

- Archeology, *Heritage Trust Division*: artifacts pulled from recent Pockey/Botany Bay Native American Shell Rings.
- Aquatic nuisance: water hyacinth Cooper River, Black River and Waccamaw River; also alligator weed in Black River.
- Hydrology: geologic survey; PPAC (Planning Process Advisory Committee)/ State Water Plan: progress on setting up framework to guide each river basin in SC including: surface water and ground water assessments; 50 year forecast of water needs; each basin advisory council to work with local stakeholders and science moving forward; pilot project funded at \$1.3 million to begin with Edisto - for policy recommendations based on good science and local input. \$500,000 each additional year for water data and wise water resource management in SC.
- Maps available/ handouts of geology of SC coast.
- Q: McLeod: Have gauges been placed? A: This Friday is placement day of gauges at \$15,000/gauge.
- Back to PPAC: over a year: water professionals at the table monthly meetings; outcome: 100 pages framework includes 2 years of basin councils throughout the state; briefing the Governor, who was very engaged and supportive; met for over 2 hours in productive & encouraging meeting.

Chairman called on Conservation Districts Program Manager's Report; Tyler Brown:

- Introduction of Chris Workman as Program Manager, Watershed Districts (which fall under local Conservation Districts Boards).
- Chris Workman's report included handout (see attachment 1) information on watersheds.
- Introduction of Brooke Myres as Program Manager, whose report included handout (see attachment 2) information on current projects.
- Introduction of Amanda Strickland in Florence area, who is in the field working NRCS partnership and updated all of recently hired Program Coordinator in Aiken area: Josh Boatwright.
- Tyler expanded on media outreach efforts highlighting Walther Farms in Aiken County and Cotton Hills Farms in McCormick County and their positive efforts in conservation.
- Next committee meeting will be in February 2020 at the Annual Partnership Conference in Charleston.
- Updates on work in progress for a "Memorandum of Agreement" between partners: Conservation Districts; NRCS and DNR to devise language that suits all.
- Feral Hog Pilot Program includes Newberry County: small population/problems versus Hampton County: large population/problems. Proposals for program due today.
- Commissioner Edmunds of York County in Conservation Districts Hall of Fame.
- Applications for Fiscal Year 2020 aid to districts processing smoothly.
- Legislative Breakfast on State House grounds Thurs, May 7, 2019.

Chairman Simpson: New Business: to include consideration of slate of Commissioners recommended for appointment/reappointment. McLeod motioned to move to Executive Session, seconded by Moss, motion carried.

Chairman Simpson: Executive Session begins following dismissal of all non-voting persons in attendance at 11:40am.

Executive Session: Motion made by McLeod to return to regular session to proceed to voting, seconded by Moss; motion passed to return to regular session.

Regular Session: Returned to regular session at 11:45am followed by a motion from Moss to approve entire slate of appointees and re-appointees, seconded by McLeod with all in favor and entire slate approved unanimously; motion passed.

Chairman Simpson Closing: Following positive comments regarding face-to-face meetings quarterly at unique places around the state and thanks to Florence/Lynches Park for hosting and lunch; if no further comments, Chair recommends closing the meeting. Following some discussion among members; and motion to adjourn by McLeod, seconded by Moss, motion carried and Chairman Simpson declared the meeting adjourned at 11:50am.