

Minutes
Board of the Department of Natural Resources

Yawkey Wildlife Center
One Yawkey Way South
Georgetown, SC
May 21, 2013 10:00 am

The regular meeting of the Board of the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources was held at 10:00 a.m., May 21, 2013, at Yawkey Wildlife Center, Georgetown, SC. Notice of the date, time and place of the meeting was posted and mailed to the news media. Chairman John Evans presided at the meeting. Board members present included Cary Chastain, Michael Hutchins, Randy Lowe, Glenn McFadden and Norman Pulliam. Board member Larry Yonce's absence was excused. Director Alvin Taylor and staff members of the Department of Natural Resources were present at the meeting.

I. Call to Order

Chairman John Evans called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

II. Invocation

Glenn McFadden offered the invocation.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

Cary Chastain led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Introduction of Guests

Breck Carmichael, Special Assistant to the Director, introduced Satch and Judy Krantz, Riverbanks Zoo; Jim Westerhold, Horry-Georgetown Tech; and Michael Lee, SC Association of Realtors.

V. Approval of Minutes

Chairman Evans offered the following amendment to the April 25, 2013 minutes.

The May Board meeting will be held ~~Wednesday~~ **Tuesday**, May ~~22~~ **21**, 2013.

Chairman Evans asked if there were any other amendments, additions, deletions or corrections to the April 25, 2013, meeting minutes. *Mike Hutchins made a motion that the Board approve the minutes of the April 25, 2013, meeting as amended. Norman Pulliam seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.*

VI. Presentations/Commendations

Director Taylor presented Satch Krantz, Director of Riverbanks Zoo, with a Certificate of Appreciation for being a partner in conservation of Natural Resources.

Commended Lt. Billy Downer and staff who coordinated and hosted the Hunter Education Volunteer Instructors Banquet held on the evening of April 26 at the Clarion Hotel in Columbia.

VII. Advisory Committee Reports

A. Governor's Cup Billfishing Series

David Whitaker, Assistant Deputy Director for Marine Resources, reported that the Governor's Cup Billfishing Series Advisory Committee met April 25 in Charleston. The Advisory Committee approved the FY 2014 budget and the 2012 Annual Report. The Advisory Committee allocated a \$50,000 donation to the Memorial Reef project. The Advisory Committee approved Advisory Committee nominations and has submitted to the Board for approval.

B. Saltwater Recreational Fisheries

Mr. Whitaker reported that the Saltwater Recreational Fisheries Advisory Committee met May 14 in Charleston. The Advisory Committee reviewed revenue and approved the proposed FY 2014 budget.

VIII. Items for Board Information

A. Yawkey Project Update

Jamie Dozier, Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division, gave the Board a short presentation of the history and current projects at the Tom Yawkey Wildlife Center.

B. Quail Habitat

Billy Dukes, Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division, briefly reviewed the draft plan entitled "Bobwhite Quail Habitat Restoration in South Carolina: Challenges and Opportunities in the 21st Century" that was included in the meeting package.

C. Climate Update

Hope Mizzell, State Climatologist, briefly mentioned the recent tornado outbreak in Oklahoma. Dr. Mizzell then reviewed rainfall totals, precipitation percentiles, streamflows, lake levels and ground-water monitoring wells around the state.

IX. Items for Board Action

A. 2012 Governor's Cup Billfishing Series Annual Report

Mr. Pulliam made a motion that the Board approve the 2012 Governor's Cup Billfishing Series Annual Report as included in the meeting package. Caroline Rhodes seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

B. Use of Wildlife Endowment Fund

Don Winslow, Deputy Director for Outreach and Support Services, reviewed the request to use the interest from the Wildlife Endowment Fund, not to exceed \$336,000, for the appropriate license revenue expenditures. *Mr. Hutchins made a motion that the Board approve the use of interest from the Wildlife Endowment Fund as presented. Mr. Chastain seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.*

C. Transfer of Heritage Trust Revenue

Ken Rentiers, Deputy Director for Land, Water and Conservation reviewed the FY 2014 request to transfer \$1,584,090 from Heritage Trust Revenue to the Heritage Land Trust Operating Fund. *Mrs. Rhodes made a motion that the Board approve the transfer of \$1,584,090 from Heritage Trust Revenue to the Heritage Land Trust Operating Fund for the purpose of maintaining and operating Heritage Land Trust properties. Mr. Hutchins seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.*

X. Director's Briefings

Director Taylor gave the board a brief budget update.

