

**MINUTES**  
**South Carolina Board of Registration for Foresters**  
**Conference Call Meeting**  
**10:00 A.M., July 19, 2012**  
**Synergy Business Park**  
**Kingstree Building**  
**110 Centerview Drive, Conference Room 204**  
**Columbia, South Carolina**

**Meeting Called to Order**

Charles Sibley, chairman, of Chapin, called the conference call meeting of the SC Board of Registration for Foresters to order at 10:05 a.m. Other Board members participating in the meeting included: Ronald Byrd, of Hartsville; Robert Drummond, of Columbia; William Moody, of Lexington; James Hendricks, of Columbia; Amy McFadden of Georgetown; and Eric Smith of Greenwood.

Staff members participating during the meeting included: Lenora Addison-Miles, Administrator; Theresa Garner, Program Assistant; and Sheridon Spoon, Advice Counsel.

Mr. Sibley 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 participants recited the Pledge of Allegiance, which was followed by the invocation.

**Approval of Excused Absences**

There were no absences to be excused.

**Approval of the April 12, 2012 Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION**

Mrs. McFadden made a motion the Board approve the April 12, 2012 minutes. Mr. Byrd seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

**Chairman's Remarks – Charles Sibley**

Mr. Sibley welcomed new board member, Robert Drummond. He asked that former board member, Fred Gantt be awarded a service plaque at the October meeting.

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

Mrs. Miles reminded board members of the upcoming Insurance Reserve Fund class that is being held on September 14, 2012 from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m., at the South Carolina Fire Academy, Denny Auditorium. This class will share information as to legal representation should a lawsuit be filed against the agency, staff or board members. She provided members with a copy of the summary of the Temporary License for Military Spouse Law, and a copy of the new Timber Theft Law that went into effect on July 1, 2012.

Mrs. Miles reported there are currently 704 Foresters registered through June 30, 2013. She informed members that changes to the board's regulations were published in the *South Carolina State Register* on June 22, 2012 and were effective as of that date. The Cash balance for May 2012 was \$26,539.52. She reported the new mileage reimbursement rate increased to 55.5 cents per mile effective July 1, 2012.

## **Unfinished Business**

There was no unfinished business.

## **New Business**

### Approval of Licensure via Examination

*Robert Daniel Tew*

The board reviewed Mr. Tew's application, which was received on April 23, 2012. He obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree in Environmental and Natural Resources on May 9, 2008, and a Master of Forest Resources Degree on December 17, 2009 from Clemson University. He passed the Certified Forester exam on June 30, 2011.

### **MOTION**

Mr. Hendricks made a motion to approve Mr. Tew's request for licensure. Mr. Smith seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

## **Letters of Caution and Dismissals**

Mrs. Miles informed board members that they needed to decide whose signature they would like to appear on Letters of Caution and Dismissals. She stated in the past, dismissal letters were signed by the administrator, and letters of caution were signed by the board chair. She requested the board make an official vote on whose signature they would prefer to appear on the letters.

### **MOTION**

Mrs. McFadden made a motion to approve both Letters of Caution and Dismissals be signed by the board chairman. Mr. Byrd seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

## **2012 ASBORF Annual Meeting**

Chairman Sibley commended Amy McFadden for all the work she did in preparing for the ASBORF Annual Meeting held in Georgetown on June 21 and 22, 2012. He asked her to give a report.

Mrs. McFadden reported they had great attendance, with South Carolina being the host state. The states represented were: Arkansas, Mississippi, North Carolina, Alabama, Pennsylvania, and SAF. Georgia and Oklahoma were not represented.

There was discussion on organization of boards and their oversights, along with funding and disciplinary actions. Former board member, George Chastain gave them a wonderful tour of Hobcaw Creek Plantation, allowing them to see low country forestry in action. Next year's meeting will be held in Mississippi.

## **Public Comments**

No public comments were made during the meeting.

## **Executive Session**

The Board did not enter into executive session.

## **Adjournment**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

The next meeting of the SC Board of Registration for Foresters is scheduled for October 11, 2012.