

**Land, Water & Conservation Division
Advisory Committee Minutes
Dennis Building, Room 357
Columbia, South Carolina
Wednesday, November 17, 2010**

CONFERENCE CALL

Present	Bill Simpson	Marvin Davant
	Larry Nates	Steve Kinard
	Lewis Walker	Webb Smathers
	Patricia Hartung	Dean Moss
	Tom Garrison	

Staff:	Ken Rentiers	Marc Cribb
	Dorothy Phillips	

Call to Order/Welcome: The November 17, 2010, **Conference Call** 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, Mr. Lynn Youmans, Dr. Nadim Aziz, Mr. Frank Murray, Mr. Oscar Stevens, Mr. Jim McLeod and Mr. Charles Broadwell.

Approval of August 19, 2010 Minutes: Motion was made by Marvin Davant to approve the August 19, 2010, minutes and seconded by Larry Nates. The motion passed.

Deputy Director's Report: Ken Rentiers thanked the committee members for their support and service on the board. He requested that they inform him if they plan to continue serving. Ken informed the committee that the agency is preparing for another possible 15% reduction. He reviewed some of the possible plans for 2011, further reorganization of the division. Ken gave the committee an overview of the Belfast Dedication and thanked Marvin Davant for his part in making this happen. There was an update on several water issues; Surface Water Permitting Bill; Savannah River Basin Council, water plan update; Savannah River Water Study, focusing on the habitat protection in the Savannah River Basin. The committee was updated on the agency's focus on climate change. Hope Mizzell will head up the task force committee on climate change and making climate change information available on the web.

Committee Comments: Patricia Hartung attended a meeting at Francis Marion University where Chairman McShane gave a presentation and it was noted that his term expires when the new governor comes into office. Patricia wanted to recognize Chairman McShane for his contribution and whether or

it would be appropriate for the Advisory Committee to recognize him with a resolution or plaque for his service. Dean Moss stated that he would support this idea to recognize Chairman McShane. Marvin Davant suggested that the committee should consider recognizing any members who might chose not to continue to serve on the Advisory Committee for another term. Mr. Simpson suggested that Ken Rentiers, Marc Cribb and Dorothy Phillips look into the possible arrangements to recognize Chairman McShane. Dean Moss recognized Mr. Davant for this attendance in Beaufort at an open land trust event project which the Conservation Bank contributed to and he updated the committee on a new issue, Savannah River Harbor Deepening Project. The state of Georgia wants to deepen the Savannah harbor down to 48 feet (Ken Rentiers and Bob Perry will be representing DNR on this project).

Executive Session: At 1:25 p.m. Larry Nates motioned to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel issues with a second by Marin Davant. All were in favor.

At 1:35 p.m. Larry Nates made a motion to return from executive session, seconded by Louis Walker and all were in favor. It was noted that Dean Moss abstained from approving the reappointment of the Beaufort commission due to conflict of interest.

Marvin Davant motioned that re-appointments be approved and seconded by Dean Moss, all were in favor. The Conservation District Commissioner re-appointments were approved and are as follows: Mr. Henry L. Nicholson, Bamberg County; Mr. Claude E. McLeod and Mr. Alan A. Ulmer, Beaufort County; Mr. Allen L. Beer, Chester County; Mr. William H. Griggs, Chesterfield County; Mr. Jamie E. Smith, Dillon County; Mr. Sabie D. Cathcart, Fairfield County; Mr. Darrell Harrison, Greenville County; Mr. C. M. Dantzler and Mr. W. Gordon Wells, Jasper County and Ms. Dorothy Lee, Oconee County.

Patricia Hartung made a motion that the new appointments be approved and seconded by Louis Walker all were in favor. The new appointments were approved and are as follows: Mr. Barry H. Jurs, Berkeley County and Mr. Alan W. Gaddy, Dillon County.

Marc Cribb informed the committee that on February 1, 2011, nineteen new conservation commissioners will be joining the conservation districts. This is the largest number new commissioners to join in 25 years.

Next Meeting Date: Next meeting date will be determined after the New Year.

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