

Minutes of the South Carolina Aquatic Plant Management Council

1. Call to Order

Steven de Kozlowski called the 92nd meeting of the South Carolina Aquatic Plant Management Council to order at 10:04 am on Nov. 16, 2006 in the conference room of the S.C. Department of Agriculture's Ramage Conference Center, 1001 Bluff Road (Across from Williams-Brice Stadium) in Columbia, S.C. 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. Bob Perry, S.C. Department of Natural Resources, Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries; Cam Lay), Clemson University, Department of Pesticide Regulation; Mr. John Hensel, S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control; Ms. Jeannie Eidson, S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control; Mr. Stan Hutto, S.C. Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism; Mr. Marc Cribb, S.C. Department of Natural Resources, 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. Chris Page, Michael Hook, Denise Woncisz, S.C. Department of Natural Resources, Land, Water and Conservation Division.

2. Minutes of the July , 2006 Council Meeting

The minutes were reviewed and modifications to add Bob Perry and Sam Ward as attending the last meeting was made. A motion to accept the minutes as revised by John Hensel was made and seconded by Bob Perry. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Review of 2006 Control Operations

Chris Page distributed summary information regarding funding and acreage for 2006, and made a PowerPoint presentation, which gave an overview of control sites throughout the state. In all, 2984 acres of nuisance aquatic plants were treated in 25 public water bodies at a total cost of \$722,316. Of that DNR treated 17 water bodies at \$504,816; PRT treated 8 water bodies at \$12,739; and Santee Cooper treated 7 water bodies at \$204,761. Phragmites was the primary target species with 1950 acres treated followed by Water hyacinth with over 663+ acres treated. Overall control was excellent. Control of water lettuce and salvinia minima in Goose Creek Reservoir was problematic.

4. Steve D discussed several options available for law enforcement and selling illegals and reiterated our connection with the Clemson Dept of Plant Industries(Steve Compton). The MOU with Clemson needs to be reworked. Steve also updated the Council on current activities of the Winyah Bay.

Santee Cooper lake plant coverage was discussed

Maintenance stocking issues involved the discussion on restocking plan originally agreed upon with SC

Saw most of small amount of hydrilla in the upper end of Lake Marion and the fact that most of the hydrilla was in sub impoundments.

Speculated on different stocking rates for 2007 but agreed we need the SC aerial photography

Eidson wants to wait on stocking for an additional year to make sure all criteria for restocking has been met.

Chris P introduced the proposed summary of work and indicated that it was very similar to last year except for the inclusion of Phragmites control in Charleston Harbor.

Restocking of grass carp in Goose Creek Reservoir was mentioned and will be included in draft plan.

5. Other Business

6. Adjournment

Being no further business the Council adjourned at 12:00 pm