



WEST VIRGINIA STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR FORESTERS

MINUTES OCTOBER 13, 2005

The meeting was held at the West Virginia Division of Forestry Office in Charleston, WV and was called to order 10:10 by WVBORF President Ray Hicks. Board members present were: Ray Hicks, Gary Miller, Dan Parker and Tim Probert.

The Minutes of the April 14, 2005 were reviewed and Dan Parker motioned that the Board accept the minutes. Gary Miller seconded, and motion passed. The Financial Report was reviewed – Deposits for the period totaled \$9,397.00 and Expenditures were \$5,029.26, with a balance on hand as of October 13, 2005 of \$12,974.44. Gary Miller made a motion and Dan Parker seconded that the Financial Report be accepted as presented.

Correspondence. Routine correspondence was reviewed along with the meeting notice printed in the State Register and Charleston Gazette. Board President Ray Hick's letter to Governor Manchin regarding the appointment of Dan Parker to the Board of Foresters was noted.

Old Business.

Testing - Ray Hicks and Gary Miller will get together and compile questions for the test based on responses from experts in the various fields of forestry. Discussion followed. Board agreed that the exam will be part of the application process and that will be given at one location, most likely Flatwoods, WV, twice a year. The test would be given and graded the same day and results sent to the applicant via mail. Ray and Gary will have a sample test compiled for the April 13, 2006 meeting for the Board to review. By the October '06 meeting, applicants will need to take the exam as part of the licensing process. The Board will be ready to review exam at its April '06 meeting and be ready to implement exam beginning with the applicants whose applications will be reviewed at the October '06 meeting. Letters will go out to the applicants regarding time, location and content of the exam. The results of the first year of testing will be used as a critique of the exam and will be reviewed by the Board. Applicants applying in October '06 and April '07 will have to take the exam, but for this year, passing the exam will not count as part of their requirements for licensing. Beginning October '07, a passing grade on the exam will be required in order to be licensed by the Board. The Board will look into raising the application fee to help offset the additional cost to the Board of administering the exam.

New Business.

Continuing education – There was a discussion among the Board members concerning continuing education. Currently, to renew a license, the member must obtain 10 hours of continuous forestry education over the course of the year. After discussion, Dan Parker motioned and Gary Miller seconded, that the 10 credit hours of continuing forestry education be in one of the 6 categories of continuing education recognized by the Society of American Foresters. Motion carried. A problem that still arises each year is that some licensees want to carry over part of their credits earned from one year to the next. A reminder will go out in the renewal notice that continuing education credits do not carry over from one year to the next. Each licensee must attain 10 hours of continuing forestry education every year.

REVIEW OF APPLICANTS.

Emeritus Status. There were 3 members that requested Emeritus Status: Bruce Brenneman, #117; Ralph Glover, Jr., #94; and Mark Malone, #69. Dan Parker made a motion to approve all licensees as Emeritus Status and Gary seconded. Motion carried.

Applicants tabled from April 14, 2005 meeting – Jason P. Grose. After reviewing Mr. Grose’s file and all was found to be in order, Dan motioned and Gary seconded that Jason P. Grose be licensed as a Professional Forester #658. Motion carried.

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

Forester in Training upgrade. The Board reviewed requests of four foresters in training for upgrade status. These applications were reviewed and the Board found the experience requirements had now been met by the applicants. Gary Miller motioned and Dan seconded that the licenses be issued, the motion carried.

Erin S. Cartwright	659
James Guerrin	660
Jeremy C. Jones	661
Jeremy McGill	662

New forester and forestry technician applications were reviewed.

The following **Forester** applications were reviewed. Dan Parker motioned and Gary Miller seconded that applications were in order and licenses be issued, the motion carried.

Travis P. Bolyard	663
Willaim H. Lock	664

The following **Forestry Technician** applications were reviewed and found to be lacking required number of references. Dan Parker motioned and Gary Miller seconded that applicants be approved and licenses be issued pending required number of references are received. The motion carried.

Daniel L. Barker FT-86
Donald E. Grant FT-87
Jeremy W. Wolford FT-88

The following applicants were reviewed and found to be lacking the required number of references. Dan Parker motioned and Gary Miller seconded that the applicant be approved as **Forester** and license be issued pending the required number of references are received. The motion carried.

William P. Bleckley 665

The following applicant was reviewed and found not to meet the experience standards and lacked an additional professional forester reference. Dan Parker motioned and Gary Miller seconded that the applicant be listed as **Forester in Training** pending the required number of professional forester references were received. The motioned carried.

Shawn R. Taylor FIT

The following applicant was reviewed and found not to meet the experience standards and lacked an additional reference. Dan Parker motioned and Gary Miller seconded that the applicant be listed as **Forester in Training** pending the required number of references were received. The motioned carried.

Timothy J. Horner FIT

The following applicant was reviewed and found not to meet the experience standards and lacked an additional reference. Dan Parker motioned and Gary Miller seconded that the applicant be listed as **Forestry Technician in Training** pending the required number of references were received. The motioned carried.

Jason D. Cook FTIT

The following applicant was reviewed and found to meet all requirements except work experience, which was not met because of applicant's untimely death. Gary motioned that the applicant be approved and grant the license as **Forester** in memoriam under special circumstances, Dan Parker seconded. Motion carried. The Board received a request to grant license for the applicant from the Governor's office.

James J. B. Bialek 657

The next scheduled meeting of the Board will be April 13, 2006 at WVDOF Office in Charleston, WV.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:17 p.m.