MINUTES South Carolina Board of Pyrotechnic Safety Board Meeting August 12, 2020, 10:00am Via Video/Teleconference

Meeting Called to Order

Chairman Rodney Wyndham called the meeting to order at 10:09 a.m. Other members attending the meeting included: Kelly Campsen, Chris Laundra, Joshua Spencer, Stewart Robertson, Ricky Howell, and Ann Graham.

Staff members attending the meeting included: Molly Price, Administrator; Shakera Thomas, Program Assistant; Georgia Lewis, Office of Advice Counsel; Erin Baldwin, Office of Disciplinary Counsel; Shawn Stickle, Chief Deputy State Fire Marshal, and Sonya Morse, Paralegal.

Members of public in attendance included: David Dumm, Jerry Wingard, Mariah Thorne, John Casey and Greg Shelton.

Public Notice

Mr. Wyndham announced that public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building and on the Agency's website, and provided to all requesting persons, organizations and news media in accordance with Section 30-4-80 of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act. As a result of the COVID-19 public health emergency, this meeting is being conducted via teleconferencing with notice given to all parties of this teleconferencing platform.

Approval of Agenda

MOTION: To approve the agenda for August 12, 2020, meeting Spencer/Laundra/approved.

Introduction of Board Members and Others

Board members and Board staff introduced themselves.

Approval of Excused Absences

None

Approval of Meeting Minutes

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the February 26, 2020, Board Meeting Spencer/Graham/approved.

Board Chairman's Remarks - Rodney Wyndham

Mr. Wyndham thanked everyone for being in attendance and stated that he appreciated everyone's patience as the Board worked through their first virtual meeting. He also thanked the staff for their work that went into setting up the meeting.

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Staff Reports

Administrator's Remarks

Ms. Price informed board members that staff issued 338 annual permits through August 31, 2020, 640 temporary permits for the 2020 4th of July season, 24 wholesaler licenses, 4 jobber licenses, and 25 Display Fireworks Magazines.

Ms. Price stated that reminder notices went out last week for licensure renewals for wholesalers, jobbers and annual permit holders.

Chief Stickle informed the Board that the new software interface for inspections and permitting was almost complete and he looked forward to showing it to the Board at the next meeting.

ODC Investigative Report

Ms. Baldwin stated that there was one open case and it was on the agenda today.

Motion to Reconsider Order to Cease & Desist – Case No. 2019-2

MOTION: To continue the hearing to the next meeting on December 2, 2020, due to technical difficulties experienced by the Respondent. Spencer/Graham/ approved.

New Business-Code of Ethics

Ms. Lewis explained to the Board what a code of ethics is and how it is common with many of the medical boards. She stated that it may not fit well with this Board, but asked the board members if they had any additional input or if they would like to add a code of ethics. Mr. Wyndham indicated that he did not see a need for a code of ethics at this time and that NFPA 1124 already covers a Standard of Conduct as it relates to fireworks. Mr. Wyndham and Mr. Spencer both said they did not see a need to add additional language to the statutes and regulations at this time.

Public Comments

Mr. Wyndham reminded the public to be mindful that the Board cannot take action on issues that are brought up in public comments.

There were no public comments.

Adjournment

MOTION: To adjourn. Spencer/Graham/approved.

The meeting adjourned at 11:12 a.m.