

128th Meeting of the South Carolina Aquatic Plant Management Council

Attendance:

Council Members: Chris Page, Willie Simmons, Larry McCord, Tammy Lognion, David Wannamaker, Chad Altman, Sarah Reed

Guests: Matt Puckhaber, Jimmy McGouzen, Vann Branch, Eileen Branch, Casey Moorer, Brian Lynch, Jane Hood

Location: Greenwood County Veterans Center, 106 Main Street North, Greenwood, SC 29646

Call to Order: 10:35 am 05/08/18

Minutes:

Chairman Chris Page called to order the 128th Meeting of the South Carolina (SC) Aquatic Plant Management Council (APMC or Council). He thanked everyone for coming all the way up here. He did have a tour planned, but noted that everyone could look around the museum after the meeting. He appreciates the meeting space from the veterans association. Mr. Page said he passed out the minutes of the March 27, 2018 Council meeting before this meeting. He hoped everyone read them. He also passed out all the public comments, which were very few for a change. In regard to the management plan, he went through and did some editorial changes, just to clean up the document, as well as making the changes discussed at the last meeting.

Mr. Page noted that Sarah Reed was on the phone with us from SC Department of Health and Environmental Control's (DHEC) Ocean and Coastal Resource Management (OCRM) division. He thanked her for taking time out of her day to participate, since it would have been a haul for her to get up here. He told her that if she finds us a meeting space, we will come see her for the meeting. He suggested that we start it out like we normally do and introduce ourselves to the members of the public, and since there are so few members of the public, he asked them to introduce themselves, too. Everyone introduced themselves and the organization they were associated with, if applicable.

Mr. Page thanked everyone again for being here. He noted we normally have ten to fifteen people at the meeting in different places. The first order of business was the minutes. He gave everyone a moment to review them in case they had not had the opportunity yet. He also confirmed that Ms. Reed had received a copy.

Mr. Simmons said that if anything got changed, it was not much. Mr. Page said he only cleaned up a few grammatical errors in the minutes. It is hard when you are typing that stuff to always be using the proper English tense. Mr. McCord said he noticed some grammatical errors, but he figured it was grammatical errors made by the speaker, including himself.

Mr. Page said there were some grammatical errors in the public comments, as well, but they are pretty clean as compared to some of the other years. Mr. McCord liked that they were

on one piece of paper. Mr. Page said we did not have a lot. He thinks that is because we are basically doing everything this year as we did last year, and everyone expressed their opinions last year.

Mr. Page said he was willing to entertain a motion anytime anyone would like to offer it. Mr. Wannamaker made a motion to accept the minutes as printed. Mr. McCord seconded the motion. Mr. Page said he had a motion and a second, and asked for discussion. There being no discussion, he called for a vote. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Page moved to the public comment section of the agenda. The plan was posted for 30 days, with a news release sent out concerning the plan and the posting of the public comments. Mr. Page did not count them, but there are eight to ten. Some of them were not necessarily related to the plan, they just called attention to certain things. Mr. Page thinks the reason we did not have that many public comments on it was because, simply, we kind of stuck to what we did last year. We developed a plan for Santee Cooper (S-C) last year specifically that was to continue for several years in a row to kind of gauge if we are doing the right thing, and to try and stay on the same track we were. We have had no significant changes in that plan, and, Mr. Page does not think, any real significant changes in the lake. He thinks it is kind of slight, and we are going to see those.

Mr. Page said the other two places with issues were Lake Murray and Lake Greenwood. We basically revamped Lake Murray last year and did some grass carp stocking. Lake Greenwood had to be revamped again last year because of a massive influx of *Hydrilla* from somewhere. He thinks all the grass carp got washed away in the 2015-2016 floods by going over dams and spillways and all kind of stuff. He noted that the Council members had a copy of the public comments in front of them. He read all the comments printed on the handout. He noted that he responded to the comment regarding the ballast water release, which is not technically part of the aquatic plant management plan, but it is part of the invasive species plan. Work is underway in that category through the United States (US) Coast Guard, the US Environmental Protection Agency, and the US Corps of Engineers (CORP). Mr. Page saw no reason to change the plan based on any of the public comments.

