

MINUTES
South Carolina Board of Registration for Foresters
10:00 A.M., October 13, 2011
Synergy Business Park
Kingstree Building
110 Centerview Drive, Conference Room 204
Columbia, South Carolina

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/forestry

Meeting Called to Order

Amy McFadden, chairman, of Georgetown, called the regular meeting of the SC Board of Registration for Foresters to order at 9:59 a.m. Other Board members in attendance included: George Chastain, vice chairman, of Georgetown; Charles Sibley, secretary, of Chapin; Fred Gantt, of Columbia; and Allen Dunn, of Central. Ronald Byrd, of Hartsville, participated in the meeting telephonically.

Staff members participating during the meeting included: Lenora Addison-Miles, Administrator; Theresa Garner, Program Assistant; 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

George Chastain made a motion to approve the absence of Olin Lominick. Mr. Sibley seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Approval of the July 14, 2011 Meeting Minutes

MOTION

Dr. Dunn made a motion the Board approve the July 14, 2011 minutes. Mr. Gantt seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Chairman's Remarks – Amy McFadden

Mrs. McFadden had no comments.

Administrator's Remarks – Lenora Addison-Miles

Mrs. Miles reported the agency is requiring a court reporter for all board meetings in order to provide a verbatim transcript of the meetings. The transcript will be posted on the Board's website.

There are 695 foresters registered through June 30, 2013. The late renewal period ended September 30th. Registrants can now apply for reinstatement. There are 76 licenses that lapsed effective June 30th compared to 62 that lapsed in 2009.

Each member was provided information to access the LLR Board Member website, as well as information regarding the 2012 State Official License Plates.

CFE audit letters were mailed on October 12, 2011 to 63 registrants. Registrants are asked to submit proof of their CFE's by November 30, 2011. The Board will review the documents during the January 2012 meeting.

The Board received detailed information regarding the August 2011 budget with a cash balance of \$35,459.02.

Unfinished Business

Mrs. McFadden stated the SCFA executive committee has submitted three names as replacements for Mr. Lominick. Mr. Lominick previously indicated he no longer wished to serve on the Board.

The Board will present a plaque to former chairman, Virgil Wall, during the January 2012 meeting.

New Business

Approval of Licensure via Examination

Mark Carison Branham

The Board reviewed Mr. Branham's application during the July 14, 2011 meeting and voted to hold the application until he provided additional information regarding his work experience and an additional reference. 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. In an email dated August 2, 2011, Mr. Branham provided clarification regarding the three months of work experience, which he indicated was a full time internship with a registered forester.

MOTION

Mr. Byrd made a motion to approve Mr. Branham for licensure effective January 2012 or earlier if he can show he has the required work experience. Mr. Gantt seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Mosely Clement Coleman III

The Board received an application for registration by examination from Mr. Coleman on July 20, 2011. He obtained an Associate in Agriculture (Forestry Management Technology) degree from Horry-Georgetown Technical College on May 7, 1998. He passed the Certified Forester exam on July 8, 2011. His file is complete.

MOTION

Dr. Dunn made a motion to approve Mr. Coleman for licensure. Mr. Sibley seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Clay Hunter Folk

The Board received an updated application for registration by examination from Mr. Folk on July 7, 2011. He obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Forest Resource Management from Clemson University on December 16, 1999. He passed the state examination on March 6, 2000. His file is complete.

MOTION

Dr. Dunn made a motion to approve Mr. Folk's application. Mr. Sibley seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Approval of Licensure via Reciprocity

Jacob Owen Foose

The Board received an application for registration by reciprocity from Mr. Foose on August 9, 2011. He obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Forest Resource Management from Clemson University on August 13, 2005. He was licensed in North Carolina on October 12, 2007 by examination. His file is complete.

MOTION

Mr. Chastain made a motion to accept Mr. Foose for licensure by reciprocity. Dr. Dunn seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Reinstatement Request

Blair F. Baldwin

Mr. Baldwin's license lapsed June 30, 2005. He has submitted a completed reinstatement packet and paid all fees.

MOTION

Mr. Sibley made a motion to reinstate Mr. Baldwin's license. Dr. Dunn seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

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.

Statute and Regulations Review

The Board discussed the possibility of submitting changes to the statute and regulations to eliminate current conflicts between the two, and to eliminate sections that pertain to the board as an independent agency.

2012 Proposed Meeting Dates

The proposed meeting dates for 2012 are January 19, April 12, July 19, and October 11. Discussion ensued.

MOTION

Mr. Sibley made a motion to approve the 2012 meeting dates. Dr. Dunn seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Public Comments

No public comments were made during this meeting.

Executive Session

The Board did not enter executive session.

Adjournment

The October 13, 2011 meeting of the SC Board of Registration of Foresters adjourned at 11:04 a.m.

The next meeting of the SC Board of Registration of Foresters is scheduled for January 19, 2012.