

MINUTES
SC Soil Classifiers Advisory Council
Conference Call Meeting
November 1, 2016 at 10 a.m.
Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building
110 Centerview Drive, Room 107
Columbia, SC

Call to Order and Introduction of Council Members and All Other Persons Attending

Chairman Thorp called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

Other members participating in the call included Chris Fincham, Vice Chairman; Bill Smith, Dennis DeFrancesco, and Randal Fowler.

Persons attending in the office included: Adam Russell, Esq., Office of Advice Counsel; Sherri Moorer, Program Assistant; Rick Caldwell, Department of Health and Environmental Control; David Vaughn, Department of Health and Environmental Control; Dylan Murphy, Department of Health and Environmental Control; and Nadine Garret (Creel Court Reporting).

Statement of Public Notice

Mrs. Moorer stated that public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the S.C. Soil Classifiers Advisory Council office, Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, and provided to all requesting persons, organizations and news media in compliance with §30-4-80 of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Thorp asked for proposed changes to the minutes of the March 8, 2016, conference call meeting.

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the March 8, 2016, conference call meeting.
Smith/Fowler/approved

Staff Reports

1. Mrs. Moorer gave the Administrative Report for the Advisory Council:
 - There are 47 active licensees in the State.
 - The Council has a cash balance of negative \$40,251.26 as of September 30, 2016.
 - There are no cases in the Office of Investigations and Enforcement.
 - There are no cases in the Office of Disciplinary Counsel.
 - There is no Investigative Review Report.
 - Dr. Bill Smith is resigning from the Advisory Council, effective December 31, 2016.
 - License renewals open today.
 - An update from the Soil Science Society of America is included in the meeting handouts. The Professional Practice exam will no longer be required for CPSS Certification; however, they will continue to offer this examination for states that require it for licensure. Dawn Gibas is in the process of forming a Professional Practice Exam Committee with representatives from each of the states using the PP exam. SSSA is also creating a new certification program called Certified Soil Technician (CST), which

requires the soils fundamentals exam, and at least an associate degree with seven credits in soil science.

- There were no examinees registered for the November 18, 2016, administration of the CSSE exam. The next administration of the CSSE is April 21, 2017. Exam registration will be open January 16 – March 10, 2017.
- DHEC Document 4591 regarding Onsite Wastewater Systems was approved by the legislature by meeting the expiration date for automatic approval. It went into effect on May 27, 2016. The final version is in the meeting handouts.
- Rick Caldwell, David Vaughan, and Dylan Murphy from DHEC are attending the meeting. They would like feedback from the Council members on a new Onsite Wastewater Site & Soil Evaluation 1774 form. The current and proposed forms are included in the meeting handouts, and will be discussed as a later agenda item.
- Information on personalized license tags will be sent by DMV in late November or early December.

Council Member Reports

1. Mr. DeFrancesco said that Dr. Smith is probably the longest serving member of any Board, as he was a founding member of the Soil Classifiers Advisory Council. The Council thanks Dr. Smith for his service.

MOTION: To formally recognize Dr. Bill Smith's professional service to the SC Soil Classifiers Advisory Council. DeFrancesco/Fowler/approved.

Unfinished Business

1. **Interpretation of Licensure Requirements** – Mr. Thorp said the NC Board of Licensed Soil Scientists did not give him a clear answer on their interpretation of their experience requirement. Mrs. Moorer will contact staff with the North Carolina and Georgia Soils program to gather information on their interpretation of the experience requirement. This issue will carry over to the next meeting.

New Business

1. **Council Member Vacancy** – Mrs. Moorer said that there are currently two resumes on file for a position on the Advisory Council. Notices have been posted on the website and in the newsletter to solicit for more applicants. The Council will vote on a proposed replacement at the next meeting.

2. 2017 Meeting Dates

MOTION: To approve March 7, 2017, and October 10, 2017, as meeting dates. Smith/Fowler/approved

3. 2017 Election of Officers

MOTION: To elect John Thorp as Chairman, and Chris Fincham as Vice Chairman. DeFrancesco/Smith/approved

4. **Review of Onsite Wastewater Site & Soil Evaluation Form 1774** – Rick Caldwell, David Vaughn, and Dylan Murphy presented a new Onsite Wastewater Site & Soil Evaluation Form 1774. Council determined that they would prefer to update the form currently in use.

MOTION: For Council members to individually send suggestions for improvement and modification to the current Onsite Wastewater Site & Soil Evaluation Form 1774 to Mr. Thorp. Thorp/Fincham/approved

Public Comments

Mr. Caldwell said the Department of Health and Environmental Control has seen an increase in applications throughout the year. He asked that Council provide DHEC with experts to design and participate in training in the second or third quarter.

Notice of Next Meeting

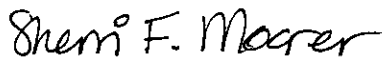
The next meeting of the SC Soil Classifiers Advisory Council will be held on Tuesday, March 7, 2017, at the SC Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation, Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, 110 Centerview Drive, Room 204, Columbia, SC, and will begin at 10 a.m.

There being no further business:

MOTION: To adjourn. Smith/Fowler/approved

The meeting adjourned at 10:58 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Sherri F. Moorer, Program Assistant