

**MINUTES**  
**South Carolina Board of Registration for Foresters**  
**10:00 A.M., April 14, 2011**  
**Synergy Business Park**  
**Kingstree Building**  
**110 Centerview Drive, Conference Room 204**  
**Columbia, South Carolina**

**Meeting Called to Order**

Virgil Wall, chairman, of Greenwood, called the regular meeting of the SC Board of Registration for Foresters to order at 10:00 a.m. Other Board members in attendance included: Amy McFadden, vice chairman, of Georgetown; George Chastain, secretary, of Georgetown; Fred Gantt, of Columbia, Olin Lominick, of Pomaria, Allen Dunn, of Central and Charles Sibley, of Chapin.

Staff members participating during the meeting included: Lenora Addison-Miles, Administrator; Theresa Garner, Administrative Assistant; Charles Ido, Assistant Deputy Director; and Sheridon Spoon, Assistant General Counsel.

Mr. Wall 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. Gantt gave the invocation.

**Approval of Excused Absences**

There were no excused absences.

**Approval of the January 13, 2011 Meeting Minutes**

Mr. Gantt noted a correction to the first page, under Chairman's Remarks. April 14, 2010 should be April 14, 2011.

**MOTION**

Mr. Sibley made a motion the Board approve the minutes as amended. Mrs. McFadden seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

**Chairman's Remarks – Virgil Wall**

Mr. Wall reserved his comments until later.

**Administrator's Remarks – Lenora Addison-Miles**

Legislative Update, If Needed, Legislative Liaison Office

Advisory Opinions, If Needed, Office of General Counsel

There was no legislative update or advisory opinions given during this meeting.

OIE (Office of Investigations & Enforcement) Report  
No representative from OIE was present to give this report.

OGC (Office of General Counsel) Report  
No representative was present to give this report.

Mrs. Addison-Miles introduced Theresa Garner, Administrative Assistant, and thanked her for recording the minutes. Sheridan Spoon, Assistant General Counsel was introduced, and will be the Board's new advice counsel. Mrs. Dantzler retired effective March 31, 2011.

Mrs. Addison-Miles introduced Chares Ido, Assistant Deputy Director. Mr. Ido briefly addressed the board. He informed board members of the agency's reorganization and reduction in force. He stated the Office of Licensure and Compliance (OLC) had been dissolved, and the licensing functions have been returned to the boards. The boards will be responsible for processing applications, and renewing licenses. Also, the board will maintain their own budgets. He stated the Governor's office is reviewing board member vacancies and appointments for members whose terms have expired.

Mr. Ido briefed the board on the Investigative Review Committee (IRC) which is a tool used in the complaint process. The IRC is comprised of the board administrator, office of general counsel litigator, and the Office of Investigations and Enforcement (OIE) supervisor, and one professional member. The committee is responsible for reviewing the complaint case and making a recommendation to the full board. The board also needs to develop resolution guidelines to assist OIE resolve cases. Board members should forward complaints to the administrator.

Mrs. Addison-Miles stated there are currently 764 foresters registered through June 30, 2011. Twenty three new licenses were issued during the July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2011 licensing period. There is currently a negative cash balance but the upcoming renewal period will generate revenue to eliminate the deficit.

Mrs. Addison-Miles informed members of the new mileage reimbursement rate of 50.5 cents, and reminded members that Statement of Economic Interest forms must be filed electronically by April 15, 2011.

Sheridon Spoon, Assistant General Counsel, addressed the board regarding a routine review and 'clean-up' of all practice acts and regulations for LLR boards. Members were asked to review the laws to determine if changes need to be made. The board identified section 48-27-70 of the statute, and sections 53-13, 53-15, and 53-20 of the regulations that need to be changed. The current CFE categories need to be eliminated in order to comply with the Society of American Foresters' revised CFE categories.

### **Unfinished Business**

Mrs. Addison-Miles asked Mr. Spoon to advise the board regarding the development of a state specific examination to be integrated into the SAF certified forester exam. Mr. Spoon advised the board to make SAF responsible for the psychometrics and validity of the examination. He recommended the board attempt to get the exam professionally validated externally.

### **New Business**

#### Approval of Licensure via Examination

*Samuel Ardrey*

The Board received a registration by examination application from Samuel Ardrey dated September 10, 2010. Mr. Ardrey obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree in Forest Resource Management from Clemson University on December 18, 2008. He passed the certified forester exam on March 2, 2011. His file is complete.

**MOTION**

Mrs. McFadden made a motion the Board approve the application pending receipt of a letter from his employer to verify two years of work experience. Mr. Gantt seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

*Jonathan Wayne Barker*

Mr. Barker's application was reviewed and approved during the January 13, 2011 meeting.

*Corbin Alexander Johnson*

The Board originally reviewed Mr. Johnson's application during the October 14, 2010 meeting and tabled the application until a completed packet was received. Mr. Johnson obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Forest Resource Management from Clemson University on May 8, 2009. He passed the certified forester exam on September 14, 2010. He will have two years of work experience in May 2011.

**MOTION**

Dr. Dunn made a motion the Board approve the application pending receipt of an updated employment verification documenting two years of work experience. Mr. Sibley seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

**Approval of Reinstatement**

*Jerry A. Cribb*

On December 15, 2010 the Board received an application for reinstatement from Jerry A. Cribb. Mr. Cribb's license expired June 30, 2002. He has not provided an updated employment verification. According to his application, he has not been working in forestry for the past six years.

**MOTION**

Mr. Chastain made a motion to approve the application for reinstatement. Dr. Dunn seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

*Chester M. Kearse, Jr.*

On January 5, 2011 the Board received an application for reinstatement from Chester M. Kearse, Jr. Mr. Kearse's license expired June 30, 2009. He has submitted a complete reinstatement packet.

**MOTION**

Mr. Sibley made a motion to approve the application for reinstatement. Mr. Gantt seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

*Michelle Marie Rivers*

On March 17, 2011 the Board received an application for reinstatement from Michelle Marie Rivers. Ms. Rivers' license expired June 30, 2007. She has submitted a complete reinstatement packet.

**MOTION**

Dr. Dunn made a motion to approve the application for reinstatement. Mrs. McFadden seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

**Election of Officers**

*Chairman*

**MOTION**

Dr. Dunn made a motion to elect Mrs. McFadden as chairman. Mr. Gantt seconded the motion which carried.

*Vice Chairman*

**MOTION**

Mrs. McFadden made a motion to elect George Chastain as vice chairman. Dr. Dunn seconded the motion which carried.

*Secretary*

**MOTION**

Dr. Dunn made a motion to elect Charles Sibley as secretary. Mrs. McFadden seconded the motion which carried.

**Public Comments**

No public comments were made during this meeting.

**Executive Session**

The Board did not enter executive session.

**Adjournment**

The April 14, 2011 meeting of the SC Board of Registration of Foresters adjourned at 11:17 a.m.

The next meeting of the SC Board of Registration of Foresters is scheduled for July 14, 2011.