

## MINUTES

South Carolina Board of Registration for Foresters  
Board Meeting  
10:00 A.M., January 9, 2003  
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 for Foresters to order at 10:00 a.m. Other members participating during the meeting included: Marietta Singleton, Vice Chairman, of Hemingway; Fred Gantt, of Columbia; Allen Dunn, Ph.D., of Central; Patricia Straka, of Westminster; and Virgil Wall, of Greenwood.

Raymond Boozer, of Gilbert, was not present for the meeting.

Staff members participating during the meeting included: Sharon Dantzler, Deputy General Counsel, LLR-Office of General Counsel; Sandra Dickert, Administrative Assistant; Lenora Miles, Interim Administrator; and Barry Moreland, Administrative Assistant.

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 also noted that a quorum was present.

### Invocation

Mr. Gantt delivered the invocation.

### Pledge of Allegiance

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

### Approval of the October 15, 2002 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Wall noted one change on page four, second paragraph - insert "by" instead of "for".

Ms. Straka suggested adding "decisions" following land management in the motion regarding the CFM program requirements.

### MOTION

Ms. Singleton moved the Board approve the minutes as amended. Mr. Wall seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

### Chairman's Remarks - Hugh Ryan

Mr. Ryan stated the November 13, 2002 meeting regarding legislation was followed by a committee meeting held on December 16, 2002. He further stated another meeting would be held on January 10, 2003.

Ms. Straka stated it was good that Mr. Crad Jaynes attended the meeting on behalf of the American Loggers Council. She further stated she feels the discussion is now being focused on the standards of conduct for professional foresters instead of the practice of forestry.

#### Administrator's Remarks - Lenora Miles

##### 1. Governor-elect Sanford's Cabinet Nominee - Adrienne Youmans

Ms. Miles stated Governor-elect Sanford has nominated Adrienne Youmans as the Director for the Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation. She indicated staff does not expect overall changes, however, the new administration would be closely reviewing budgets and expenditures.

##### 2. Pre-filed Bill

Ms. Miles stated Representatives Kirsh, Altman and Stille have pre-filed a bill which would authorize the Board to deny licensure or suspend a license for default, nonpayment or breach of a repayment or service obligation under any state or federal education loan, loan repayment, or service-conditional scholarship program. She asked that the Board review the bill and inform her of how it feels regarding the bill.

Ms. Dantzler stated this legislation would not be difficult to deal with at the application level, however, it would be difficult to deal with when an individual is in compliance right after school but quits repaying but still owes on the loan one or two years later, and after becoming licensed, the Board learns from the student loan guaranteed agency that the individual is in default.

#### MOTION

Dr. Dunn moved the Board rule in favor of the bill as long as funding is made available to run the program. The motion was seconded by Ms. Straka and unanimously carried.

##### 3. Budget Update

Ms. Miles presented the members with a copy of the budget, which showed inflows and expenditures from July 1, 2002 through November 30, 2002.

##### 4. Advisory Opinions, If Needed, Office of General Counsel

Ms. Miles updated the Board regarding the homeowner cutting timber in the City of Orangeburg. She further stated the documents received in this matter has been reviewed and indicate no unlicensed practice.

#### Action Items

##### Unfinished Business

##### 1. Memo of Understanding with the S.C. Forestry Commission - Hugh Ryan

Mr. Ryan presented a Memo of Understanding with the S.C. Forestry Commission to the Board for approval.

The Board made the following corrections:

1. The second #5 should be #6. The chapter should be Chapter 27 instead of Chapter 31.
2. Removed 'as defined in the South Carolina Code of Laws, Title 48, Chapter 31 in first Whereas
3. Removed violations of Title 48, Chapter 31 and inserted unprofessional conduct by licensed Foresters in number 2.

Mr. Ryan stated he would submit the changes to the Forestry Commission.

