

MINUTES

South Carolina Board of Registration for Foresters

Board Meeting

10:00 A.M., April 5, 2007

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 for Foresters to order at 10:00 a.m. Other board members in attendance included: Virgil Wall, Vice Chairman of Greenwood; Raymond Boozer, of Gilbert; Patricia Straka, Secretary, of Pendleton; Fred Gantt, of Columbia; and Amy L. McFadden, of Georgetown.

B. Allen Dunn, Ph. D., of Central, was not present for the meeting.

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

Members of the public attending the meeting included: Jason McRee.

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 Excused Absences

Staff nor the Board members heard from Dr. Dunn.

Approval of the January 11, 2007 Meeting Minutes

Mrs. Straka noted one change to page two of the January 11, 2007 meeting minutes.

MOTION

Mr. Wall moved the Board approve the minutes of the January 11, 2007 meeting as amended. Mrs. McFadden seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Chairman's Remarks – Hugh Ryan

Mr. Ryan made no remarks at this time.

Administrator's Remarks – Lenora Addison-Miles

Mrs. Addison-Miles reminded the members that the Statement of Economic Interest Forms are due to the State Ethics Commission no later than Monday, April 16, 2007. She noted the members could face a \$100 penalty per day if the forms are not submitted by the deadline.

Legislative Update, If Needed, Legislative Liaison Office

Advisory Opinions, If Needed, Office of General Counsel

There were no advisory opinions given during the April 5, 2007 meeting.

Mr. Ryan gave a brief legislative update later in the meeting.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business for Board discussion.

New Business

Approval of Licensure via Examination

a. Kevin E. Ard

Kevin Ard is applying for licensure via examination. He obtained an Associate Degree in Agriculture Technology from Horry-Georgetown Technical College in 1999. He passed the Certified Forester Exam in February 2007. His file is complete.

Mr. Ryan recused himself from participating and voting in this matter as both he and Mr. Ard are AFM employees. He turned the meeting over to Mr. Wall at this time.

MOTION

Mrs. McFadden moved the Board approve Mr. Ard for licensure. Mrs. Straka seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Wall turned the meeting back over to Mr. Ryan at this time.

b. Darren C. Atkins

Darren Atkins is applying for licensure via examination. He obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree in Forest Resource Management from Clemson University in 2001. He passed the certified forester exam in October 2006. His file is complete.

MOTION

Mr. Wall made a motion, seconded by Mr. Gantt and unanimously carried, that the Board approve Mr. Atkins for licensure.

c. James-Robert Jones

James-Robert Jones is applying for licensure by examination. He obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree in Forest Resource Management from Clemson University in 2004. He passed the certified forester exam in January 2007. His file is complete.

MOTION

Mr. Boozer moved the Board approve Mr. Jones for licensure. Mr. Wall seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

d. *Ryan Kirby*

Ryan Kirby is applying for licensure by examination. He obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree in Forest Resource Management from Clemson University in 1995. He passed the certified forester exam in February 2007. His file is complete.

MOTION

Mr. Wall made a motion, seconded by Mr. Boozer and unanimously carried, that the Board approve Mr. Kirby for licensure.

e. *Stephanie L. Kolok*

Stephanie Kolok is applying for licensure by examination. She obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree in Forest Resources from The University of Georgia in 2003. She passed the forester's exam administered by the Board in June 2005. Her file is complete.

MOTION

Mr. Wall moved the Board approve Ms. Kolok for licensure. Mr. Boozer seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

f. *Ashley Lamb*

Ashley Lamb is applying for licensure via examination. She obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree in Forest Resource Management from Clemson University in 1995 and obtained a Master of Science Degree in Forestry from Auburn University in 1998. She passed the South Carolina exam in 1995. She has two and one-half years of experience as a graduate assistant and 11 months of experience with the SC Forestry Commission. Her application file is lacking employment verification from International Paper.

The Board discussed whether or not it would count research done after the completion of her undergraduate degree toward her work experience. The Board determined it would count graduate work as employment if the individual is working in a forestry related field during graduate work, as long as a bachelor's degree has been obtained; however, it would not count work completed during an internship.

MOTION

Mr. Wall made a motion, seconded by Mr. Boozer and unanimously carried, that the Board approve Mrs. Lamb for licensure.

g. *Daniel D. Timms, III*

Daniel Timms is applying for licensure via examination. He obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree in Forest Resource Management from Clemson University in 2001. He passed the certified forester exam in November 2006. His file is complete.

Discussion ensued in regard to whether or not the applicant must have work experience under a registered forester. Mrs. Addison-Miles noted that neither the statute nor the regulations state

that work experience must be received under a registered forester. Mr. Ryan then noted the application must contain three professional references signed by registered foresters.

