

**MINUTES**  
**South Carolina Board of Registration for Foresters**  
**10:00 A.M., July 14, 2011**  
**Synergy Business Park**  
**Kingstree Building**  
**110 Centerview Drive, Conference Room 204**  
**Columbia, South Carolina**

**Meeting Called to Order**

Amy McFadden, chairman, of Georgetown, 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, vice chairman, of Georgetown; Charles Sibley, secretary, of Chapin; Ronald Byrd, of Hartsville; Fred Gantt, of Columbia; and Allen Dunn, of Central.

Staff members participating during the meeting included: Lenora Addison-Miles, Administrator; Theresa Garner, Program Assistant; Holly Gillespie, Senior Advice Counsel; and Dean Grigg, Advice Counsel.

Mrs. McFadden 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.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Chastain gave the invocation.

**Approval of Excused Absences**

**MOTION**

Dr. Dunn made a motion to approve the absence of Olin Lominick. Mr. Gantt seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

**Approval of the April 14, 2011 Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION**

Mr. Gantt made a motion the Board approve the April 14, 2011 minutes. Mr. Sibley seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

**Chairman's Remarks – Amy McFadden**

Mrs. McFadden had no comments.

**Administrator's Remarks – Lenora Addison-Miles**

Ms. Miles welcomed new board member, Ronald Byrd, of Hartsville, who replaces Virgil Wall. Mrs. Miles extended thanks to Mr. Wall for his dedicated service to the Board and the profession.

Ms. Miles reported that currently 658 foresters had renewed online. She stated June 30, 2011 was the deadline for renewing licenses without paying a penalty. As of July 14, 2011, 110 licensees are still "active in renewal", and have until September 30, 2011 to pay.

**Unfinished Business**

Administrator, Lenora Miles, stated a state-specific portion to the SAF exam would need to be validated. She stated she has contacted Louise Murgia at SAF regarding state specific questions to be added to the CF Exam. Advice counsel had previously advised the Board to have the questions validated.

Mr. Gantt suggested that former Board Chair, Virgil Wall, be presented a plaque recognizing his dedication and hard work while serving on the board. The board members agreed, and decided to present the plaque at the October meeting.

## **New Business**

### Approval of Licensure via Examination

*Mark Carison Branham*

The Board received a registration by examination application from Mark Branham on January 4, 2011. Mr. Branham obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Forest Resource Management from Clemson University on May 8, 2009. He passed the Certified Forester exam on May 10, 2011. Mr. Branham's application was added to the agenda, after packets were mailed to the members. His file is missing one reference and there are some questions regarding his work experience.

### **MOTION**

Mr. Gantt made a motion to hold the application until Mr. Branham provides the board with clarification regarding his work experience, and also provides an additional personal reference. Dr. Dunn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

*James Thomas McElveen*

The Board received an application for registration by examination from Mr. McElveen on May 9, 2011. He obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Forest Resource Management from Clemson University on December 20, 2001. He passed the Certified Forester exam on April 19, 2011. His file is complete.

### **MOTION**

Mr. Chastain made a motion to accept Mr. McElveen's application. Mr. Sibley seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

### Approval of Licensure via Reciprocity

*Jeffrey David Dawson*

The Board received an application for registration by reciprocity from Mr. Dawson on March 31, 2011. Mr. Dawson obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Forest Resources from the University of Georgia on December 15, 2007, and a Master of Forest Resources degree on May 8, 2010. He was licensed in Georgia by examination on February 9, 2011. His file is complete. The application was previously sent to members by email and was approved for registration. The application approval must be ratified.

### **MOTION**

Dr. Dunn made a motion to accept Mr. Dawson's licensure by reciprocity. Mr. Chastain seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

*Brian C. Reinhart*

The Board received an application for registration by reciprocity from Mr. Reinhart on October 26, 2010. Mr. Reinhart obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree in Government and Politics from George Mason University on May 20, 1995. He was licensed in NC on September 14, 2010 by examination. His file is complete.

**MOTION**

Mr. Gantt made a motion to accept Mr. Reinhart's licensure by reciprocity. Dr. Dunn seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

**Reinstatement Request**

*John C. Scott*

Mr. Scott's license was suspended in December of 2009 for failure to comply with the Board's CFE Audit and he was issued a Cease and Desist Order until he could provide proof of the required hours. In July 2010, the Board reviewed Mr. Scott's CFE documents and determined he was short 3.5 hours, and would need to reapply for reinstatement. Mr. Scott has submitted CFE documentation for the Board to review in order to release the suspension and allow him to renew his license.

**MOTION**

Mr. Chastain made a motion to remove the suspension of the license and allow Mr. Scott to renew. Dr. Dunn seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

**Continuing Forestry Education**

*Roddy Cooper*

Mr. Cooper submitted a written request for approval to carry over four (4) hours of his Category One CFE's from the 2007-2009 period to the current 2009-2011 period.

**MOTION**

Dr. Dunn made a motion to allow Mr. Cooper to carry over four (4) hours of his Category One hours for this renewal period. Mr. Sibley seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

*Edward Drayton*

Mr. Drayton submitted a written request to be exempt from the CFE requirement based on his years of forestry experience. The CFE requirement applies to registered foresters who, on July 1, 1991, had at least 30 years of experience.

**MOTION**

Mr. Byrd made a motion to approve Mr. Drayton's request for exemption of his CFE credit hours. Mr. Sibley seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Chairman McFadden appointed Mr. Chastain to head a subcommittee to review the statute and regulations for possible changes. Mr. Sibley will also serve on the committee.

**ASBORF Chair Nomination**

Chair, Amy McFadden, stated every year the Association of Southeastern Boards of Registration for Foresters (ASBORF), totaling seven states, meets. In 2012, South Carolina will host the annual meeting and Mrs. McFadden was nominated to serve as Chair-elect.

**MOTION**

Mr. Byrd made a motion to accept ASBORF's nomination that Amy McFadden serves as Chairman. Mr. Sibley seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

**Election of Investigative Review Committee (IRC) Member**

Administrator, Lenora Miles, presented information regarding the IRC Committee which is a tool the board uses during the complaint process. It is comprised of the board administrator, office of general counsel litigator, the office of investigations and enforcement supervisor, and one professional member. She outlined the steps taken prior to the case going before the IRC. Mrs. Miles stated OIE submits a summary of their findings for the IRC to review. The IRC meets,

reviews, and makes recommendations to be brought before the full board. The board makes the final decision regarding resolution of the case. Mrs. Miles said the board needs a professional member, a registered forester, to serve on the committee to determine the resolution of the cases, and provide guidance regarding the technical aspects of forestry. She said Chair, Amy McFadden, had spoken with former board member, Virgil Wall, who has agreed to serve.

### **MOTION**

Mr. Byrd made a motion to accept Mr. Wall as the IRC professional member. Mr. Sibley seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Chair, Amy McFadden, informed board members that Mr. Olin Lominick has asked the board to find a replacement for him, and the SCFA Executive Committee has submitted three names to the governor for consideration.

### **Public Comments**

No public comments were made during this meeting.

### **Executive Session**

The Board did not enter executive session.

### **Adjournment**

The July 14, 2011 meeting of the SC Board of Registration of Foresters adjourned at 11:19 a.m.

The next meeting of the SC Board of Registration of Foresters is scheduled for October 13, 2011.