Mr. McCord said the public comments are mostly positive, as in recent history. They are mostly concerning S-C lakes. He thinks some people make the assumption that it is a plan for the S-C lakes rather than the whole state. He thinks most of their comments are positive with the exception of, obviously, they would like to see more control with some of the other invasive plants. We are continuing with those efforts moving forward.

Mr. Page said we do not get comments until you have a problem area. We got some comments from Lake Murray a couple years ago. We had a problem. We also had comments from Lake Greenwood when we had a problem. Unless you are a problem area, you normally do not get the comments, especially if they kind of know you are consistently doing something, as with Goose Creek. It is a problem area, but they see us out there every third Thursday. They know we are going to be there. That is one of those places that you are not looking at control but management to the best of your ability. There is no way to solve that problem. Mr. McCord said he did not disagree with Mr. Page, but would rather be called something other than a

problem area. He thinks the S-C lakes are an area that has opportunities for improvement. Mr. Page said he meant a problem area from the perspective of the plants impacting activities.

Mr. Page noted some of the simple changes he made to the plan. He added giant salvinia to Lake Marion in the master table on page 4. He did the same thing in the plan, even though we had to “control and eradicate giant salvinia” in the plan. We did not have giant salvinia (*Salvinia molesta*) listed in the problem plant species list. He added those. He went through the whole document and where we had ProcellaCOR rate as TBD, he replaced it with the proper rates of 1-5 PDUs. He had to revamp Kings Mountain a little bit because they kind of change gears on him. He put the grass carp in Lake York instead of Lake Crawford and he had to add Lake York in there. They finally got a grass carp gate up and that is on page 77. In Croft State Park section on page 71, he changed it to 250 grass carp instead of 500 grass carp. He had to look back historically and we put 500 grass carp for much larger infestation of *Hydrilla* than they have now. So, he dropped it down to 250 grass carp and that is a technically a change not an editorial change.

Mr. Page said he went through the whole plan and he also changed the information in the front of the plan where he had Sarah Reed listed working in Columbia in plain old DHEC. He had to get her in the OCRM. He made those changes for her in the document. He updated page 116, the National Poison Data System (NPDS) required information details about the contacts for everybody in SC Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the other places, like Clemson Department of Pesticide and Regulation, Poison control hotline, radio room, and SCDNR emergency number. Most of that stuff was the same. But, he did change all the supervisors and managers in law enforcement and wildlife. Some of the calls about problems and freshwater fisheries kills were not getting to the correct person because Hal Beard is no longer with us.

Mr. Page added ProcellaCOR to our list of herbicides. He still does not have all the information he needs for that. He has a label, but the label did not tell him some things he needed to know. The label has been approved in the state of South Carolina. It will be available for use as soon as they can produce it and get it out to people. But, he put that out on page 137. What will go in, after we get through this meeting, is any more changes you may have and the public comments page. We always post the comments in there and the expected results of any changes we may make, but there are no changes being made to his knowledge. So, he kind of grouped the public comments in the draft together. He asked anyone present from the public if they have any other comments that they would like for us to consider. There were none. He asked if there were any more changes from the Council.

Mr. McCord, looking at the products used on giant salvinia, asked Ms. Moorer if S-C had used and would like to continue using Aquathol and endothall products on that plant. Ms. Moorer said those products are not very effective on *Salvinia*. Noting that, Mr. McCord said he did not see anything else listed in the S-C section and thinks everything good as written. Mr. Page said he thought what was listed was the only things that had ever been tried or used. He thought they had used a Habitat and glyphosate mix. Ms. Moorer said that glyphosate, triclopyr, fluridone, Galleon, and diquat had been used. She was not sure about ProcellaCOR’s effectiveness. Mr. Page said he would add glyphosate and Galleon in there.