## 2. Reinstatement Guidelines/Fees - Patricia Straka

Ms. Straka made the following recommendations for the reinstatement guideline:

- Up to one year overdue paying registration an individual would pay the registration fee, the late fee and complete 10 hours of continuing forester education.
- Between one year and two years, an individual would pay the registration fee, the application fee, double the late fee and complete 20 hours continuing forester education.
- If more than two years, an individual must apply for a new license.

Mr. Ryan suggested the individual who has not renewed between one year and two years pay double the registration fee and double the late fee.

Ms. Straka suggested an individual who has not renewed from one month to six months pay a late fee, from six months to twelve months, the late fee is doubled, and if two years late an individual could pay three times the late fee.

Ms. Straka suggested that an individual who has not renewed in three months pay a late fee and obtain continuing forester education and after three months an individual would fall in the reinstatement category.

Dr. Dunn asked that Ms. Straka present the Board with this information in writing for the Board's review.

## New Business

### 1. Applicants for Registration by Examination

#### a. George Michael Ware

Mr. Ware is requesting licensure via examination. He has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Forestry Resource Management from Clemson University and has passed the exam. His file is complete.

## MOTION

Mr. Wall moved the Board accept this application. The motion was seconded by Dr. Dunn and unanimously carried.

b. Roderick D. Cooper

Mr. Cooper is requesting licensure via examination. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Forestry Resource Management from Clemson University and has passed the exam. His file is complete.

MOTION

Dr. Dunn made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wall and unanimously carried, that the Board accept this application.

c. Britt A. Feldner

Mr. Feldner is requesting licensure by examination. He holds an Associate Degree in Agriculture from Horry-Georgetown Technical College and has passed the examination. His file is complete.

MOTION

Mr. Wall moved the Board accept this application. Dr. Dunn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

d. Steven J. Gindley

Mr. Grindley is requesting licensure by way of examination. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Forestry Resource Management from Clemson University and has passed the examination. His file is complete.

MOTION

Mr. Wall made a motion, seconded by Ms. Singleton and unanimously carried, that the Board accept this application.

e. Hazen M. Eddy

Mr. Eddy is requesting licensure via examination. He holds an Associate Degree in forestry from Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College and has passed the examination. His file is complete.

The Board determined Mr. Eddy was not in compliance with the six years experience and that it needs clarification on the time between Auburn and Research Tech.

f. Douglas R. Mills

Mr. Mills is requesting licensure by examination. He has a Bachelor of Science Degree from Clemson University in Forest Resource Management and has passed the exam. His file is complete.

MOTION

Dr. Dunn moved the Board approve this application. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wall and unanimously carried.

g. William Emmerson

Mr. Emmerson is requesting licensure via examination. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree Forestry Resource Management from Clemson University and has passed the examination. His file is complete.

MOTION

Mr. Wall moved the Board accept this application. Dr. Dunn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

h. Donald C. Murphy

Mr. Murphy is requesting licensure by way of examination. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Forest Resource Management and a MS in Business Administration from Clemson University. He passed the examination in 1998. His file is complete.

MOTION

Dr. Dunn made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wall and unanimously carried, the Board accept this application.

i. Sean Michael Bennett

Mr. Bennett is requesting licensure by way of examination. He has a Bachelor of Science Degree in forestry Management from Clemson University and has passed the examination. His file is complete.

MOTION

Dr. Dunn moved the Board accept the application. Mr. Wall seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

j. Timothy D. Hegler

Mr. Hegler is requesting licensure via examination. He is claiming he holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Forestry Management from Clemson University; however, his file is missing education verification. He passed the exam on April 14, 1994 when the S.C. Forestry Commission administered it.

MOTION

Ms. Straka moved the Board grant the license, contingent upon verification of education. Dr. Dunn seconded the motion, which carried with a majority vote. Mr. Gantt voted nay.

2. Applicants for Reinstatement

a. Henry S. Higgins

Mr. Higgins is requesting reinstatement after allowing his license to lapse in 2000. He has furnished continuing education for this period, along with an updated application. It was noted that Mr. Higgins has not submitted a criminal records check. Staff has received the \$50 late fee as well as the \$65 registration fee (totaling \$115).

