



WEST VIRGINIA STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR FORESTERS

The WV Board of Registration for Foresters met April 8, 2021 via Zoom video conference. Those in attendance were President Chad Westfall, Denzil Litton, Dave McGill, Dan Hackett, Todd Lotter, and clerical support Hope Goff.

The meeting was called to order by President Chad Westfall at 10:15 am.

The minutes from the October 2020 meeting were read. Dave McGill made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Dan Hackett seconded; Motion carried.

Correspondence – The board discussed an email that was sent regarding a forester in Virginia being able to conduct a timber sale in WV without becoming registered. Todd Lotter summarized the state code. Dan stated that as long as his prospectus doesn't refer to him as being a "forester" but said he may not get the response if he was registered. Todd suggested that if the board remains in place at the end of this session, that work needs to be done on the statute. President Chad Westfall stated that he felt the issue had been put to rest and felt he would start the process to become registered in WV.

Complaints – none

Safety Review – Secretary Dave McGill talked about the hazards of "Slips, trips & falls" in the workplace. Reminded everyone to be more aware once we get back to normal.

Old Business

Reciprocity – President Chad Westfall asked Todd if there was anything new to report. Todd Lotter brought up a bill that was passed in the State Legislature regarding giving reciprocity to out of state applicants that affected all licensure boards. He would look that up and send out to the other board members. Todd also brought up remaining in the ASBORF, if we should consider what was currently happening in our State's legislature. After much discussion, the board decided to remain a member as long as we are a functioning board. Dan made the motion to remain a member, Dave Seconded. Motion carried. Todd will take care of getting the dues paid and he will send the link out to their virtual meeting this year in case other members want to attend.

Electronic Registration – The board will continue to offer this for the 2021-2022

renewal year. Dave would like to make some changes to the form. Dave caught up new member Denzil up on the difficulties on using the current database and doing some clean-up. Todd asks if we can make some field required before they can pay. Dave will check with Terry Triplett and see about making the necessary changes. Dave McGill shared his screen and showed the board how the online registration form looks. The board decided to remove DOB from this screen but add Land Management as an occupation.

New Business –

Annual Auditors Training - Todd Lotter attended last fall's meeting. Todd addressed the issue of asking for SSN and DOB on our application. He stated that the representative from the Auditors office stated that it was up to the board as we ask for. After much discussion, the board decided that better to have the information and not need it, than to need it and not have it. Dan Hackett moved to remove the SSN from the application but continue to ask for DOB. Dave McGill seconded. Motion carried.

Exam Updates – Hope Goff reported that we had four persons take the exam. 3 passed and 1 failed. Proctor Jamie Schuler spoke with the one that failed. They revealed that they had not had time to study in preparation. Letters will be going out soon to let the participants know.

Other Business

Fiscal Note – Secretary Dave McGill discussed the fiscal note that was asked to be done. He stated that we received no guidance and Hope helped him gather information for the submission. He emailed the other board members on what was submitted.

H.B. 3072– President Chad Westfall discussed this bill and the repercussion it will have if it passes the Senate and his signed into law. The board discussed sending out some correspondence to registrants this summer if the board is to remain active, in hopes of stopping this bill again next session.

Review of Applicants –

Emeritus Status – None

New applicants - The board reviewed four files. One file was for Forestry Technician status – Eugene Broadwater. Chad stated that he had work experience, and all reference were in. No exam was needed. Dave made a motion to grant his FT status, Denzil seconded. Motion carried.

Eugene Broadwater – FT-130

Three files for Registered Profession Forester were reviewed. Adam Maltempie has all references, work experience and has passed the required exam. Todd Lotter made the motion to grant him RPF status. Dan Hackett seconded. Motion carried. Grant Tennant needs experience, has all references and passed the exam. However, the board was

contemplating that the matriculation statement was missing from his transcript and will contact him regarding this. Once this is taken care of, Todd Lotter voted to grant him FIT status. Dan Hackett seconded. Motion carried. Robert Eckenrode IV was reviewed. It was found that he met the work experience requirement, and had passed the exam. He was short one professional reference. Hope will make contact with him and see if we can get that soon. Dave McGill made a motion to grant him RPF status once the reference is received. Denzil seconded. Motion carried.

Robert Eckenrode IV – 807

Adam Maltempie – 808

Annual Audit – The 2020 books were reviewed and found to be in order.

The next meeting will be held on October 14, 2021 – location to be determined by September 1, 2021

Meeting Adjourned at 12:19 pm