Mr. McCord said we should consider, on these chemical lists, going with the chemical names rather than the trade names, because the trade names can limit you. He does not think anybody will hold us to that, but it does limit you to certain products rather than multiple products that might be available. Mr. Page said he had been thinking about that part of the plan for next year. He likes specific stuff, but we all know we are going to use any product that is available, is going to work, and is labeled for that species. Mr. McCord noted it could say “or similar” or “or same”. Ms. Lognion suggested using the generic name and then in parentheses “i.e.” with the trade name beside it for examples. Mr. McCord said it is something to think about, but it is not important to be changed at this point. Mr. Page thought all those can be lumped together into “we are going to use labeled products for the specific species involved” and have three lines instead of a half of a page through the document to reduce the length some.

Mr. Page went over the planned grass carp stockings. We are going to stock 10,000 carp in S-C. We are going to stock 3,000 carp in Lake Murray, with 1,500 in the early season and then 1,500 based on the outcome of that. Lake Greenwood will be stocked with 265 grass carp. They are back to a maintenance stocking, because last year, with treatment, there are 4,185 fish in that system. That does not sound like a lot. We are looking at getting to the level of one grass carp per six surface acres. Research was done, remember and we talked about this before. One to eight was thought to be a good number, but that one to eight ratio does not seem to be effective in some places. He does not think the one to eight ratio will work on S-C lakes, because it is so large and divided. If it was either Lake Marion or Lake Moultrie, it may come close that way, but since we have two lakes with a very limited area to go between the two, he does not think that lower rate will work. For the people in the audience, that is stocking and maintaining one grass carp per six surface acres of the lake. That is not a lot.

Mr. Branch asked if they eat *Bacopa*. Mr. Page said no, they do not eat *Bacopa* very well. Grass carp are pretty specific to certain plants. They have a hierarchy of things they will eat. Of course, *Hydrilla* is at the top. Things like *Bacopa* and *Vallisneria* are way down on the bottom. If they are starving, they may eat it. But if they are not, they probably are not going to eat it. Mr. McCord said there is a chance they will eat *Bacopa* in the situation like what you got. He did not know whether they would be able to eat it and grow or survive appropriately. That plant has a lot of oils in it and he does not know if it is appropriate for fish to consume a lot of it. Grass carp will eat something, if it is all they have available to them. There are some plants they will consume that they cannot really digest and you might not be able to get long term control even if they were effective at controlling it.

Mr. Branch asked about purchasing grass carp as a private owner. Mr. Page said they could be purchased through private contractors. He then explained the process the fish have to go through at DNR before they can be delivered to any SC waters.

Mr. Page asked if there were any other changes to the plan. Mr. McCord said he remembered that a statement was put in the plan that basically says additional grass carp may be stocked in 2018 based on *Hydrilla* surveys and vegetation found on the lakes based on the approval of the council. He was having trouble locating it. Mr. Page noted the plan says changes to the strategy will be implemented if the survey results in regrowth or habitat loss. So, it kind of covers both ends of the spectrum. If we get too much habitat loss, we can back off on

the stocking. If we get regrowth from certain species, we can add more grass carp. Mr. McCord said he still has a pretty significant concern that that might happen to us before the end of this year, depending on water levels and all the other environmental conditions. Mr. Page then gave a refresher on why the Council is trying to ensure there are numerous age classes of grass carp in the S-C system and all other waterbodies that are being stocked in the state, and how the Council got to that decision.

Mr. Page asked if anyone else had additional comments or changes to the plan. Mr. McCord made a motion to accept the draft plan as written. Ms. Lognion seconded the motion. Mr. Page noted there is a motion on the floor to accept the draft plan as written, with the changes we have made, and a second. He asked if there was any discussion about it. There was no discussion and Mr. Page called for a vote. The motion was passed unanimously, and the plan was approved.

