

**Land, Water & Conservation Division
Advisory Committee Minutes
Dennis Building, Room 357
Columbia, South Carolina
Tuesday, October 24, 2017**

CONFERENCE CALL

Present

Bill Simpson	Dean Moss
Larry Nates	Tom Garrison
Charles Broadwell	Webb Smathers
Trish Hartung	Marvin Davant

Staff:

Ken Rentiers	Marc Cribb
Debbie Miller	Jen Konarski
Dorothy Phillips	

Call to Order/Welcome: The **October 24, 2017** meeting was called to order by Chairman William Simpson at 10:35 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.

Executive Session: At 10:45 a.m. Trish Hartung made a motion to go into Executive Session and was seconded by Jim McLeod for the purpose of discussing personnel issues. All were in favor.

At 10:55 a.m. Marvin Davant made a motion to return from Executive Session and was seconded by Dean Moss, all were in favor.

Marvin Davant made a motion that the Conservation District Commissioner re-appointments be approved and was seconded by Webb Smathers, all were in favor. The Conservation District Commissioner re-appointments were approved as follows: Wayne Satterswhite, Newberry and Dale L. Mayson, Pickens.

Tom Garrison made a motion to approve the new appointments and was seconded by Trish Hartung. The new appointments were approved and are as follows: Neely Page, Aiken; Jason M. Gamble, Clarendon; William Covington, Jr., Marlboro; Linda Lee, Aiken; Joshua Weaver, Anderson; Justin L. Woodard, Clarendon; Donald J. Quick, Marlboro and John L. Newman, Sumter.

Marvin Davant made a motion to approve the Aiken District's recommendation for Commissioner Emeritus status for Thomas McElmurray. All were in favor.

Deputy Director's Report: Ken briefed the committee on the House Legislative Oversight Committee (HLOC) and explained about the presentation DNR had to give the HLOC and how this presentation may have provided a better understanding about what DNR and Conservation Districts do to the Oversight Committee.

Ken gave an update on Climate's Statewide Drought and Water Shortage Tabletop Exercise. The goal of the exercise was to enhance South Carolina's drought response and preparedness; and the State's capacity to address a statewide water shortage.

Brief review and update on the Water Planning process.

Ken announced the Legislative Reception on February 20 at the Fair Grounds and the Partnership Annual Conference, February 27-28; and the possibility of having a LWC Advisory Committee meeting during the conference. An email will be sent to Committee Members.

Conservation Districts Report: Marc reported that 45 of 46 districts have submitted their application for appropriation checks and they are being processed. Briefed the committee on the NACD Meeting, Greenville, the SC focus on soil health.

Envirothon team competed in the North American Envirothon finals and our team finished 19 out of 54 teams. He informed the committee that he attended the National Envirothon finals as an Orals judge. Conservation Districts Program continues to provide technical assistance to the districts and we have a vacant grant technical position. Marc suggested that the LWC Advisory Committee have a lunch meeting during the annual conference on February 28, all were in favor.

Committee Comments: Webb Smathers wanted it noted that he had attempted to call in for the May 16, 2017 meeting but he could not get connected.

Next Meeting Date: February 28, 2018

Adjournment: At 11:45 a motion to adjourn was made by Jim McLeod and was seconded by Tom Garrison, all were in favor

Dorothy L. Phillips