

**Land, Water & Conservation Division  
Advisory Committee Minutes  
Dennis Building, Room 357  
Columbia, South Carolina  
Thursday, March 31, 2016**

**CONFERENCE CALL**

<b><i>Present</i></b>	Bill Simpson Larry Nates Jim McLeod	Dean Moss Marvin Davant Charles Broadwell
<b><i>Staff:</i></b>	Ken Rentiers Dorothy Phillips	Marc Cribb

***Call to Order/Welcome:*** The **March 31, 2016** meeting was called to order by Chairman William Simpson at 10:15 a.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 was Trish Hartung, Webb Smathers and Tom Garrison.

***Approval of August 18, 2015 Minutes:*** Marvin Davant made a motion to approve the August 18, 2015 Minutes and seconded by Charles Broadwell, all were in favor and the Motion was passed.

***Deputy Director's Report:*** Ken reviewed and updated the significant activities from the previous year. He briefed the Committee on the Surface water assessment project. Models were completed in the Saluda and Edisto Basins with stakeholder meetings held in the Saluda, Edisto, Catawba, Pee Dee and Santee Basins. Partnering with USGS and Corp of Engineers, Charleston District, to follow-up the surface water assessment with a statewide ground water model. This partnering also includes the planning assistance to State programs to conduct water demand forecast in the 8 major river basins. Progress on the Savannah River basin study that focuses on the Corp of Engineers management of the reservoirs in the Upper Savannah Basin and drought management of those reservoirs. Continued earthquake hazard studies and update of geologic hazard map. Staff completed the Board River sediment study, upgraded the website with additional GIS capabilities and coordinated 4 drought response committee meetings. Updated the committee on the activities outreach and technical assistance to 261 communities in the national flood insurance program and conducted damage assessments and trained local communities to do the assessments. With limited staff the Division was able to conduct 600 assessments.

Ken informed the Committee about term reappointments for members: Dean Moss, Tom Garrison and Charles Broadwell. Ken will send out information to members informing them about whether or not they would like to continue to serve on the Advisory Committee.

**Conservation Districts Report:** Marc informed the Committee about the 2016 election of one soil and water commissioner from each district on the ballot. Information and guidance has been provided to each district office on the election. The annual updating of the Conservation District Directory is complete and it will be sent to all the district offices and LWC Advisory Committee. Marc also informed the Committee about preparations for the 2016 Envirothon and staff changes. Harry Doswell's retirement and hired one new staff person in a grant position.

**Committee Comments:** Jim McLeod commented about how informative Ken and Marc's report to the committee was and the fact the Division as able to work on a great number of projects with such limited staff. Jim also commented on seeing staff working well after 5 p.m. and how the public should be made aware of the quality of the staff DNR has. The public, the conservation districts and the legislators should be aware of this positive information and Ken informed the committee that Director Taylor publishes a list of accomplishments of all the Divisions. Jim also spoke on the fact that more commissioners need to attend the Annual Conference/Legislative Dinner. Jim said it was a missed opportunity to make a point. Jim suggested that maybe Chairman Simpson, Ken and Marc together prepare a summary of DNR's accomplishments and send to the commissioners urging them by letter from Mr. Simpson to contact their legislators.

**Executive Session:** At 11:15 a.m. Jim McLeod made a motion to go into Executive Session and was seconded by Dean Moss for the purpose of discussing personnel issues. All were in favor.

At 11:25 a.m. Dean Moss made a motion to return from Executive Session and was seconded by Marvin Davant, all were in favor.

Chairman Simpson asked for a motion that the Conservation District Commissioner re-appointments be approved and Jim McLeod made the motion and was seconded by Dean Moss, all were in favor. The Conservation District Commissioner re-appointments were approved as follows: Mr. Thomas O. Sanders, Barnwell; Mr. Willie D. Sarratt, Cherokee and Ms. Sarah P. Williams, Kershaw.

Jim McLeod made a motion to approve the new appointments and was seconded by Charles Broadwell. The new appointments were approved and are as follows: Ms. Jane Waters, Cherokee; Mr. Douglas L. Jarrell, Hampton and Mr. Gene R. Johnson, Horry.

**Next Meeting Date:** TBD

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn was made by Chairman Simpson at 11:40 a.m., all were in favor

Dorothy L. Phillips