Mr. Page said we have some other new items for the Council action. He talked earlier about streamlining the plan a little bit. In the next few months or six months, he would like to get any ideas of how to reduce this thing a little bit and trim corners. Technically, by law, the plan does not have to be approved every year, if there are no changes. The only thing we have to supply every year is an updated spreadsheet about potential cost. That being said, he thinks it is important sometimes, every year, to go back over this thing and we might see something we missed. If you have looked at this like all of us had for the past 30 years, it kind of runs together sometimes. We have all written a document and read it to ourselves and it sounded great until we handed it to someone else. They read it and put a bunch of red ink on it. Keep looking at it to let us know if there are problems. You are going to see things like changing everything from a brand name to a generic name. Just doing that could take a while. Mr. McGouzen said to just put “and, or, equivalent to” and that should solved your problem. Mr. McCord asked if any complaints had been made by any chemical manufacturers. Mr. Page thinks the only chemical manufacturer that looks at this plan may be Todd Horton, with SePRO, and he has not made any complaints. There are a lot of products out there and we are lucky, in our lifetime, to have three new products that have been highly effective.

Mr. Page said he should have printed it out and brought it, but he received a document about *Phragmites* control in coastal, salt water areas by using sugar. Something about adding sugar to the soil, or spraying it with cane syrup or something like that, aided in the production of hydrogen sulfide. And hydrogen sulfide was noxious to the Phrag at certain levels. They said that a lot of the standard species that were growing in salt marshes had a tolerance to it. Mr. Page said he would send a copy of the document to the Council. Mr. McCord asked where it came from. Mr. Page said it came from up north out of the US Fish and Wildlife Service. A lot of the northern states do not like herbicides. They will hire divers to go pull plants up instead of putting any herbicide in it. It is not very cost effective, but they are looking for other ways. There was some humorous discussion between Mr. McCord and Ms. Lognion about the use of sugar as an herbicide.

Mr. Page said he sent the document to Achi Treptow, and he is willing to try it. For those of you that do not know, Mr. Treptow is at Santee Coastal, which is almost ground zero for Phrag. Georgetown was ground zero for the introduction of Phrag in SC.

Mr. McCord noted they have had a lot of people recommend that we treat submersed aquatic plants in the S-C system with salt, but I've not had anyone recommend sugar. Mr. Page said the document talked about using a salt-sugar mix where the salinity was not high enough to do what they wanted it to do. Mr. Simmons asked what kind of concentrations they were using. Mr. Page said they did not have any details in it. It was very general. Evidently, it had been effective for them in small microcosms. Mr. McCord noted that salt is effective for controlling fresh water plants, but at the same time it controls everything else, because they are not intended to be in salt water. Mr. Page and Mr. McCord had a brief discussion about how diesel was used in the past.

Mr. Page said the other new item for Council action goes along with the next meeting date. We have asked that the Council attend the SC Aquatic Plant Management Society (SCAPMS or Society) meeting. It is in October, the first week, and goes from Wednesday to Friday. We have discussed it with the Society. They said there were potentially funds available through the Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Foundation (AERF) for people to attend the meeting, if the agency didn't have funds. Mr. Page noted that he, Mr. McCord, Ms. Lognion, and Ms. Moorer are always there anyway. Mr. Simmons could probably get by with going. It is a half day on Wednesday, we come in on Wednesday afternoon. If we do that, Mr. Page would like to have the Council meeting on Thursday afternoon, because we have an open spot in the agenda where we do either field trips or breakout sessions. We could do the meeting then, or since we are down there Tuesday to set up, we could do the meeting on Tuesday afternoon. It would be tough to do it Wednesday morning, but we could work it out. So, think about that, and Mr. Page will be corresponding with you a little more about it. He would really like for everyone to see what is going on in the world out there. There are a lot of different talks, including a bunch from students. One of the meals, the banquet on Thursday, is included in the registration fee of \$125. For a three day meeting, that is unheard of. He thinks the rooms will be in the \$90s. The conference will be held in North Myrtle Beach, at the Ocean Drive Beach and Golf Resort. Ms. Moorer said all the information is on the SCAPMS web site, scapms.org.

