

**Land, Water & Conservation Division
Advisory Committee Minutes
Dennis Building, Room 335
Columbia, South Carolina
Monday, January 28, 2013**

Present	Bill Simpson	Lynn Youmans
	Dean Moss	Patricia Hartung
	Marvin Davant	Lewis Walker
	Larry Nates	Charles Broadwell
	Jim McLeod	

Staff:	Ken Rentiers	Marc Cribb
	Scott Harder	Hope Mizzell
	Joe Gellici	Dorothy Phillips

Call to Order/Welcome: The **January 28, 2013** meeting was called to order by Chairman William Simpson at 1:10 p.m. In compliance with the provisions of Section 30-4-80(e) (Freedom of Information Act), notification of this meeting was posted in public places. Absent from the meeting, Nadim Aziz, Oscar Stevens, Tom Garrison, Steve Kinard and Web Smathers.

Approval of August 21, 2012 Minutes: Dean Moss made a motion to approve the August 21, 2012 Minutes and seconded by Larry Nates, all were in favor and the motion passed.

Groundwater Monitoring – Scott Harder: Scott gave the Committee an overview of the SC Ground-water Monitoring Network. He outlined the mission statement and goals of the program. Scott explained that the network is a cooperative between DNR, DHEC and the USGS. What each agency's part in the cooperative would be. Scott handed out a map that provided the Committee with a visual of what and where the work will be performed.

Climate/Drought Update – Hope Mizzell: Drought Conference call meeting January 31. Hope provided the Committee with drought update from December 2012 to present. She anticipated some change in the drought status to be announced. Hope informed the Committee about looking into ways of more public outreach and using new ways of informing the public about climate issues. Some of the possibilities could be, using social media, public schools and libraries.

Deputy Director's Report: Ken informed the Committee about some the upcoming events that the division will be involved including the Legislative Reception at the State Fairgrounds. Ken reminded the Committee that this would be another opportunity to meet with some of our legislators. The SCACD Annual Partnership Conference, Columbia Marriott where Director Taylor will be a guest speaker. Annual events like the Palmetto Sportsmen's Classic, State Fairgrounds and 2013 SC Envirothon, Clemson Sandhills, and that these events are additional opportunities for educational outreach. These programs in are line with the need to revive outreach programs to the youth such as the fishing rodeos. Ken also informed the Committee about the Environmental Awareness Award program and nominating individuals that have had a large impact on environmental conservation.

Ken supplied the Committee with a copy of handout for the Public workshop that being held jointly with DHEC on February 4th that would be focusing on water assessment and creating river basin models. The Committee was given information to aid them in locating additional information on the SC Water Resources Plan and the water plans for other states.

Committee Comments: The Committee discussed the need to develop outreach programs to distribute information about conservation and climate into the school system and libraries. The problem of not enough staff and money for programs like this makes development difficult. It was suggested that using volunteers for a program like this would be helpful in distributing information within the schools and libraries. The conservation districts are very helpful with programs like these.

Executive Session: At 1:20 p.m. Jim McLeod motioned to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel issues with a second by Dean Moss. All were in favor.

At 1:30 p.m. Larry Nates made a motion to return from Executive Session, seconded by Lynn Youmans and all were in favor.

Larry Nates motioned that the Conservation District Commissioner re-appointments be approved and the motion was seconded by Marvin Davant, all were in favor. The Conservation District Commissioner re-appointments were approved as follows: Mr. Dwight R. Johnson, Chesterfield; Ms. Vicky A. Howell, Clarendon; Ms. Claire Bradbery, Greenville; Mr. Don D. Grant, Jr., Lee; Mr. Bobby F. Edmonds, McCormick; Mr. Claude W. Satterwhite, Newberry; Mr. Alexander R. Ramsay, Oconee; Mr. George Ulmer, Orangeburg; and Mr. Jack L. Davis, Jr., Sumter.

Pat Hartung made a motion that the new Conservation District Commissioner appointments be approved and seconded by Jim McLeod, all were in favor. The new appointments were approved and are as follows: Ms. Nancy S. Fleming, Lancaster; Ms. Frances McClary, Williamsburg; and Mr. Atwood I. McIntosh, Jr., Williamsburg.

Next Meeting Date: Next meeting date will be scheduled for a Tuesday or Thursday in April @1 p.m. with the exception of April 9.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Chairman Simpson. All were in favor to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Dorothy L. Phillips