



WEST VIRGINIA STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR FORESTERS

MINUTES APRIL 12, 2007

The meeting of the West Virginia Board of Registration for Foresters (WVBORF) was held at West Virginia Division of Forestry State Office at the West Virginia Department of Agriculture's Guthrie Complex near Charleston, WV. The meeting was called to order at 10:07 a.m. by WVBORF President Ray Hicks. Board members present were: Cinda Francis, Ray Hicks, David Hill, Gary Miller and Dan Parker.

The Minutes of the October 12, 2006 meeting were reviewed and Gary Miller moved that the Board accept the minutes. Dan Parker seconded the motion. Motion passed. The Financial Report was reviewed – Deposits for the period totaled \$2,542.00 and Expenditures were \$4,680.25, with a balance on hand as of April 12, 2007 of \$11,139.48. Dan Parker made a motion to accept the Financial Report as presented. David Hill seconded the motion. Motion passed.

CORRESPONDANCE

The Board received no Letters of Complaint.

The West Virginia Society of Professional Surveyors and the West Virginia Chapter of the Association of Consulting Foresters are sponsoring a workshop on May 4, 2007, in Bridgeport, WV, which will address issues related to the roles of foresters and surveyors in dealing with boundary matters. David Hill is involved with the planning of this workshop and plans to attend. He will report back to the Board at the October meeting with any information that may be pertinent to the Board.

The Board was informed that as of January 16, 2007, the Board has been assigned a new attorney, Jake Wegman, from the Attorney General's Office.

Secretary Francis reported that the Board's insurance premium due to the WV State Board of Risk and Insurance Management will be reduced to \$694.50 per quarter, from \$741.50 per quarter, for Fiscal Year 2008.

President Hicks reported that he has been asked to serve on a subcommittee of the Society of American Foresters dealing with better defining the categories of Continuing Forestry Education credits.

President Hicks reported that the WVBORF has been invited to attend the annual meeting of the Association of Southeastern Boards of Registration for Foresters (ASBORF) that will be held in Choctaw, MS, June 7-8, 2007. Any Board member wishing to attend should contact President Hicks for registration information.

OLD BUSINESS

Testing – Secretary Francis reported that the Attorney General’s office had reviewed our request regarding the legality of requiring a test for new WVBORF licensees. Their recommendation is to increase the requirements for licensure through a legislative rule promulgated by the West Virginia Legislature. This rule must be filed by the end of June 2007 for presentation to the Legislature during the 2008 Legislative session. Dan Parker moved that Secretary Francis contact the Attorney General’s office to begin the process of promulgating the legislative rule. David Hill seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Gary Miller moved and Dan Parker seconded a motion that as part of the rule, applicants must either pass the SAF Certified Forester exam or the WVBORF exam. Existing WVBORF licensees would be grandfathered in. The motion passed.

Gary Miller will work with President Hicks on finalizing the test and report back to the Board. The draft version of the test will be sent to Secretary Francis to distribute to the Board members for review prior to the October 2007 Board meeting.

The passing grade required on the test was not determined. The Board will consult with other Boards that require similar exams to determine what the passing score shall be.

NEW BUSINESS

Stamp – Secretary Francis reported that former Secretary Probert had inquired about the development of a WVBORF stamp/seal that licensees could purchase and use. David Hill will follow up with Charleston Blueprint. The stamp should include the foresters name and number and have no language that would give the impression that the individual was representing the Board.

References for Licensing – There had been some confusion regarding the wording in the References section of the Application for Registration as Forester. The wording will be changed to state, “No more than two references from your place of employment.”

Appointment of New Board Member – Gary Miller’s current term ends June 30, 2007, he has expressed a desire to serve another term. Secretary Francis will contact Barbara Breshock with the SAF regarding Gary’s willingness to serve another term. David Hill has received official confirmation letters from Governor Manchin and Senate President Tomblin.

REVIEW OF APPLICANTS

Emeritus Status. There were 2 individuals that requested Emeritus Status: James S. Paxton, III, #56; and William E. Kidd, Jr., #532. Dan Parker moved to approve both licensees as Emeritus Status and Gary Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Applicants tabled from October 12, 2006 meeting – Paul A. Fox. After reviewing his file and finding all requirements to be in order, Gary moved and David seconded a motion that Paul Fox be licensed as a Professional Forestry Technician #FT-91. Delt Edward Kaylor. After reviewing his file and finding all requirements to be met except work experience, Dan made a motion and Gary seconded the motion to accept Delt Edward Kaylor as a Professional Forestry Technician-in-Training. Anthony Kesterson had been tabled from the October 2006 Board meeting and was reviewed and addressed with the other Forester applicants (see below).

Forester in Training Upgrades – The Board reviewed two requests by foresters-in-training for upgrade status. These applications were reviewed and the Board found that the experience requirement had now been for Jeremiah Wells and would be met for Elizabeth Snider in May 2007. Dan Parker moved and Gary Miller seconded that the following licenses be issued, with Elizabeth Snider's effective May 2007 and Jeremiah Wells' effective immediately:

Elizabeth Snider	#681
Jeremiah Wells	#682

Motion carried.

Reciprocity- There were no requests by foresters for reciprocity with the state of Maryland .

New Forester and Forestry Technician Applicants

The following applications were recently received:

Chad E. Brown	F
Jedidiah Nathaniel Coldwell	F
Jon M. Corley	F
Matthew Thomas Cover	FT
Todd A. Lotter	F
Travis Mark Miller	FT
Matthew Keith Woody	FT

Due to a lack of references, these applications were tabled until the October 11, 2007, meeting.

The following **Forester** applications were received. After reviewing the applications and finding them to be in order, Dan Parker moved and Gary Miller seconded a motion that with the applications being in order, licenses be issued. The motion carried.

Anthony Kesterson	#683
Barry Todd Ellenburg	#684
John W. Hazel	#685
Karen J. Sykes	#686

The following **Forestry Technician** applications were received. After reviewing the applications and finding them to be in order, Dan Parker moved and David Hill seconded a motion that with the applications being in order, licenses be issued. The motion carried.

Jamie Steven Bradley	#FT-92
Daniel L. Haddox	#FT-93

The effective date for Daniel L. Haddox is May 14, 2007, and Jamie Steven Bradley's license is effective immediately.

The next scheduled meeting of the Board will be April 12, 2007 at WVDOF Office in Charleston, WV.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.