

**Land, Water & Conservation Division
Advisory Committee Minutes
Dennis Building, Room 335
Columbia, South Carolina
Wednesday, February 29, 2012**

Present: William S. Simpson, III Dean Moss
Marvin Davant Steve Kinard
Tom Garrison Lewis Walker
Larry Nates Jim McLeod
Dr. Aziz Charles Broadwell

Guest: Sterling Sadler, President, SCACD
Diane Edwins, SCACD
Larry L. Yonce, DNR Board

Staff: Ken Rentiers Hope Mizzell
Marc Cribb Joe Gellici
Mary Crockett Bill Clendenin
Don Winslow Scott Harder
Dorothy Phillips

Call to Order/Welcome: The February 29, 2012, meeting was called to order by Chairman Bill Simpson, at 1:00 p.m. In compliance with the provisions of Section 30-4-80(e) (Freedom of Information Act), notification of this meeting was given to all persons, organizations, local news media, and other news media that have requested such notification.

Mr. Simpson reported that Mr. Youmans was ill, Mr. Stevens' wife was ill and Ms. Hartung had a prior commitment.

Approval of October 29, 2011, Minutes: Motion was made by Mr. Steve Kinard to approve the October 29, 2011, minutes and seconded by Mr. Larry Nates. All were in favor.

Sterling Sadler, President of the SCACD informed the committee about her tenure as President and the positive interaction with the "organization". She updated the committee as to what is happening with the SCACD. She informed the committee about her upcoming trip to Washington, DC. Some additional items she spoke about were the recent meeting in Columbia, of the Conservation Partnership Conference and the commissioners filing of ethic forms. Sterling restated the purpose and mission of the SCACD and what it means to the future generations.

Climate Program: - Hope Mizzell gave the committee a brief update on the drought, 6 counties in serve drought and the remaining counties in moderate drought. The next drought committee meeting is scheduled for March 8th at the Forestry Commission. Hope anticipates more counties will be upgraded.

State Water Plan: Joe Gellici updated the committee on the current status of the water plan. Updated the statistics on increased water usage and the various reasons for the increase. He reviewed the affects of the increased water usage and the drought. He explained why the development of the water plan is so important and that an increasing number of other states are developing water plans. Ken highlighted some of the items that were discussed at the December 2011 Statewide Water Resource Management Meeting. The need and advantages of DHEC and DNR to work together. It was suggested that a Resolution for the DNR Board be drafted by Ken and sent by email to the DNR board. The motion by McLeod and second by Davant to draft a solution to the board, as early as possible.

Deputy Director's Report: Ken Rentiers informed the committee that there will be no budget cuts this year, and the possibility of additional funds. Ken gave the committee a brief overview of the appointment of Col. Alvin Taylor as the new director and his background with the agency. Ken and Mary Crockett handed out scenic rivers information and informed the Committee about the North American Rivers Management Event.

Bill Clendenin informed the committee that the Geological Survey received an announcement from the USGS that they would receive \$191,000 for state map work for the coming new year. The priority of the work will center around the physical change along the coast. Bill informed the committee that Dr. Kerry Castle is on staff.

Mary Crockett of the Scenic Rivers Program gave the Committee information that included steps on how to institute the designation of a scenic river. She also reviewed some of what is necessary after the establishment of the scenic river, the creation of an advisory council.

Committee Member Comments: Executive Session: A motion to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing appointments and reappointments was made by Mr. Dean Moss with second by Mr. Jim McLeod. All were in favor. Dr. Aziz moved to come out of executive session, with second by Mr. Nates. All were favor.

Commissioner Appointments: Mr. McLeod moved to accept the re-appointments with second by Mr. Moss. All were in favor. They are as follows: Ms. Rebecca H. Davis, Barnwell; Mr. Jimmy H. Bacot, Florence; and Mr. W. E. Corbin, Jr., Hampton.

Mr. McLeod moved to accept the new appointments with second by Mr. Moss. All were in favor. They are as follows: Mr. Jimmy Taylor, Marion; Mr. Thomas K. Gourdin, Berkeley; Mr. Dominic A. Caggiano, Cherokee; Mr. Jason Price, Saluda; Mr. Lauren Yonce, Saluda; Mr. John T. Rivers III, Sumter and Mr. Thomas S. Laney, Sumter.

Next Meeting Date: To be scheduled

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Dorothy Phillips
Recording Secretary