



WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR FORESTERS

The WV Board of Registration of Foresters met on April 19, 2018 at the WV Division of Forestry headquarters in Charleston, WV. Those in attendance were Chad Westfall, Greg Cook, Dave McGill, Dan Hackett, and clerical support Hope Goff.

The meeting was called to order at 2:09 pm by President Chad Westfall.

The minutes and financial report from the October 2017 meeting were distributed. Greg Cook moved to accept both reports as presented. Dave McGill seconded. Motion carried.

Correspondence –US Department of Labor announced a grant to help reform licensing requirements.

Complaints – No new complaints were received. President Chad Westfall reported nothing new on the Yednock complaint that was received.

Safety Review – The Board reviewed and discussed “Fall Protection in General Industry” .

Old Business

- **RECIPROCITY** – Todd Lotter has been in communication with all members of Southern Board for Registration for Foresters. North Carolina is hard to reach. However, in their summary, it says that reciprocity was extended to WV. Todd created a table with information that lists the requirements of registration for each state and distributed. He suggested our board becoming a member of the Southern board at a cost of \$100 per year. The Southern Board meets once a year in August. Dave likes the idea of joining because it seems they are talking about reciprocity and it will give our board a good presence. Todd thinks it will be good for networking and learning about other issues those boards are having and to elevate the profession of Forester. Chad moved to join the Southern Board. Dan Hackett seconded. Motion carried. Todd will be attending the meeting in August and will report back at the October meeting.

New Business

- Discussion was made on maybe excusing the exam for those people who have 10+ years of forestry experience. Dan Hackett agreed. The board then discussed how this would hurt obtaining reciprocity with other boards. Greg Cook said that we would have to change the code. Greg said we'd have to wait until official exam. Todd asked

how we begin this process. Greg would have to draft legislation for the board to consider and send down the hill. Todd made motion. Chad seconded. Motion carried

Other Business –

- **Auditors Training** – no new members attended.
- **Online payments** – Dave reported the link was ready and live. Greg moved to allow online payments for the 2018-2019 renewal year – Todd seconded. Motion carried.
- **Exam results** – two out of three passed the exam held in March 2018. The next exam will be the third Saturday in September at Glenville State College. Jamie should contact Ashley Reed to see if she is still interested in being the proctor.
- **Study materials** – Dave suggested updating the study materials for exam participants. Todd will talk to Jamie about developing a study guide. Dave made motion to post a sample test online – Dan Seconded. Motion carried.
- **Clerical Support** – Dave mentioned that the salary of the clerical support had not been adjusted and felt that she was due a raise along with other state employee employees. The board agreed. Dave made the motion to increase the hourly wage of the clerical support Hope Goff to \$15.00. Todd seconded. Motion carried.

Review of Applicants

The board reviewed 5 applications for registration and found the following:

- **Emeritus Status** – Requests from Charles Rick Sypolt. Todd moved to accept this request. Dan seconded. Motion carried.
- **Upgrades** – A request for upgrade to RPF status from Levi Trent Daugherty. Dan moved to approve this upgrade. Greg Cook seconded. Motion carried.
- **Carryover** – Dylan Kesner and John Helmers were carried over. Helmers needs references and exam. Kesner needs one reference and the exam.
- **Danny Lee James** – the board reviewed and found that he is in need of the required 4 years work experience. Dan made the motion to award him FTIT status giving him 5 years to obtain the required experience. Dave seconded. Motion carried.
- **Tyler Karp, James Remuzzi** were reviewed. The board found that all requirements had been met. Dan made the motion to accept these as Registered Foresters. Dave seconded. Motion carried

Levi Trent Daugherty – RPF-794

James Remuzzi – RPF-795

Tyler Nickolas Karp – RPF-796

Schedule of Next Meeting Date

The next meeting of the board will be October 19, 2018, at the WVDOF Headquarters in Charleston, WV.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dave McGill". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D" and "M".

Dave McGill, Secretary/Treasurer