MOTION

Mr. Boozer moved the Board approve Mr. Timms for licensure. Mr. Wall seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Approval of Licensure via Reciprocity

a. *Grady S. Burdette*

Grady Burdette is applying for licensure via reciprocity. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Forest Engineering from Auburn University. He initially became licensed in Georgia via examination on August 10, 2005. His Georgia license is current through December 31, 2007, is in good standing and he is currently working for AFM.

MOTION

Mr. Boozer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wall and unanimously carried, that the Board approve Mr. Burdette for licensure by reciprocity.

b. *William Hightower*

William Hightower is applying for licensure by reciprocity. He obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree in Forest Resource Management from North Carolina State University in 2002. He is currently registered in North Carolina. His file is complete.

MOTION

Mr. Wall moved the Board approve Mr. Hightower for licensure by reciprocity. Mrs. Straka seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Approval of Licensure via Reinstatement

a. *Steven B. Jones*

Steven Jones is applying for reinstatement of his license. He initially became licensed in 1993 and his license lapsed on June 30, 2006. He has submitted an updated application, references, paid all appropriate fees and has provided proof of continuing forester education classes.

MOTION

Mr. Wall made a motion, seconded by Mr. Boozer and unanimously carried, that the Board approve Mr. Jones for reinstatement of licensure.

b. *Mary W. Morrison*

Mary Morrison is applying for reinstatement of her license. She initially became licensed in June 1999 and her license lapsed on June 30, 2001. She has submitted an updated application, references, paid all appropriate fees and has provided proof of continuing forester education classes.

MOTION

Mr. Wall moved the Board approve Ms. Morrison for reinstatement of licensure. Mr. Boozer seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Review of Work Experience

a. *Jason C McRee*

Jason McRee is asking the Board if his work experience would be appropriate and if it would qualify him to take the exam. His resume reflects he worked with the SC Department of Health and Environmental Control as a Regional Air Section Manager and Water Program Manager between June 2000 and November 2002 and has again worked with the agency from November 2003 to present. He worked with the US Forest Service, Savannah River Site as a Hydrologic Technician from November 2002 to November 2003. He worked as a District Manager with Dougherty and Dougherty Forestry between 1998 and 1999.

Jason McRee appeared before the Board and answered questions from the members. Mr. McRee stated he has approximately one year of experience with Dougherty and Dougherty Forestry and one year of experience with the US Forest Service. He further stated his title with the US Forest Service was Hydrologic Technician and he managed the day to day operation of an irrigation site. He went on to say this operation involved irrigating contaminated water onto 40 acres of planted pine trees to ensure that the pines could take full exposure of contaminated water, by slow controlled release, and still grow. He said he also conducted sampling on soil, ground water and service water sampling and collected water samples from foliage. He stated his job with the Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) involves controlled or prescribed burning. He went on to say he did not work directly with registered foresters, although there were foresters in his unit.

MOTION

Mr. Boozer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wall and unanimously carried, that the Board approve Mr. McRee's work experience.

Review of course for CFE credit

a. *Derrick Phinney*

Derrick Phinney is seeking the Board's approval of an Advanced Hydric Soils Workshop as continuing education credit. He took the workshop in North Carolina during September 2006.

Mrs. Addison-Miles stated he needed the continuing education credit to meet South Carolina continuing education requirements.

Mrs. McFadden stated she had reviewed the documentation and would approve the workshop as nine and one-half (9 ½) hours of continuing education credit.

MOTION

Mr. Wall moved the Board approve the workshop as nine and one-half (9 ½) hours of continuing foresters education credits in Category One. Mrs. McFadden seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Wall discussed the continuing forester education coordinator position with the Board. He noted one of his employees is currently handling the coordination of the continuing education; however, the individual will give the position up at the end of 2007. He believes the North Carolina Board of Registration for Foresters is now proposing to pay an individual to handle the coordination of continuing education. Following discussion on this matter, Mrs. Straka suggested Mr. Wall contact two individuals employed with Clemson University.

Mrs. McFadden stated the ASBORF meeting would be held June 7-8, 2007 in Choctaw, Mississippi. She further stated the agenda currently includes continuing forester education coordinators and South Carolina's success with the SAF certified forester exam. She also said she is looking for additional agenda items.

Mr. Ryan briefed the Board on the Board's proposed legislation. He noted the legislation has been introduced and the Agricultural, Natural Resources, and Environmental subcommittee may discuss the legislation during the week of April 16, 2007.

Public Comments

There were no public comments made during the April 5, 2007 meeting.

Adjournment

MOTION

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

The April 5, 2007 meeting of the SC Board of Registration for Foresters adjourned at 11:35 a.m.