

Land, Water & Conservation Division: Advisory Committee Minutes
Rembert C. Dennis Building, Room 335
Columbia, SC
Tuesday, December 10, 2019

Present: Bill Simpson
Dean Moss
Larry Nates
Marvin Davant
Patricia Hartung
Thomas Garrison
James McLeod
Webb Smathers
by phone William Glenn
by phone Mark Hartley

Staff:	Ken Rentiers	Brooke Myres	Chris Workman
	Tyler Brown	Deanne Myrick	Shannon Bobertz
	Chris Page	Jennifer Konarski	Hope Mizzell
	Dawn Beaver	Jordan Baker	Sean Taylor
	Bill Clendenin	Bill Marshall	

Guests: Kenny Mullis, President, SC Association of Conservation Districts (SCACD)

Call to Order/Welcome: The **December 10, 2019** meeting was called to order by Chairman William Simpson at 10:04am. In compliance with provisions of Section 30-4-80(e) (Freedom of Information Act), notification of this meeting was posted in public places.

Chairman Simpson welcomed and thanked all for attending; called on Chris Workman to lead invocation, followed by Web Smathers leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Tyler Brown introduced Mr. Mullis and Mr. Simpson then noted first on the agenda:

- **Approval of Meeting Minutes** from the August 19, 2019 meeting. Dean Moss motioned that the minutes be approved, seconded by Marvin Davant with all in favor and none opposed, motion carried.
- Next agenda item VI: **SCDNR Advisory Committee Update** presented by Shannon Bobertz, Chief Legal Counsel. Presentation and handouts provided by Bobertz.
- Agenda item VII: **Deputy Director's Report; Ken Rentiers:**
- Introduction and welcome of LWC Advisory Committee's recent appointment by the DNR Board of Mr. Will Glenn, Real Estate Attorney from Greenville, SC, who is with us by phone.
- Refer to handout "FY 2021 Budget Request Items," and went through high points; also noted additional funding requested for deferred maintenance, etc... and ensured all that we will continue to press and ask for what we need.
- Agenda item VIII (a) **Aquatic Nuisance** presentation by Chris Page followed by Q & A.
- Agenda item VIII (b) **Business Office** presented by Jennifer Konarski: brief overview of her role.

- Agenda item VIII (c) **Climatology & Flood** Program presented by Hope Mizzell, who also provided handouts.
- Agenda item VIII (d) **Conservation Districts** presented by Tyler Brown, one-page fact sheet provided.
- Agenda item VIII (e) **Cultural Resources** Management presented by Sean Taylor with Power Point slide show.
- Agenda item VIII (f) **Earth Sciences** Programs presented by Bill Clendenin.
- Agenda item VIII (g) **Heritage Trust and Scenic Rivers** presentation by Bill Marshall.
- At conclusion of Staff Presentations, James McLeod commended this SCDNR group of skilled & dedicated professionals who are “below in funding but above in talent.” McLeod stated, “we must find a way to expose this great talent, professionalism and expertise. We must use this exposure to our benefit to expand this knowledge and information to the public.” Dean Moss echoed McLeod’s comments and his challenge to everyone at the table.
- Bathroom break/ stretch and re-convene in 5 minutes occurred at 12:50pm
- Agenda item IX: **Kenny Mullis, with SCACD** brief update: Matt Lohr, Chief of Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) will be in SC in March which will help foster relationships among all to promote what we’re doing; as President of the SCACD, Kenny thanked everyone at DNR for the great work.
- Agenda item X: Chairman stated that before taking up the business, please be advised that Mr. Broadwell is not well and is unable to attend meetings as an Advisory Committee Member; his resignation letter was received by Chairman Simpson. Please think of a way to recognize his service to thank him and keep him in your thoughts and prayers.
- **Conservation District Commissioner Appointments:** Ken Rentiers asked if Executive Session is in order to discuss these matters. McLeod made motion to go into Executive Session for discussion and motion seconded by Moss. All in favor and none opposed; motion carried and non-Committee Members were dismissed.
- After 5-minute executive session, the Chairman called all back to the meeting and asked for a motion. McLeod moved to approve all three nominees up for consideration; motion seconded by Moss, all in favor and none opposed; motion passed. **The nominees approved (list attached herewith) will be considered by SCDNR Board of Directors at the January 2020 meeting for final approval.**
- Chairman noted the **next scheduled meeting is Feb. 19, 2020 in Charleston, SC** following the Annual Partnership Conference and he hopes all will be in attendance.
- Meeting adjourned at 1:05pm