Mr. Ryan stated Mr. Higgins should be charged a \$215 reinstatement fee.

MOTION

Mr. Wall moved to accept pending receipt of criminal records check and a \$100fee. Dr. Dunn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

b. Benjamin I. Cromer

Mr. Cromer is requesting reinstatement after allowing his license to lapse in 2001. He has submitted \$230.00 for his reinstatement.

MOTION

Dr. Dunn moved the Board accept this application. The motion was seconded by Ms. Straka and unanimously carried.

3. Applicants for Reciprocal Registration

a. William Leslie Smith

Mr. Smith is requesting his license via reciprocity with North Carolina. Staff has verified his North Carolina license. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Forestry from North Carolina State University. His file is complete.

MOTION

Mr. Wall made a motion the Board accept this application. Dr. Dunn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

b. William H. Lock

Mr. Lock is requesting a license by way of reciprocity with North Carolina. Staff has verified his licensure with North Carolina. He holds a MD Degree in Forestry from North Carolina State University. His file is complete.

MOTION

Mr. Wall moved the Board accept this application. The motion was seconded by Dr. Dunn and unanimously carried.

c. James Lewis Harrison

Mr. Harrison is requesting licensure by reciprocity with North Carolina. Staff has verified his license with North Carolina. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Forestry from North Carolina State University. His file is complete.

MOTION

Dr. Dunn made a motion, seconded by Ms. Singleton and unanimously carried, the Board grant this license, pending passage of the examination.

d. Lamar E. Zipperer

Mr. Zipperer is requesting licensure by way of reciprocity with Georgia. Staff has verified licensure with the State of Georgia. His Georgia license was issued via education and experience. He is claiming education includes a Bachelor of Science Degree in Forestry from the University of Georgia and a MS in Agri-Economics. His file is lacking the

education verification and a criminal history check.

#### MOTION

Dr. Dunn made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wall and unanimously carried; the Board accept this application, pending receipt of the criminal records check.

e. John W. Godbee

Mr. Godbee is requesting his license via reciprocity with Georgia, where he passed the examination. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Forest Resources from the University of Georgia. His file is complete.

#### MOTION

Mr. Wall moved the Board accept this application. Dr. Dunn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

#### Reinstatement Guidelines/Fees Discussion (Continued)

Ms. Straka made the following recommendations for reinstatement:

From zero to three months, an individual pay the late fee plus the registration and should have 10 CFEs. From three months to 12 months an individual pay the reinstatement fee (\$100), the registration fee (\$65), and the late registration fee (\$50). From one year to two years an individual pay the reinstatement fee (\$100), double the registration fee (\$130), double the late fee (\$100) and have 20 hours CFEs. After two years, an individual must apply for new licensure. She recommended that active military be exempt and that the policy be effective today.

#### MOTION

Dr. Dunn moved to accept Ms. Straka's policy regarding reinstatement: from zero to three months, an individual pay the late fee plus the registration and should have 10 CFEs; from three months to 12 months an individual pay the reinstatement fee (\$100), the registration fee (\$65), and the late registration fee (\$50); from one year to two years an individual pay the reinstatement fee (\$100), double the registration fee (\$130), double the late fee (\$100) and have 20 hours CFEs; after two years, an individual must apply for new licensure; that active military be exempt and that the policy be effective today. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wall and unanimously carried.

The Board determined it would charge Mr. Van Lear and Mr. Rozier \$100 to reinstate their licenses.

#### Discussion Items

Ms. Miles questioned the Board regarding the scoring of the exam. She asked if the Board gives the candidates ten points for showing up. The Board replied negatively.

Mr. Ryan stated that the new CFE Coordinator is Amy Iasiello. He indicated she is affiliated with Horry-Georgetown Technical College.

### Public Comments

There were no public comments made during the January 9, 2003 meeting

### Executive Session

The Board did not enter executive session during the January 9, 2003 meeting.

### Adjournment

There being no further business to be discussed at this time, the meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.