Mr. McCord said he thinks it will be an excellent opportunity for the Council members to gain some more knowledge about aquatic plant management. Not everyone on the Council is actively involved in aquatic plant management on a day to day basis. This meeting is one of the better meetings across the country, in terms of highlighting what is going on within the state. There is a combination of university folks there representing research work that is going on. Most of the large scale programs that do aquatic weed control are there. Mr. Page does an update on the state's program. S-C has an update. There is a lot of information passed on at this meeting, in a fairly short period of time. Mr. McCord thinks it is worth the while of the members of the Council to try to gain some more knowledge that will be beneficial to you in the future.

Mr. Page said you will see new ideas, new strategies, and the research coming out of places, both local and national. You will also have an opportunity to sit down and talk to most of the guys. The fellowship at the meetings is quite good. We have a lot of time after those meetings set aside to sit down and talk to people, have a beverage and just find out what it going on. He does not know about Mr. McCord, but he gets a lot of information from the contractors. He will ask questions about new products, what they have seen and what they thinks works best

on various species. There will be people there from North Carolina, SC, and Georgia. At times, we have had contractors from all around the Southeast. We get a lot of good stuff out of that. The meeting costs \$125, which is a pretty good deal for three days of meetings and a nice banquet. He thinks this year we are having a country buffet, if that will change your mind. Sometimes we have a seafood buffet or other things. It will be right downtown on Ocean Drive and at that time of the year, Ocean Drive is still moving a little bit. It is pretty close driving distance to a number of restaurants. It is also near Little River. We have a fishing tournament that goes out of Little River. That may deter you from a Thursday afternoon meeting. We have a golf tournament on Thursday afternoon. We still need to get all that stuff lined up. He asked everyone to just think about it. We do not even have the registration open yet. We have got to make some final decisions and get it all posted. But the location is posted and the general cost. If your agency is unwilling to foot the bill for you and you need us to contact AERF, we will get our president to do that for people that may want to attend the meeting. He knows some of you are on travel restrictions, but maybe not.

Mr. McCord did not know if everyone is familiar with AERF, but they are a national organization that provides all sorts of support for aquatic plant management, but one of the things they do is help get the right people to meetings if they cannot get there. They have provided funding for government organizations that had cut back on their travel. They have provided money for private individuals. They do not discriminate, so it is a really good opportunity. If they are willing to foot the bill for anyone that cannot come, that is a big plus for the Society as well.

Mr. Page asked for a confirmation of the conference dates. Ms. Moorer said it is October 3rd through 5th. Mr. Page said if you come, you will have contacts. You will know where to buy herbicides. A lot of the vendors and distributors are there. Mr. McCord said a lot of vendors set up with their information and about their products. MR. Page said that was my suggestion for the next meeting. He asked if anyone else had anything we need to consider.

Mr. McCord had one quick announcement. This will be his last Council meeting. His replacement on the Council will be Ms. Moorer, who is sitting over here next to Mr. Lynch, who is Mr. McCord's replacement at S-C. He is sure Mr. Lynch will be involved with the Council whenever he can, but hopefully everyone will even be much more cooperative and nice to all these new folks. After dealing with Mr. McCord, it should be pretty easy. Hopefully, moving forward, everything will continue going in the right direction. These folks are going to do a very good job of continuing to manage the S-C system as it should be managed with cooperation from DNR and all of the members of the public, who also cooperate with us and help us decide what needs to be done.

Mr. Page said on behalf of the Council, he would like to thank Mr. McCord for his service to the Council. He has been invaluable at times and completely uncontrollable at times, but he always had the passion to do this and it takes passion in life. Mr. Page wished he could gather up all the same passion Mr. McCord still has. He thanked Mr. McCord for his service. We appreciate everything he has done. We will talk more about Mr. McCord at the next meeting, Mr. Page is sure. Mr. McCord will be at the SCAPMS meeting in October, and will be able to come in and do some stuff.

