

**Land, Water & Conservation Division
Advisory Committee Minutes
Dennis Building, Room 335
Columbia, South Carolina
Thursday, October 9, 2008**

Present	Lynn Youmans, Jr.	John Frampton
	Charles Broadwell	Lewis Walker
	Dr. Aziz	Larry Nates
	Steve Kinard	Tom Garrison
	Oscar Stevens	

Staff:	Steve de Kozlowski	Marc Cribb
	Hope Mizzell	Scott Howard
	Bert Pittman	Michael Hook
	Kathy Boyle	Bill Clendenin
	Dorothy Phillips	

Call to Order/Welcome: The October 9, 2008, meeting was called to order by Chairman Lynn Youmans at 1:00 p.m. In compliance with the provisions of Section 30-4-80(e) (Freedom of Information Act), notification of this meeting was given to all persons, organizations, local news media, and other news media that requested such notification. Mr. Youmans reported that Mr. Simpson, Mr. Davant, Mrs. Hartung, Mr. Moss, Mr. Murray and Dr. Smathers were absent.

Approval of July 10, 2008, Minutes: Motion was made by Dr. Aziz to approve the July 10, 2008, minutes and seconded by Mr. Kinard. The motion passed.

Mr. John Frampton spoke to the Advisory Board concerning the current budget/financial crisis facing DNR. Mr. Frampton reported that the Governor held a meeting with agency heads on Tuesday, October 7, to discuss ways to save money.

Digital Mapping of Estuarine Shorelines in South Carolina: Scott Howard, DNR Geologist, gave an overview of upcoming project with DHEC-OCRM and NOAA to develop an inventory and digital database of estuary shorelines in South Carolina. The inventory will be statewide, but the digital component will focus on a smaller area in the ACE Basin. They are developing protocols to standardize data collection in estuaries, identify time segments to evaluate shoreline change, and develop techniques to measure shoreline change. Results of this work have applications with a variety of customers.

Natural Area Inventory and Botanical Survey of the Woodbury Tract, Britton's Neck, Marion County: Bert Pittman, DNR Wildlife Biologist and Kathy Boyle, Wildlife Biologist, presented a report on the rapid ecological assessment of the 25,000 acre Woodbury Tract Britton's Neck, Marion County was conducted using modern digital and archival print imagery, isodata clustering algorithms, and ancillary data from soil and geological secondary sources. Bert informed the committee that by overlaying georectified black and white photographs from the 1940's with current National Aerial Photography Program digital images, past and present vegetation conditions and patterns in the area can be readily compared. Combining all data sets and recoding the unsupervised classification based upon the isodata clusters, a map was generated that approached a "true color" representation of the soil, geomorphologic, hydrologic, and vegetation patterns of the tract.

Island Applesnail Invasion and Control: Michael Hook, DNR Wildlife Biologist, presented a narrative on the SCDNR's Aquatic Nuisance Species Program's involvement with a newly discovered snail species in Horry County. He detailed information pertaining to the life cycle of the Island Apple Snail and described the timeline of events that occurred after the discovery of the population of the invasive species. Future plans were discussed. Planned treatment schedules and public awareness programs are to be developed in the coming months in order to inhibit the spreading of the Island Apple Snail

Drought and Hurricane Season Update: Hope Mizzell, State Climatologist, with the State Climate Office, provided a drought update summarizing the SC Drought Response Committee's September 16, 2008 Drought Declaration. The "extreme" drought status continued for nine Upstate counties. Hope informed the committee that there would be another drought response committee meeting on October 28, in Columbia to evaluate the drought status statewide. The presentation also gave an update on streamflow, lake levels and groundwater conditions. Hope ended the presentation with a summary of the short-term to long-range precipitation outlooks.

Interim Deputy Director's Report: Steve de Kozlowski informed the committee of the impact of the budget cuts on division operations. The budget reductions are significant and will impact all program areas. He also informed the committee that Von Snelgrove had retired. He expressed his appreciation for Von Snelgrove's contributions over the years and his assistance to the division in the past two years.

Executive Session: At 3:00 p.m. Mr. Youmans moved that the committee go into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel issues with second by Mr. Kinard. All were in favor.

At 3:10 p.m. Dr. Aziz moved to return to open session, seconded by Mr. Stevens. All were in favor.

The Conservation District commissioner re-appointments were approved and are as follows: Mr. Stanley Keaton, Abbeville; Ms. Diane O. Bosler, Allendale; Mr. Landis A. Heirs, Bamberg; Mr. Dwight Johnson, Chesterfield; Ms. Vickey Howell, Clarendon; Mr. W. Tolman Salisbury, Dorchester; Ms. Claire Bradbery, Greenville; Mr. Calvin Robertson, Sr., Laurens; Mr. Don D. Grant, Jr., Lee; Mr. Larry Nates, Lexington; Mr. Bobby F. Edmonds, McCormick.

The new appointments were approved and are as follows: Mr. Keith Allen, Dillon; Mr. Roddey Getts, III, Pickens.

Next Meeting Date: January 8, 2009

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Dr. Aziz seconded by Mr. Kinard. The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m. All were in favor to adjourn.

Dorothy Phillips
Recording Secretary