

MINUTES

South Carolina Board of Registration for Foresters
Board Meeting
10:00 A.M., October 15, 2002
Synergy Business Park
110 Centerview Drive, Kingstree Building, Room 108
Columbia, South Carolina

Hugh Ryan, Chairman, of Wedgefield, called the regular meeting of the S.C. Board of Registration of Foresters to order at 10:00 a.m. Other members present for the meeting included: Marietta Singleton, Vice Chairman, of Hemingway; Fred Gantt, Secretary, of Columbia; Raymond Boozer, of Gilbert; Allen Dunn, Ph.D., of Clemson; Patricia Straka, of Westminster; and Virgil Wall, of Greenwood.

Staff members participating during this meeting included: Sharon Dantzler, Deputy General Counsel, LLR-Office of General Counsel; Sandra Dickert, Administrative Assistant; Dwight Hayes, Administrator; Linda Holman, Administrative Specialist Lenora Miles, Program Assistant; and Barry Moreland, Administrative Assistant.

Members of the public present for the meeting included: Bryan Crosby, Gregory Hewett, Chris Huckleberry, Jimmy LaFrage, Harold Rozier, and David Van Lear.

Mr. Ryan 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, Room 108 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. He noted that a quorum was present.

Invocation

Mr. Wall delivered the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the July 11, 2002 Board Meeting and the September 5, 2002 Work Session Minutes

July 11, 2002 Meeting Minutes

MOTION

Mr. Ryan noted several corrections: 1) page one approval of minutes, add the word "a" after Mr. Gordy, 2) on the third page, third paragraph, strike SAF, 3) keep in touch with national office of SAF to investigate using the exam when it is marketed, 4) fifth paragraph - Ms. Straka will serve as chairperson of the testing committee, 5) page 5 last line, change gravest to greatest, 6) page 6, change Association of Southern Foresters to the Association of Consulting Foresters, strike Weyhaeuser, Westvaco, and IP.

MOTION

Mr. Gantt moved to approve the minutes as amended. Mr. Wall seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

September 5, 2002 Work Session Meeting

MOTION

Mr. Ryan noted two corrections to the September 5, 2002 minutes: 1) the letter was mailed to forestry interests instead of the industry and 2) Mr. Hoffman is the chairman of the American Society of Foresters Registration Committee.

MOTION

Mr. Boozer moved to approve the minutes of the September 5, 2002 meeting as amended. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wall and unanimously carried.

Chairman's Remarks

Mr. Ryan stated there is a lot of activity going on regarding the board and the legislation connected with it. He further stated the Society of American Foresters, the Association of Southern Foresters, as well as the board and other interests have had a committee meeting regarding the legislation.

Administrator's Remarks

Mr. Hayes stated renewals have been completed and staff will begin auditing continuing education of five to ten percent of the licensees in approximately one month. He further stated staff would be sending a letter to the foresters asking to attest to continuing education received.

Mr. Hayes briefly discussed pros and cons of biennial licensure.

Legislative Update, If Needed, Legislative Liaison Office

There was no legislative update given during the October 15, 2002 meeting.

Advisory Opinions, If Needed, Office of General Counsel

There were no advisory opinions given during the October 15, 2002 meeting.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business discussed during the October 15, 2002 meeting.

New Business

1. Applicants for Registration Approval

a. James L. LaFrage, Jr.

Mr. LaFrage is requesting licensure upon completion of his application. He has an associate's degree in forestry management and a bachelor's degree in business administration from Limestone College. He has passed the forestry examination.

Mr. Hayes briefed the board on why Mr. LaFrage was appearing before the board at this

time.

MOTION

Ms. Straka moved the board approve Mr. LaFrage as a registered forester. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wall, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Wall stated the Board should reply to the letter received by Mr. Hayes.

b. James Matthew Summers

Mr. Summers is requesting licensure upon completion of his application. He has passed the forestry examination. He holds a bachelor's degree in Forest Resource Management.

MOTION

Mr. Gantt moved the Board not approve Mr. Summers' application at this time due to lack of experience and that he may reapply after receiving seven months of experience under a registered forester. Ms. Singleton seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

c. Davis M. Watford, II

Mr. Watford is requesting licensure upon completion of his application. He has passed the forestry examination. He holds a bachelor's degree in Forestry Resource Management. He has received two years of experience.

MOTION

Mr. Boozer moved to approve this application. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wall and carried unanimously.

d. Charles B. Davis

Mr. Davis is requesting licensure upon completion of his application. He holds a bachelor's degree in Forestry Resource Management. He has passed the forestry examination. He has received two years of experience under a registered forester.

MOTION

Mr. Boozer moved to approve Mr. Davis' application. Mr. Wall seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

e. Travis D. Spainhour

Mr. Spainhour is requesting licensure upon completion of his application. He has passed the forestry examination. He holds a bachelor's degree in Forestry Resource Management and a master's degree in Forestry Resources. He has received two years of experience under a registered forester.

MOTION

Mr. Wall made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Boozer and unanimously carried, to approve Mr. Spainhour's application.

f. Fredrick M. Myers

Mr. Myers is requesting licensure upon completion of his application. He has passed the forestry examination. He holds a bachelor's degree in Forest Management.