Mr. Simmons asked if there will be a going away party. Mr. McCord said he was planning several of them, but does not know who is going to attend them. Ms. Moorer asked Mr. Simmons to send her his contact information.

Mr. McCord said he has enjoyed working with all of these folks on the Council and some of them are fairly new. He has been a member not all that long, but he has been working with the Council as S-C's aquatic plant control person for a long, long time. He thinks it is interesting to see the direction everything has gone over the years. He thinks we have a very good make up on the Council at this point in time. He urged the Council to continue to promote aquatic plant management without input from entities that do not really have any information to add, and avoid any political decisions if at all possible. This Council was actually created to help avoid those types of things from taking place. It is supposed to make sure that decisions on aquatic plant management are made based on scientific evidence and data, not based on what one person or group of individuals think or would like to see. That is a job, moving forward, as those of you who have been around for a while know. A lot of time, there is influence placed on individuals and it is very important for the Council as a whole to try to eliminate that as a possibility for decision making.

Mr. Page said he appreciated, personally, Mr. McCord's mentorship and friendship. He said that at times, he could not wait to get Mr. McCord off the Council. He said now that Mr. McCord is really leaving, he hates to see Mr. McCord go. Mr. McCord said he appreciated all the work with Mr. Page as well. He said Mr. Page has done great job as the chairperson, and a whole lot better job than the guy that was there previously.

Mr. Page said he has a tendency to let people talk and hash things out instead of calling order and putting people back in line. He likes to get it hashed out. That is because of the good make-up of the Council. He felt Mr. McCord has helped promote that. If you have got something to say, say it. If you have a question, ask the question. No question is stupid. We all know that everybody sitting around this table does not deal with this stuff every day. You may deal with a lot of it, but it is on the periphery a lot of times. We deal with it every day. We may not know the answer to your question. It may be a question we have not thought of. So, he would like to have that open dialogue continue at the Council meetings. He has been to meetings where you had Robert's Rules of Order in place and nobody could sneeze without excusing themselves in the Robert's Rules. He likes the open forum a little better, even though we are supposed to be going by Robert's Rules. For the new Council members, he thinks he already sent it one, but he will send everyone another copy of the bylaws. We do have bylaws. It is pretty simple. All he asks is that you do not attack anyone personally, and when it gets too heated, somebody has to back down. Sometimes you may just have to walk away. He does that a lot.

Ms. Lognion said it is okay to agree to disagree. Mr. Page said he does that a lot. He said sometimes we have to, because some of those entities that have no idea what is happening, but have pressured and pushed and pushed and pushed. They have no scientific facts or scientific basis to ask for anything. Mr. Page is willing to listen to anything anybody has to say. Then he is probably going to tell you why it is right or why it is wrong, or why it is halfway

right. And he thinks everybody on the Council is the same way. That is a valuable lesson that the Council has taught us all, he believes, thanks to Mr. McCord probably most times. He has kind of never been the shrinking violet that is going to sit in the corner and not say anything. Which has been good. Mr. McCord said the only stupid question is the one that has not asked. That happens to us a lot. So if you have a question, ask it. Mr. Page said if you have an opinion, state it.

Mr. Wannamaker noted this is his last meeting with the Council also. It has been quite interesting and enjoyable. A good experience. Mr. Page asked who his replacement will be. There were questions from Ms. Moorner and Mr. McCord about why Mr. Wannamaker was leaving. Mr. Wannamaker noted that at the first meeting he attended, he said he was on the TERI program, which ends in June. Mr. Page said we forget those things. Mr. McCord said Mr. Wannamaker might have another meeting, because if we see *Hydrilla* take off, they are going to call a special meeting. So he might get to attend another one.

Mr. Page thanked Mr. Wannamaker for his service. We could have done this for both of you at the same time. We appreciate all the help getting space and rooms for meetings. He hoped whoever is appointed can still get us some of those rooms. Mr. Wannamaker said he has told his higher-ups that we are still on the agenda to attend the meetings unless the legislature cuts us out.

