

Minutes  
Board of the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources  
Rembert C. Dennis Building, RM 335  
1000 Assembly Street  
Columbia, SC  
June 27, 2019 10:00 AM

The regular meeting of the Board of the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources was held at 10:00 am, June 27, 2019, in room 335 of the Rembert C. Dennis Building, 1000 Assembly Street, Columbia, SC. Notice of the date, time and place of the meeting was posted and mailed to the news media. Chairman Norman Pulliam presided at the meeting. Board members present included Keith Hinson, Mike Hutchins, Dr. Mark Hartley, Carlisle Oxner and Duane Swygert. Board member Jake Rasor's absence was excused. Interim Director Boyles and staff members of the Department of Natural Resources were present at the meeting.

**I. Call to Order**

Chairman Norman Pulliam called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**II. Invocation**

Rev. Eric Skidmore, SC Law Enforcement Assistance Program, offered the invocation.

**III. Pledge of Allegiance**

Mike Hutchins led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**IV. Introduction of Guests**

CPT Robert McCullough, Director, Office of Media and Outreach, introduced Scott Whitaker, Coastal Conservation Association; Tim Sorrells, Hunters for the Hungry; Bob Williams, Hunters for the Hungry; Rick Counts, QDMA; Austin Smallwood, Realtors Association; Jamie Rader, Ducks Unlimited.

**V. Constituent Comments**

CPT McCullough stated there were no requests for constituent comment.

**VI. Approval of Minutes**

Chairman Pulliam asked if there were any additions, deletions or corrections to the May 16, 2019 meeting minutes. *Mr. Oxner made a motion that the Board approve the minutes of the May 16, 2019 meeting as presented. Mr. Swygert seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.*

**VII. Commendations**

Interim Director Boyles commended Law Enforcement officers and staff who participated in the Memorial Day events in Horry County.

Interim Director Boyles commended Angel Brown, Ben Dyar and Brad Floyd of Marine Resources and Scott Harder of Land, Water and Conservation, our SCDNR graduates of the Budget and Control Board's Certified Public Manager (CPM) program which is a nationally accredited management development program for public managers.

Interim Director Boyles commended 2018 SCDNR and Division Employees of the Year:

DNR Employee of the Year from Land, Water and Conservation: Maria Cox Lamm

Executive Office/Media and Outreach: Joey Frazier

Land, Water and Conservation: Maria Cox Lamm

Law Enforcement: Toni Bass

Marine: Maia Ingle

Office of Support Services: Mark Litz  
Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries: Jean Graham

Interim Director Boyles commended MAJ Billy Downer and Law Enforcement staff who coordinated the Wateree Rifle and Pistol Range Grand Opening event held on June 21 at the range.

**VIII. Advisory Committee Reports**

**Marine**

Phil Maier, Acting Deputy Director for Marine Resources, reported that the Marine Advisory Committee met June 14 in Charleston. The Advisory Committee received overviews of the Marine Fisheries Data Collection and Living Shorelines Research. The Advisory Committee received an update on planned renovations. The Advisory Committee recognized Frank Gibson for his 21 years of service on the Committee.

**IX. Item for Board Information**

**Climate Update**

Mark Malsick, Land, Water and Conservation Division, reported on tropical conditions, the drought conditions, rainfall totals, precipitation percentiles, streamflows, lake levels, ground-water monitoring wells around the state, precipitation forecast and temperature forecast.

**X. Director's Briefings**

Interim Director Boyles gave the Board a brief update on Dewees Island and reported that the residents are making progress working out the issues among themselves and are to report back to the agency in September.

Interim Director Boyles reported that the General Assembly returned to Columbia on June 25 to consider the Governor's vetoes.

Interim Director Boyles met with Mark Plowden, Governor's Office Deputy Chief of Staff, on June 18 for a briefing on water issues.

Interim Director Boyles toured the Emergency Management Division (EMD) headquarters in West Columbia and met with Kim Stenson, EMD Executive Director, on June 12 in preparation for hurricane season.

Interim Director Boyles reminded the Board of the Governor's Cup Edisto Invitational Billfish Tournament on July 17-20.

Interim Director Boyles informed the Board that staff will be attending the American Sportfishing Association ICAST Trade Show scheduled July 9-12 at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando, FL.

Interim Director Boyles noted that Alvin Taylor's Retirement Dinner is scheduled Wednesday, August 14, at 6:00 p.m. at the National Guard Armory, 1225 Bluff Road in Columbia. Interim Director Boyles suggested that the Board may consider meeting earlier that day.