Mr. Myers' supervisor is not a registered forester, however, he states that all of his work is approved by a registered forester.

MOTION

Mr. Wall moved to approve Mr. Myers' application. Mr. Boozer seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

g. Sean Bennett

Mr. Bennett is requesting licensure upon completion of his application, which is missing employment verification. He has passed the forestry examination. He holds a bachelor's degree in Forestry Management.

The Board took no action on this application as it lacks employment verification and personal references.

h. Gregory L. Hewett

Mr. Hewett is requesting licensure upon completion of his application, which is missing one professional reference. He has an associate's degree in forestry from Horry-Georgetown Technical College. He has passed the forestry exam.

Mr. Moreland stated Mr. Hewett brought the missing professional reference to the meeting.

MOTION

Ms. Straka moved the Board Mr. Hewett's application. Ms. Singleton seconded the application, which carried unanimously.

i. George C. Muckenfuss

Mr. Muckenfuss is requesting licensure upon completion of his application. He has passed the forestry examination. He holds a bachelor's degree in Wild Life Biology from Clemson. His criminal history information is more than ten years old.

This application was approved during the April 2002 meeting

j. Michael B. Mills

Mr. Mills is requesting licensure upon completion of his application. He has passed the forestry examination. He holds a bachelor's degree in Forest Resource Management. His criminal record indicates a DUI conviction in 1999.

This application was approved during the July 2002 meeting.

k. William B. Crosby

Mr. Crosby is requesting licensure upon completion of his application. He has an Associate's Degree in Forestry from Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College. He has passed the forestry exam. His criminal history is older than ten years.

Mr. Crosby appeared before the board at this time.

MOTION

Mr. Boozer moved to approve this application. Mr. Wall seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Mr. Ryan recused himself from voting in this matter.

l. Sally R. Walker

Ms. Walker is requesting licensure upon completion of her application. She has a bachelor's degree in forest resource management. She has passed the exam.

This application was approved during the July 2002 meeting.

m. De Anna C. Eddy

Ms. Eddy holds a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in Forestry from Auburn University. She has passed the forestry examination and has received her two years of work experience.

MOTION

Mr. Wall moved to approve Ms. Eddy's application. The motion was seconded by Mr. Boozer and unanimously carried.

2. Applicants for Reciprocal Registration

a. Jeremy A. Kessinger

Mr. Kessinger is requesting licensure via reciprocity from Alabama. He has a bachelor's degree in Forestry and Wildlife. His application is missing one professional reference.

MOTION

Mr. Wall made a motion, seconded by Mr. Boozer and unanimously carried, to accept Mr. Kessinger's application.

b. Matthew A. Whitley

Mr. Whitley is requesting licensure via reciprocity from Georgia. He has a bachelor's degree in forestry. His application is complete.

MOTION

Mr. Wall moved to approve Mr. Whitley's application. The motion was seconded by Ms. Straka and unanimously carried.

c. Mark L. Wiles

Mr. Wiles is requesting licensure via reciprocity from Georgia. He has a bachelor's degree in forestry. His application lacks one professional reference.

MOTION

Mr. Wall moved to approve Mr. Wiles' application. Mr. Gantt seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

3. Applicant for Examination

a. Christopher Scott Huckleberry

Mr. Huckleberry is requesting permission to take the forester examination. His application is complete. He is a high school graduate.

MOTION

Mr. Boozer moved to approve Mr. Huckleberry's application to take the examination. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wall, which carried unanimously.

4. Applicants for Reinstatement

a. David H. Van Lear

Mr. Van Lear is requesting reinstatement of his license.

Mr. Dunn and Ms. Straka recused themselves from voting in this matter.

MOTION

Mr. Wall moved the Board accept Mr. Van Lear's reinstatement. Mr. Boozer seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

b. Harold H. Rozier, Jr.

Mr. Rozier allowed his grandfathered license to lapse one year after it was issued. He now wishes to reinstate his license without take the examination.

MOTION

Mr. Gantt moved to approve Mr. Rozier's reinstatement application. The motion was seconded by Ms. Straka and unanimously carried.

5. Memo of Understanding with the S.C. Forestry Commission

Mr. Ryan stated Mr. Bill Boykin, of the S.C. Forestry Commission, had requested the Board and the Commission work together. He asked the Board if they would agree to allow him draft a memo of understanding with the Commission. He would have the board review and approve the memo at the next meeting. The board agreed to Mr. Ryan's suggestion.

6. CFM Program Requirements

The board discussed CFM program requirements.

MOTION

Mr. Wall moved that company land be owned fee simple and land management decisions must be signed by a registered forester. Ms. Singleton seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

7. Reinstatement Guidelines - Fee

After some discussion regarding reinstatement guidelines and fees, Ms. Straka agreed to draft a proposed guideline on this matter for the board's review during the next meeting.

Discussion Items

The board discussed SAF and its presentation on the board's proposed legislation. The board discussed possible meeting dates to meet with different associations on the legislation.

Mr. Hayes briefly discussed staying on track with a possible national exam.

Public Comments

There were no public comments made during the October 15, 2002 meeting.

Executive Session

The board did not enter executive session.

Adjournment

There being no further business to be brought before the board the meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.