

Minutes  
Board of the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources  
SCDNR Law Enforcement Training Classroom  
2765 Wildlife Lane  
West Columbia, SC 29172  
October 20, 2023 12:30 pm

The regular meeting of the Board of the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources was held at 12:30 p.m., October 20, 2023 at the SCDNR Law Enforcement Training Classroom, 2765 Wildlife Lane, West Columbia, SC. Notice of the date, time and place of the meeting was posted and mailed to the news media. Vice Chairman Mike Hutchins presided at the meeting. Board members present included Dr. Mark Hartley, Jerry Lee (via phone), Jake Rasor, Jr. and Duane Swygert. Chairman Norman Pulliam and Board member Carlisle Oxner's absences were excused. Director Boyles and staff members of the Department of Natural Resources were present at the meeting.

**1. Call to Order**

Vice Chairman Mike Hutchins called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**2. Item(s) for Board Action**

A. Proposed Changes to 123-51 – Turkey Hunting Rules and Seasons

Billy Dukes reviewed the Proposed Changes to 123-51 – Turkey Hunting Rules and Seasons. *Dr. Hartley made a motion that the Board approve the changes to 123-51, Turkey Hunting Rules and Seasons as presented by staff. Mr. Rasor seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.*

**3. Executive Session**

*Mr. Swygert made a motion that the SCDNR Board go into executive session pursuant to SC Code Section 30-4-70(A)(2) to discuss contractual matters related to Item(s) for Board Action 2B – Preliminary Property Acquisition Saluda County, 2C – Preliminary Property Acquisition in Lancaster County and 2D – Preliminary Property Acquisition in Marion County. Mr. Rasor seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.*

**4. Open Session**

*Dr. Hartley made a motion that the SCDNR Board return to open session, noting that no action was taken during executive session. Mr. Swygert seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.*

**5. Item(s) for Board Action**

B. Preliminary Property Acquisition Saluda County

*Mr. Rasor made a motion that the SCDNR Board, upon the recommendation of SCDNR staff and Director approval, grant preliminary approval to evaluate the potential purchase of approximately 61 acres located in Saluda County, and the expenditure of up to \$20,000 of state appropriated funds to conduct due diligence activities. Dr. Hartley seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.*

C. Preliminary Property Acquisition Lancaster County

*Mr. Rasor made a motion that the SCDNR Board, upon the recommendation of SCDNR staff and Director approval, grant preliminary approval to evaluate the potential acquisition of approximately 222 acres located in Lancaster County, and the expenditure of up to \$20,000 of state appropriated funds to conduct due*

*diligence activities. Dr. Hartley seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.*

D. Preliminary Property Acquisition Marion County

*Mr. Lee made a motion that the SCDNR Board, upon the recommendation of SCDNR staff and Director approval, grant preliminary approval to evaluate the potential purchase of approximately 439 acres located in Marion County, and the expenditure of up to \$20,000 of state appropriated funds to conduct due diligence activities. Mr. Rasor seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.*

6. Time and Location of Next Board Meeting

The Board will hold a workshop at the conclusion of this meeting.

The next meeting of the Board will be November 16, 2023 in Columbia, SC.

7. Adjournment

*Mr. Rasor made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Dr. Hartley seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.*