Director Taylor informed the Board of several legislative and constituent group meetings throughout the month.

Director Taylor participated in the Governor's Annual Hurricane Table Top Exercise.

XI. Environmental Report

Bob Perry, Director, Office of Environmental Programs, highlighted the following proposed projects, as contained in the environmental report in the Board meeting package: the Savannah River Drought Contingency Plan; Haile Gold Mine; South Island Dredging Association; and Coastal Terminals. Mr. Perry then reviewed highlights of the settlement agreement for the Savannah Harbor Expansion Project.

XII. Deputy Directors' Reports

A. Law Enforcement

Director Taylor informed the Board that 18 conditional offer letters have been sent to potential hires. Director Taylor stated the Division is getting ready for courtesy inspections and emphasizing boating safety. The Board was then shown this year's "100 Deadly Days of Summer" PSA.

B. Outreach and Support Services

Mr. Winslow briefly reviewed the new format for the Rules and Regulations. Mr. Winslow gave the Board an update on the mobile application. Mr. Winslow reported that license sales are down this year compared to the same time last year.

C. Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries

Nothing further to report.

D. Marine Resources

Nothing further to report.

E. Land, Water and Conservation

Nothing further to report.

XIII. Executive Session

Mr. Pulliam made a motion for the Board to hold an Executive Session to discuss contractual and personnel matters. Mrs. Rhodes seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

XIV. Open Session

Mr. Hutchins made a motion that the Board return to regular session, noting that no actions were taken during Executive Session. Mr. Chastain seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Rhodes made a motion that the Board approve the following Conservation District Commissioner reappointments and appointments:

Reappointments: Dwight R. Johnson, Chesterfield; Vicky A. Howell, Clarendon; Claire Bradbery, Greenville; Don D. Grant, Jr., Lee; Bobby F. Edmonds, McCormick; Claude W. Satterwhite, Newberry; Alexander R. Ramsay, Oconee; George Ulmer, Orangeburg; Jack L. Davis, Jr., Sumter; Landis A. Hiers, Bamberg; Bates R. Houck, Calhoun; Cleveland C. Hiott, Colleton; James C. Lynch, Florence; Peggy W. Williams, Georgetown; Ray Crapse, Hampton; and James H. McLeod, Kershaw.

Appointments: Nancy S. Fleming, Lancaster; Frances McClary, Williamsburg; Atwood I. McIntosh, Jr., Williamsburg; Milton F. Floyd, Charleston; John H. Smoak, Charleston; Carl Coleman, Dillon; Bruce G. Price, Dillon; Jeff L. Clark, Kershaw; Edwin W. Estridge, Kershaw; and Nigel K. Cox, Spartanburg.

Mr. Hutchins seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hutchins made a motion that the Board approve the following appointments and reappointments to the Governor's Cup Billfishing Series Advisory Committee:

Appointments (3 year terms July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2016): Chris Jennings of Beaufort; David Sykes of Isle of Palms; and Harry Johnson of Mt. Pleasant.

Reappointments (3 year terms July 1, 2013-June 30, 2016): Gregg Smith of Pawley's Island and Peter Loy of Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. Pulliam seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Pulliam made a motion that the Board approve the following reappointments to the Law Enforcement Advisory Committee:

Terms expiring May 21, 2016 - Terry LeCroy, Dr. G. B. Ingraham, Burke Watson, Knox Haynsworth and J. B. Schwiers

Terms expiring September 30, 2016 – William Pherigo, Rodney Redd and Dwight Frierson

Mr. Chastain seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

XV. Time and Location of the Next Meeting

The July Board meeting will be held Wednesday, July 24, 2013 at the Environmental Learning Center at Edisto Island State Park.

XVI. Adjournment

There being no further business to be brought before the DNR Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned.