco, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. Other members present for the meeting included: Mr. Randall Fowler (Vice-Chairman); and Mr. Dave Hargett. Dr. Bill Smith was excused due to a schedule conflict.

Staff members participating in the meeting included: Jan Simpson, Administrator; Sherri Moorer, Program Assistant; and Sara McCartha, Legal.

Others present at the meeting included: Chris Fincham, SC Department of Health and Environmental Control; Steven Melin, Mountain Soils, Inc.; Ben Stuckey, Springhill Soil Consulting; and Reba Hayes, Creek Court Reporting, Inc.

Statement of Public Notice:

Dennis DeFrancesco, Chairman, announced that public notice of the meeting was properly posted on the bulletin boards at the main entrance of the Kingstree Building and by notice E-mailed to all requesting persons, organizations and news media in accordance with Section 30-4-80 of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

Introduction of Council Members and Other Persons Attending:

The Council members, staff and other persons attending the meeting introduced themselves.

Approval of Minutes:

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the September 20, 2011 meeting and the November 23, 2011 conference call. Hargett/Fowler/approve.

Revisions to Agenda:

There were no proposed revisions to the agenda.

Application Hearings:

There were no application hearings.

Disciplinary Hearings:

There were no disciplinary hearings.

Unfinished Business:

Mrs. McCarthy said the Soil Classifiers Advisory Council is the only program that has members appointed by the Department. Work will continue on the appointment of new council members once Holly Pisarik receives Senate confirmation as the new Department Director.

Mrs. Moorer said she will put an article on the website and in the Summer Newsletter soliciting for letters of interest and resumes from licensees interested in serving on Council.

New Business:

There was no new business.

Reports:

Mrs. Moorer reported that there are no cases in the Office of Investigation and Enforcement.

Mrs. Moorer reported that there are no cases in the Office of General Counsel.

Mrs. Moorer reported that the exemptions in the statute were ratified on January 26, 2012.

Mrs. Moorer reported that the House Agriculture and Natural Resources committee voted to allow the proposed regulations to time-out. The time out date is May 9, 2012. If the regulations time out, they will go into effect when they are published as final regulations in the State Register on June 29, 2012.

Mrs. Moorer reported that the repeal of the old regulations are scheduled to time out on June 6, 2012. There have been no House or Senate committees to review the regulation repeal.

Mrs. Moorer asked the council members to be available for potential House and Senate meetings on the regulations.

Mrs. Moorer reported that there are currently 50 actively licensed soil classifiers in the State of South Carolina.

Mrs. Moorer distributed financial reports for September 2011 – February 2012. The program had a cash balance of \$18,548.14 as of February 28, 2012.

Council Member Reports:

There were no council member reports.

Public Comments:

Ben Stuckey asked about the LLR Regulatory Report.

MOTION: To make the report and council reply available to licensees upon request.
Hargett/Fowler/approve.

Mr. Melin said NC Soil Scientists are willing to work with SC Soil Classifiers on any technical or committees. Mr. DeFrancesco thanked Mr. Melin for attending the meeting.

Mr. Fincham gave Council an overview on monitoring standards and on Act 39-39 on alternative products to gravel and iron slag.

Executive Session:

Council did not go into executive session.

Notice of Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the SC Soil Classifiers Advisory Council will be held on Tuesday, September 25, 2012 at 10:00 a.m., SC Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation, Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, 110 Centerview Drive, Room 204, Columbia, SC.

Adjournment:

MOTION: To adjourn. Hargett/Fowler/approve

The meeting adjourned at 10:49 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Sherri F. Moorer, Program Assistant