

Minutes of the South Carolina Aquatic Plant Management Council

1. Call to Order

Steven de Kozlowski called the 90th meeting of the South Carolina Aquatic Plant Management Council to order at 10:10 am and a special welcome was issued to Scott Lamprecht (first meeting, taking over from Miller White) on March 16, 2006 in the South Carolina Department of Agriculture; Ramage Conference Center, 1001 Bluff Road, 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. Scott Lamprecht, S.C. Department of Natural Resources, Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries; Ms. Jeannie Eidson, S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control; Mr. Stan Hutto, S.C. Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism; Mr. David Tompkins, 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. Larry McCord, S.C. Public Service Authority and Mr. Chris Page, S.C. Department of Natural Resources, Land, Water and Conservation Division.

2. Minutes of the January 12, 2006 Council Meeting

The minutes were reviewed, and a motion to accept the minutes as written was made by David Tompkins and seconded by Jeannie Eidson. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Santee Cooper Remetrix Mapping update:

Larry McCord of SC Public Service Authority (Santee Cooper) presented an update of the new aerial hyperspectral vegetation mapping project for the Santee Cooper Lakes. The new contract is in place for hyperspectral photography from Remetrix to replace the older aerial interpretation done by TVA. The results were positive in that the project was completed by March with products in the hands of Santee Cooper's GIS staff. The hyperspectral imagery was flown in July with many analysis and results in place by late January. The advantages of this were the faster turnaround time and the ability to map more types of vegetation accurately. Costs are higher than previous years but with better results.

4. Draft 2006 South Carolina Aquatic Plant Management Plan:

Chris Page stated that there were 25 comments, all of which were focused on Lake Murray. 21 of those comments came in the form of a "form letter" by the residents of one sub-division on Horse Creek in Lake Murray. The response by SCDNR to those comments was an explanation as to why certain things were done according to the plan. (See attached Comments and Responses) No modifications were made to the plan with the exception of increased costs. The costs were increased based on the contractor,

Professional Lake Management, requesting a cost of living adjustment to the previous year from the SC Materials Management Office. Said request was reviewed and approved. The increase was close to an average of 4% across the board.

There were no other changes to be noted. Jeannie Eidson made a motion to approve the changes and David Tompkins seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

5. Other Business

The Gulf and South Atlantic Regional Panel on Aquatic Invasive Species meeting was moved to Atlanta from Charleston on April 5 and 6. The MidAtlantic Regional Panel on Aquatic Nuisance Species meeting is in Wilmington, NC on April 12-13. De Kozlowski plans on attending both since he serves on one and the other is so close.

The Southeast Exotic Pest Plant Council is meeting in Raleigh, NC on May 23-25.

The Chairman mentioned that the DNR has been working to get the Corps of Engineers to help control Phragmites on Corps dredge spoil sites. They seem receptive in the Charleston and Georgetown areas.

The North Carolina DENR has added water hyacinth and parrots feather to its noxious weed list. The Council suggested sending a letter in support of that action.

Jeannie Eidson clarified that recent legislation by DHEC does not require NPDES permits for application of pesticides only specified effluent discharges that were formerly removed.

6. Adjournment

Being no further business the Council adjourned at 11:49 a.m.