

**MINUTES**  
**South Carolina Board of Registration for Foresters**  
**Board Meeting**  
**10:00 A.M., October 12, 2006**  
**Synergy Business Park**  
**Kingtree Building**  
**110 Centerview Drive, Conference Room 111**  
**Columbia, South Carolina**

**Meeting Called to Order**

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, Kingtree 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.

Hugh Ryan, Chairman, of Wedgefield, 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: Virgil Wall, Vice Chairman of Greenwood; Patricia Straka, Secretary, of Westminster; Raymond Boozer, of Gilbert; B. Allen Dunn, Ph. D., of Central; Fred Gantt, of Columbia; and Amy L. McFadden, of Georgetown.

Staff members participating during the meeting included: Lenora Addison-Miles, Administrator and Sandra Dickert, Administrative Assistant.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Invocation**

Mr. Boozer delivered the invocation.

**Approval of the July 6, 2006 Meeting Minutes**

Mrs. McFadden noted one correction to page two of the minutes. She noted 'Smith' should be added to the second line of the first paragraph under Unfinished Business.

**MOTION**

Mr. Wall moved the Board approve the minutes of the July 6, 2006 meeting as amended. Mr. Gantt seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**Chairman's Remarks – Hugh Ryan**

Mr. Ryan made no remarks at this time.

**Administrator's Remarks – Lenora 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 the October 12, 2006 meeting.

Mrs. Miles stated lapsed license letters were mailed to 77 individuals who had not renewed on August 9, 2006. She noted 33 individuals whose registrations have lapsed. She further stated there are currently 783 registered foresters. She went on to say the last forester exam is scheduled for November 17, 2006. She continued by saying that nine individuals are eligible to take the exam, of which two have notified staff they will take the exam. She said the contract with SAF has been signed. She further stated she has submitted the names of 14 candidates to SAF who are eligible to take the exam.

### **Unfinished Business**

There was no unfinished business for discussion.

### **New Business**

Mr. Gantt stated Larry Nelson, a former Board member passed away in August 2006. The Board had a moment of silence for Mr. Nelson's family.

#### Approval of Licensure via Examination

a. *Samuel D Montgomery, III*

On September 5, 2006 the Board received an application for registration via the examination from Samuel D. Montgomery, III. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Forest Resource Management from Clemson University. He passed the examination in April 1993. His file is complete.

#### **MOTION**

Mr. Boozer made a motion seconded by Mr. Gantt and unanimously carried that the Board approve Mr. Montgomery's application.

b. *Scotty Comer*

On October 11, 2006 the Board received an application for registration via examination from Scotty Comer. Mr. Comer obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Forest Resource Management from Clemson University. He passed the exam in March 2002. His file is missing the SLED criminal records check and one employment verification from Frazier Land and Timber in Winnsboro.

#### **MOTION**

Mr. Wall moved the Board approve Mr. Comer's application pending receipt of the employment verification and the SLED report. Mrs. McFadden seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

#### Approval of Licensure via Reciprocity

a. *Gregory Lon Bailey*

On January 3, 2006 the Board received a registration by reciprocity application from Gregory Lon Bailey. Mr. Bailey obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Forest Management from Auburn University. He is currently licensed in Georgia. His file is complete.

#### **MOTION**

Dr. Dunn moved the Board approve Mr. Bailey's application. Mr. Wall seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

*b. Christopher James Childers*

On June 26, 2006 the Board received an application for registration by reciprocity from Mr. Christopher James Childers. Mr. Childers obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Forest Resource Management from Clemson University. He is currently licensed in North Carolina. His file is complete.

Mr. Wall stated North Carolina does not license their foresters, although the foresters are certified. Mrs. Straka stated it is called title protection. Mr. Wall stated it is not the same as South Carolina's registration. Mrs. Straka stated Mr. Wall was correct. Mr. Wall asked if the North Carolina Board still requires those individuals seeking certification to be examined. Mrs. Straka replied affirmatively and noted that the North Carolina exam is a tough exam. Mr. Wall stated he has spoken with an individual who said the ratio for those individuals passing the exam is 60%.

**MOTION**

Mr. Boozer made a motion, seconded by Dr. Dunn and unanimously carried that the Board approve Mr. Childers' application.

*c. Jason Michael Lefler*

On September 15, 2006 the Board received an application for registration by reciprocity from Mr. Jason Michael Lefler. Mr. Lefler holds Bachelor of Science degree in Forest Management from NC State University. He is currently licensed in North Carolina. His file is complete.

**MOTION**

Mr. Wall moved to approve Mr. Lefler's application. Mrs. McFadden seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

*d. John C. Miller*

On September 18, 2006 the Board received an application for registration by reciprocity from John Christopher Miller. Mr. Miller obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Forest Management from NC State University. He is currently licensed in North Carolina. His file is complete.

Mr. Ryan recused himself from participating in this matter as Mr. Miller is an AFM employee. He turned the meeting over to Mr. Wall at this time.

**MOTION**

Mrs. McFadden moved the Board approve Mr. Miller's application. Dr. Dunn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Ryan resumed the chairmanship of the meeting at this time.

**2007 Board Meeting Dates**

The Board reviewed the listed dates as proposed meeting dates.

January 11, 2007

April 5, 2007

July 12, 2007

October 11, 2007

**MOTION**

Dr. Dunn made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wall and unanimously carried, the Board approve the proposed 2007 meeting dates.

### Continuing Forester Education Audit (2005-2006)

Mrs. Miles stated staff conducted a random continuing forester education audit on ten percent of the current licensees on August 22, 2006 for compliance of the continuing forester education requirements. She went on to say 75 licensees were selected of which eight were exempt from continuing forester education. She further stated the registrants were asked to submit proof of their continuing education by October 2, 2006. She noted this was for the July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006 period. She said staff received responses from all of the individuals with the exception of the following five individuals:

Charles Birch, Cowpens, SC  
W. Ruskin Dowdy, Hopkins, SC  
William Haynie, Belton, SC

Robert Huff, Loris, SC  
Robert Richens, Jr., Hendersonville, NC

### **MOTION**

Mr. Wall moved the Board send these five individuals a certified letter stating they must submit proof of their continuing education credits to the Board no later than December 31, 2006 or face disciplinary action. Dr. Dunn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

### *Robert Hinson, Jr.*

Mr. Ryan stated he had received a letter from Mr. Hinson. Mrs. Miles stated the letter states Mr. Hinson went on active duty in December 2001. She further stated Mr. Hinson's license lapsed on June 30, 2001, which was prior to beginning his military tour of duty. Mr. Ryan asked Mrs. Miles notify Mr. Hinson of the reinstatement requirements.

Mr. Ryan stated the SC Forestry Association met recently and during executive session determined to remain neutral in regard to the proposed legislation.

Mrs. Straka stated the next ACF meeting is tentatively scheduled for October 26, 2006 in Columbia.

Mrs. Straka stated there is concern that ACF's official position statement does not reflect the position of all of the association's 50 members. She further stated the current chairman has called this meeting to ratify the statement, as only seven individuals voted on the official position statement.

A discussion regarding newsletter articles ensued.

### **Public Comments**

There were no public comments made during the October 12, 2006 meeting.

### **Executive Session**

The Board did not enter executive session.

### **Adjournment**

#### **MOTION**

There being no further business at this time, Mr. Wall made a motion, seconded by Dr. Dunn and unanimously carried, that the meeting be adjourned.

The October 12, 2006 meeting of the Board of Foresters adjourned at 11:08 a.m.