

Land, Water & Conservation Division: Advisory Committee Minutes
SCDNR Board Room, 1000 Assembly Street, Columbia, SC 29201
Tuesday, October 11, 2022 @ 10:00am

Present: Webb Smathers James McLeod Larry Nates
 William Glenn Diane Edwins * Marvin Davant
***Call-in** William Simpson*

DNR Exec & Staff: Robert Boyles, Ken Rentiers, Tyler Brown, Deanne Myrick, Brooke Myres, Scott Harder, Hope Mizzell, Elliott Wickham

Call to Order/Welcome: The October 11, 2022 meeting was called to order by **Mr. McLeod**, (*acting Chair today due to Mr. Simpson's absence*) who welcomed and thanked all for attending.

- Following the invocation,
- **Mr. McLeod**

Acting Chairman: *Thank you. Mr. Simpson, Diane Edwins, Marvin Davant are on the phone and a quorum is needed to proceed with commissioner appointments . No new appointments and only reappointments we have had a chance to review them in advance, please refer to your list.*

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

Approval of the minutes from Aug. 2, 2022. Motion made by Mr. McLeod, 2nd by Dr. Smathers; – no further discussion – all in favor and none opposed. Motion passed.

Deputy Director's Report; Ken Rentiers:

Budget handout – will send to those who are not present – DNR Board approve

Priority #1: overall DNR recruitment/retention.

Priority #2 is State Water Plan.

Scott Harder and his team doing fantastic job with the responsibilities.

Marine Resources infrastructure / support is needed; deferred maintenance must be done.

Large property acquisition / management is another high priority.

Director Boyles joined the meeting. He welcomed all and thanked them for their leadership and direction.

Flood mitigation group has been out in Georgetown County doing damage assessments.

Brooke Myres report: -- updated on Envirothon Steering Committee. FFA will now use Envirothon as a wildlife qualifier. Envirothon will double participant numbers; April 28, 2023 is the competition date.

Annual reports – another statewide annual report one is in the works;

Tyler Brown report that the chief of NRCS was in town for a press conference announcing \$70 million to focus on climate smart conservation incentives with SC State & Clemson University.

Scott Harder provided a water plan update & PPAC Update.

Hope Mizzell and Elliott Wickman provided an update on the Drought Response Committee.

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

Meeting dates for next year presented to the committee.

Meeting was adjourned 12:27 PM.