**XI. Legislative Report**

Kevin Ryan, Director of Legislative Services, reported that the General Assembly reconvened to consider 28 Governor vetoes.

**XII. Environmental Report**

Lorianne Riggan, Director of Environmental Programs, has received a request for comment for Seismic Exploration survey.

**XIII. Deputy Directors' Reports**

A. Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries

Emily Cope, Deputy Director for Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries, gave the Board an update on an alligator incident on Kiawah Island.

B. Law Enforcement

COL Chisolm Frampton, Deputy Director for Law Enforcement, informed the Board that the class of officers will be graduating from Wildlife Basic next week. COL Frampton noted that there is currently a posting for a new class of officers. COL Frampton reported that 11 fishing rodeos were held with over 1,000 youth participating. COL Frampton informed the Board of courtesy boat inspections being held July 4.

C. Marine Resources

Mr. Maier reported on the sea turtle season.

D. Office of Support Services

Nothing further to report.

E. Land, Water and Conservation

Nothing further to report.

**XIV. Items for Board Action**

A. Santee Coastal Reserve – Lease to South Santee Community Center

Ken Prosser, Assistant Deputy Director for Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries, briefly reviewed the lease agreement, as included in the meeting packet. *Mr. Hutchins made a motion that the Board approve a lease agreement between SCDNR and the St. James South Santee Senior and Community Center for a 4-acre parcel in Charleston County. Mr. Oxner seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.*

B. Update of Policy 101.01 (Law Enforcement, Marine and Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Committees) and appointments of Board Members to Advisory Committee

Shannon Bobertz, Chief Counsel, briefly reviewed the proposed update of Policy 101.01 (Law Enforcement, Marine and Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Committees) as included in the meeting packet. *Mr. Hutchins made a motion that the Board approve the update of Agency Policy 101.01 as presented. Mr. Oxner seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. Chairman Pulliam made the following appointments:*

*Land, Water and Conservation – Dr. Mark Hartley, SCDNR Board Representative*

*Marine Resources Advisory Committee – Duane M. Swygert, Chairman*

*Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Advisory Committee – Mike Hutchins, Chairman*

*SC Governor's Cup Billfishing Series Advisory Board – Carlisle Oxner, SCDNR Board Liaison*

*Heritage Trust Advisory Board – Jake Rasor, SCDNR Board Representative*

*Migratory Waterfowl Committee – Dr. Mark Hartley, SCDNR Board Representative*

*Saltwater Recreational Fisheries Advisory Committee – Keith C. Hinson, SCDNR Board Representative*

*Law Enforcement – A. Foster McKissick III - Chairman*

C. Mitigation Trust Fund – Haile Gold Mine – Management of Wateree River Heritage Preserve and Rainbow Ranch Properties

*Mrs. Cope briefly reviewed the request as included in the meeting packet. Dr. Hartley made a motion that the Board approve the expenditure of \$350,000 from the Mitigation Trust Fund of South Carolina, Haile Gold Mine Mitigation and Management Endowment for management and archeological surveys of the Rainbow Ranch, Cooks Mountain and Goodwill Plantation Tracts.*

D. Approval of 2019-2020 Migratory Waterfowl Permit Budget

*Mrs. Cope briefly reviewed the request as included in the meeting packet. Mr. Oxner made a motion that the Board approve the 2019-2020 Migratory Waterfowl Permit Budget request for \$406,700, as presented. Dr. Hartley seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.*

E. Contribution to Ducks Unlimited Canada

*Mrs. Cope briefly reviewed the proposed contribution for \$18,633, as included in the meeting packet. Dr. Hartley made a motion that the Board approve the \$18,633 requested contribution to Ducks Unlimited Canada as required by S.C. Code Section 50-9-920(B). Mr. Hutchins seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.*

XV. Executive Session

*Mr. Hutchins made a motion that the Board go into Executive Session pursuant to SC Code Section 30-4-70(A)(1) to discuss a personnel item, and pursuant to 30-4-70(A)(2) to discuss contractual matters related to potential acquisitions of real property related to item F. Dr. Hartley seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.*

XVI. Open Session

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

XVII. Item(s) for Board Action

F. Property Acquisition in Lancaster County

*Dr. Hartley made a motion that the Board grant final approval to acquire approximately 593 acres adjoining SCDNR's Liberty Hill WMA in Lancaster County. Mr. Hutchins seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.*

XVIII. Time and Location of Next Board Meeting

*The next meeting will be held Thursday, July 18, 2019 in Columbia.*

XIX. Adjournment

*Mr. Hutchins made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Oxner seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.*