

Minutes of the South Carolina Aquatic Plant Management Council

1. Call to Order

Steven de Kozlowski called the 89th meeting of the South Carolina Aquatic Plant Management Council to order at 10:00 am on January 12, 2006 in the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources Board Room; 1000 Assembly Street, Columbia. This meeting was open to the public and ample notice had been provided according to Section 30-4-80 of the Freedom of Information Act.

Attendance

Council members in attendance were Mr. John Inabinet, S.C. Public Service Authority; Mr. Marc Cribb, S.C. Department of Natural Resources, Land, Water and Conservation Division; Mr. Cam Lay, Clemson University, Department of Pesticide Regulation; Ms. Jeannie Eidson, S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control; Mr. David Thompkins, S.C. Department of Agriculture, and Mr. Steven de Kozlowski, S.C. Department of Natural Resources, Land, Water and Conservation Division.

Visitors in attendance were Mr. Chris Page, S.C. Department of Natural Resources, Land, Water and Conservation Division.

2. Minutes of the November 17, 2005 Council Meeting

The minutes were reviewed and a motion to accept the minutes as written was made by Cam Lay and seconded by Miller White. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Review of Draft 2006 S.C. Aquatic Plant Management Plan

Chris Page stated that there are no major changes to the earlier draft of the S.C. Aquatic Plant Management Plan. Minor changes included grammatical corrections and the following changes to the Lake Marion section of the plan.

12-4 Sub-Impoundments -

a. Dean's Swamp Impoundment, Potato Creek Impoundment, Church Branch Impoundment

Santee Cooper plans to continue transitioning from Hydrilla dominant plant communities to ones dominated by native plant species beneficial to wildlife by use of aquatic herbicides.

There were no other changes to be noted. Miller White made a motion to approve the changes and Cam Lay seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

De Kozlowski stated the S.C. Aquatic Management Plan would be submitted for public review.

6. Other Business

De Kozlowski mentioned that the phragmites private landowners cost share program was in the final stages of implementation in the Georgetown Conservation District's offices. Staff from the district are in the process of taking applications and awards will be made soon.

It was also noted that the Aquatic Nuisance Species Communication project is wrapping up and a final product should be available later in 2006 and that the culmination of this project a state plan for aquatic nuisance species will be done by SCDNR.

South Carolina has joined a Southeastern regional Aquatic Nuisance Species Panel to facilitate interstate coordination of invasive species issues.

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7. Adjournment

Being no further business the Council adjourned at 11:30 a.m.