

**Land, Water & Conservation Division
Advisory Committee Minutes
Dennis Building, Room 357
Columbia, South Carolina
Monday, April 21, 2014**

CONFERENCE CALL

<i>Present</i>	Bill Simpson	Dean Moss
	Larry Nates	Marvin Davant
	Jim McLeod	Trish Hartung
	Webb Smathers	Tom Garrison
<i>Staff:</i>	Ken Rentiers	Marc Cribb
	Dorothy Phillips	

Call to Order/Welcome: The **April 21, 2014** meeting was called to order by Chairman William Simpson at 10:05 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.

Approval of January 21, 2014 Minutes: Marvin Davant made a motion to approve the January 21, 2014 Minutes and seconded by Larry Nates, all were in favor and the motion passed.

Deputy Director's Report: The Committee was updated on the Basin Modeling project and that bids were being reviewed. They were also informed about the progress of the ground water monitoring network, 2 new salt water intrusion monitoring wells at Garris Landing. There is also a new project at Hobcaw Barony in Georgetown County, in cooperation with USC, Clemson and USGS. Update was given on the 2014 Envirothon; we anticipate 23 teams to participate in the event.

Ken briefly spoke about the upcoming budget year, stating overall the Division is looking "good". There are concerns about not getting the Conservation Districts staff position that was requested; and getting additional funds to be bring the funding back to \$15,000 for each district.

Committee Comments: Dean Moss had questions about the DNR Board re-evaluating the LWC Advisory Committee and the status of the process. Ken informed the Committee members that the Board was going to leave things as they are until June and that the Board would be contacting committee members. Webb Smathers stated that he did not receive his letter. Webb stated he would like to continue on the Advisory Committee and we would again forward him a copy of his letter. Tom Garrison also would like to continue to serve on the Committee, as would Trish Hartung. Ken thanked the committee members for serving on the committee and their wanting to continue to serve.

Executive Session: At 10:20 a.m. Jim McLeod motioned to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel issues with a second by Webb Smathers. All were in favor.

At 10:35 a.m. Larry Nates made a motion to return from Executive Session, seconded by Dean Moss. All were in favor.

Trish Hartung motioned that the Conservation District Commissioner re-appointments be approved and the motion was seconded by Marvin Davant, all were in favor. The Conservation District Commissioner re-appointments were approved as follows: Michael Shirer, Calhoun; Henry Gettys, Cherokee; Lonnie Gillespie, Greenwood; David Padgett, Saluda and Jack Turner, Spartanburg.

Larry Nates made a motion that the new Conservation District Commissioners be approved and seconded by Dean Moss, all were in favor. The new appointments were approved and are as follows: I.M. Benton, Colleton; Joshua Jones, Colleton; Lee Keese, Oconee; Carol Hendrix, Oconee; Mendel H. Stewart, Pickens; Dale Mayson, Pickens; Bennie Copeland, York; Clarence Senn, York and Mark Wyndham, York.

Next Meeting Date: TBD for late June.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made at 10:50; all were in favor to adjourn.

Dorothy L. Phillips