

MINUTES

South Carolina Board of Registration for Foresters
Board Meeting
10:00 A.M., January 13, 2005
Synergy Business Park
Kingstree Building
110 Centerview Drive, Conference Room 108
Columbia, South Carolina

Hugh Ryan, chairman, of Wedgefield, called the regular meeting of the SC Board of Registration of Foresters to order at 10:00 a.m. Other board members attending the meeting included: Fred Gantt, Secretary, of Columbia; Allen Dunn, Ph.D., of Central; Patricia Straka, of Westminster; and Virgil Wall, of Greenwood.

Raymond Boozer, of Gilbert, was granted an excused absence. Marietta Singleton, vice chairman, of Hemingway, was not present for the meeting.

Staff members participating during the meeting included: Randy Bryant, Assistant Deputy Director; Sandra Dickert, Administrative Assistant; and Barry Moreland, Administrative Assistant.

Meeting Called to Order

Mr. Ryan 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. Wall delivered the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the October 19, 2004 Meeting Minutes

The members were presented with a revised set of minutes from the October 19, 2004 meeting.

MOTION

Mr. Wall moved the minutes be accepted. Dr. Dunn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Chairman's Remarks - Hugh Ryan

Mr. Ryan, on behalf of the Board, thanked Mr. Wall for his recent work on the forester's exam.

Administrator's Remarks - Lenora Miles

Ms. Miles was unable to attend the meeting. Mr. Randy Bryant, Assistant Deputy Director acted as the administrator.

Legislative Update, If Needed, Legislative Liaison Office

Mr. Bryant briefed the Board on the Governor's stance regarding the cabinet agencies for the coming legislative year.

Advisory Opinions, If Needed, Office of General Counsel

There were no advisory opinions given during the January 13, 2005 meeting.

Unfinished Business

The Board questioned staff regarding the applications of Lanier Edwards, Richard W. Davis, III, Jason B. Kiker, Donald Skinner, and Bradley Beverly. Mr. Skinner and Mr. Beverly have submitted the information lacking from the October 2004 meeting.

New Business

1. Approval of Licensure via Reinstatement

a. Robert G. Miller

Mr. Miller allowed his license to lapse on June 30, 1986. He is requesting reinstatement or that he be allowed to obtain a new registration in South Carolina. Mr. Miller would be required to pay \$1,460 to obtain his license should the Board allow or require him to be reinstated. He is asking that the Board allow him to pay \$150.00 to obtain a new license. He has been practicing forestry with Westvaco since 1984. (Mr. Miller's application is herewith attached and becomes a permanent part of the record retained at the Board's office.)

The Board directed staff to forward a copy of the policy regarding reinstatement to Mr. Miller. The policy indicates he may pay the \$150 registration fee to receive a new license, however, he must take the exam.

b. Thurston L. Chavis

Mr. Moreland stated he has been in continuous contact with Mr. Chavis, who now continues to lack enough continuing education credits for reinstatement. He asked that this matter be deferred to a later meeting.

c. Earl D. Barrs

Mr. Barrs allowed his license to lapse on June 30, 2004 and is requesting reinstatement in South Carolina. He has agreed to pay the \$215.00 reinstatement fee. (Mr. Barrs's application is herewith attached and becomes a permanent part of the record retained at the Board's office.)

MOTION

Mr. Wall moved to approve Mr. Barrs' application. Dr. Dunn seconded the motion, which

carried unanimously.

d. Blair F. Baldwin

Mr. Baldwin allowed his license to lapse on June 30, 2004 and is requesting reinstatement in South Carolina. He has agreed to pay the \$215.00 reinstatement fee. (Mr. Baldwin's application is herewith attached and becomes a permanent part of the record retained at the Board's office.)

MOTION

Mr. Wall moved the Board approve Mr. Baldwin's license for reinstatement, however, that the Board direct staff to notify Mr. Baldwin he must acquire an additional five continuing education credits, three of which must be in Category One, prior to June 30, 2005. Mr. Gantt seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

2. Approval of Licensure via Examination

a. Daniel H. Stuckey

Daniel Stuckey passed the examination on November 1, 2004. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Forest Resource Management from Clemson University. The North Carolina Board of Foresters has verified his licensure. His file is complete. (Mr. Stuckey's application is herewith attached and becomes a permanent part of the record retained at the Board's office.)

Mr. Moreland stated Mr. Ryan, in a telephone conversation in November 2004, had asked staff to add Mr. Stuckey to the December 2004 exam.

MOTION

Mr. Wall made a motion, seconded by Dr. Dunn and unanimously carried, that Mr. Stuckey's application be approved.

b. Herbert Nicholson

Mr. Moreland stated Mr. Nicholson passed the examination on December 2, 2004; however, he only has eighteen months of experience. He has three references and only one professional reference. The board deferred this matter to the next meeting.

c. Jason C. Chavis

Mr. Chavis passed the SAF examination on November 1, 2004. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Forest Resource Management from Clemson University. (Mr. Chavis's application is herewith attached and becomes a permanent part of the record retained at the Board's office.)

MOTION

Dr. Dunn moved the Board accept Mr. Chavis's application. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wall and carried unanimously.

3. Approval of CFE Request

a. Philip Weatherford

Mr. Philip Weatherford is asking that the Board approve a continuing education class entitled "First Year Real Estate Sales" by Greenville Technical College, as continuing forester education credit. The course consists of 60 classroom hours, full attendance is mandatory and each participant is required to pass a final examination to receive credit. (The request and pertinent information regarding this course is herewith attached and becomes a permanent part of the record retained at the Board's office.)

The Board discussed this matter and determined it would defer it until further information is received.

MOTION

Ms. Straka made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wall and unanimously carried, the South Carolina Board of Registration for Foresters explore the possibility of hiring a writer to 1) put together a policy manual for this board and 2) write a review outline for the exam to clarify, not necessarily to publish something, but to have something to put on the website.

The Board discussed the meeting coordinated by Mr. Wall regarding the forester's exam and the examination that took place following this meeting. The discussion included a suggestion that the examination be given twice a year and that a review course be given shortly before the examination. The Board asked that staff research the possibility of administering the exam during the week of May 16, 2005 or May 23, 2005 and the week of November 7, 2005 or November 14, 2005.

MOTION

Ms. Straka moved that the Board administer the exam during the week of May 16, 2005 or May 23, 2005 and the week of November 7, 2005 or November 14, 2005 and that an exam review course be produced sometime during the last two weeks of April 2005 and October 2005. The motion was seconded by Dr. Dunn and unanimously carried.

Public Comments

There were no public comments made during the January 13, 2005 meeting.

Executive Session

MOTION

Mr. Wall moved the board enter executive session. Mr. Gantt seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Return to Public Session to Report on Executive Session

MOTION

Dr. Dunn moved the Board return to public session. Mr. Gantt seconded the motion, which carried unanimously,

Mr. Ryan noted for the record that no motions were made and no votes were taken during executive session.

Ms. Straka stated the annual ASBORF meeting would be held May 5-6, 2005 in Little Rock, Arkansas. She further stated Mr. Ryan, as chairman, would be receiving information regarding this meeting.

Election of Officers

MOTION

Dr. Dunn made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wall and unanimously carried, that the board form a nominations committee to bring a proposed slate of officers before the board during the next meeting. Mr. Ryan asked Dr. Dunn, Mr. Gant and Ms. Straka to sit on this committee.

Adjournment

There being no further business to be discussed by the Board at this time, Dr. Dunn moved the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Gantt seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The January 13, 2005 meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon.