

**Land, Water & Conservation Division: Advisory Committee Minutes  
National Guard Armory, Columbia, SC  
Wednesday, February 1, 2023 @ 5:00 pm**

**Present:** Larry Nates                      William Simpson      Tom Garrison  
                  Marvin Davant  
**\*Call-in**        Diane Edwins \*

**DNR Exec & Staff:** Ken Rentiers, Tyler Brown, and Brooke Myres

**Call to Order/Welcome:** The February 1, 2023 meeting was called to order by **Mr. Simpson**, who welcomed and thanked all for attending.

**Approval of the minutes from October 11, 2022. Motion made by Mr. Nates, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Garrison; – no further discussion – all in favor and none opposed. Motion passed.**

Following the invocation, Ken Rentiers provided a Deputy Director’s report.

**Deputy Director’s Report; Ken Rentiers:**

Gave a brief update on the budget status. Currently in the House Ways and Means. Looks positive for a great outcome for LWC.

Ongoing conversations about the potential split of the Department of Health and Environmental Control in the legislature.

Brooke Myres report: -- the 2022 Conservation Districts Annual report is almost complete for print. Distribution should be ready by March / April of 2023.

Tyler Brown reported that they have posted the new regional field positions with a target date of May 1, 2023 to start. A new administrative assistant should be in place by the next LWC Advisory committee meeting in April.

***With a quorum present, the LWC Advisory committee proceeded with commissioner appointments. The appointment list was distributed.***

***Names were read aloud, proceed to exec session if necessary. No move to executive session; motion to approve appointments and reappointments by Mr. Nates; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Edwins – no further discussion – all in favor and none opposed. Motion passed.***

CHAIR: anyone have comments/ issues you’d like to bring forward?

Meeting dates for next year presented to the committee.

Meeting was adjourned 5:50 PM to attend the DNR Legislative Reception.