Mr. Page said that is not going to happen this year. That bill was still in committee and was put in sub-committee. It has not been reintroduced. From my understanding, any bill that is still in sub-committee cannot get passed. Ms. Lognion said according to the Clemson legal counsel, it has gone away, so we are all good. Mr. Page said it was a knee jerk reaction anyway. That was an effort to dilute the Council and get more people receptive to the views of the person that introduced the legislation. It was an end sweep.

Mr. Wannamaker and Mr. Page had a brief discussion on how to proceed with the replacement. In the end, Mr. Page said he would write a letter for the DNR director to send out to the Department of Agriculture director regarding your replacement. Mr. Page thanked Mr. Wannamaker again for all his time. He has been consistent and showed up a lot. He and Mr. McCord both had pretty good attendance records. Ms. Eidson, though, had perfect attendance, so everyone has a lot to strive for. Over the ten years we looked at, she was there every time. Now, Ms. Reed is starting out with perfect attendance, since she called in. That counts. Mr. Page thanked her for calling in.

Mr. McCord asked if Mr. Page needed an official document from S-C. Mr. Page said technically, by the bylaws, it says the head of the agency has to submit a document or letter stating that this person is doing this. Mr. McCord said someone above him send a letter designating Casey as the representative.

Mr. Page said he would send the bylaws out to the Council, so everyone can see exactly what it says. He thinks it says the director of the agency, which in the case if S-C would be the CEO. He asked the Council to look at and read the bylaws when they arrive and see if there are any changes that need to be made to them. The Council can change the bylaws. Some of the

stuff may be antiquated because they were originally done in 1978. He thinks they have been modified twice since then. The Council was created by a gubernatorial decree. It eventually got legislative approval. That is why we still have a member of the Governor's office on there. Regretfully, the Governor's office has rarely sent anyone to the meetings. We have had some members over the years, but it has not been filled on a regular basis. He thinks the last time we had one was Hank Stallworth, under Governor Hodges. Mr. Stallworth was actually appointed by the Governor to his staff. Mr. Stallworth still worked for DNR, but was on the Governor's staff as a science advisor or something like that. He came to several of the meetings. Under Governor Haley, there were two staff members that were kind of supposed to swap off and come. Mr. Page notified them, but they never had time to come. He thinks those two staffers left pretty quickly. He recalled that Governor Haley had one staff for her first term and one staff for the start of her second term. He thinks they left and went on to bigger and better things. If you know anybody at the Governor's office, you might want to mention it to them. Mr. McCord suggested that we wait to see who gets elected in November.

Mr. Page asked if there was anything else for the Council. There was none. He thanked everyone for coming all the way to Greenwood. He likes to get out of Columbia as much as he can. The last meeting was in Santee. The next meeting will hopefully be in North Myrtle Beach. If you go to the North Myrtle Beach meeting and we have the Council meeting on Wednesday morning or Tuesday afternoon, there will be a field trip, probably, somewhere. If anyone wants a field trip some time, please let us know and we will try to arrange it. We always try to arrange one in the summer time when everything is kind of popped and going, but we get so busy that we cannot always fit you guys in. He hates to say it that way, but we are running so much that getting everyone together is difficult. Mr. McCord said the S-C staff could probably do another field trip and meeting somewhere down on the S-C system at some point.

Mr. Page suggested we could look at some *Phragmites* treated with sugar. He asked Mr. McCord if they had an ash pond where we could test the theory. Mr. McCord said there were a few places we could try that, if we chose to, but he is not convinced it is a good idea yet since none of our Phrag is in salt water. Mr. Page said he would try to find additional information and send the original document to the Council.

Mr. Page asked if there was any more business. There was none.

Mr. Wannamaker made a motion to adjourn. Mr. McCord seconded the motion. Mr. Page called for a vote, which was unanimously passed. The meeting adjourned at 11:31 pm.