

October 8, 2009 – Meeting of the WV Board of Registration for Foresters

Meeting called to order at 10:07 a.m. by President Gary Miller. Also in attendance were Board members Cinda Francis, Secretary; Dan Parker, and David Hill; and Clerical Assistant, Hope Goff.

Minutes from the April 9, 2009 meeting were read. Dan moved to approve the minutes as read and Dave seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Financial report was approved as presented.

Correspondence

A letter from the Board of Optometry had been sent outlining the clerical services and rates they would provide the Board, if the Board so wished. After some discussion, the Board decided not to pursue this option, as things appear to be working well at this time. Gary will draft a letter thanking them for the offer and explaining that we are not interested at this time.

Complaint – The Board received a letter from an attorney representing a landowner in a civil case with a forester. While two complaints were brought forth, the Board, after much discussion, agreed that only one complaint was within the jurisdiction of the Board. The complaint revealed that the individual in question was not registered with the Board. Gary will respond to both individuals.

Board Appointments – A letter dated June 26, 2009, from the WV Chapter of SAF, listed five names for the Governor to consider for placement on the Board. To date, no communication regarding an appointment has been received. The Board decided to write the Governor a letter requesting our appointment be made as soon as possible referencing the code and attaching a copy of the SAF letter. If no appointment is made, the Board will send the letter before the April 2010 Board meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

It was reported that the lockable storage cabinet was purchased and the individual files have been transferred into it.

Cell phone – Cinda reported on the cost of acquiring a cell phone for the sole purpose of accepting calls for the Board. Dave moved and Dan seconded the motion to go with the \$39.99 monthly plan and to acquire a free phone. Motion passed.

Separate email address for the Board – There was discussion that the Board could acquire a designated email address without any additional cost to the Board. Dave moved and Dan seconded this motion. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Implementation of Legislation – With the passage of the Board’s legislation during the 2009 legislative session, there are some questions about what authority that Board now has. To move forward with the development and implementation of rules for the Board, Cinda was asked to contact Charlie Roskovinsky and request a meeting with him in December 2009. The goal is to have the rules ready for approval at the April 2010 meeting of the Board.

OTHER BUSINESS

POST OFFICE BOX – Cinda proposed to the Board that they consider obtaining a Post Office Box at the Ripley Post Office. The yearly fee rates are \$44.00 for a small box, \$70.00 for a medium box, and \$110 for a large box, and \$200 for an extra large box. Having a Post Office Box that is more accessible would increase the efficiency of the Secretary’s job and provide a designated address for WVBORF mail. Dan moved to acquire a PO Box in Ripley at the lowest rate. Dave seconded the motion. Motion passed.

EMERITUS STATUS

There were no requests for Emeritus status.

REVIEW OF APPLICANTS

Carryovers from April 9, 2009

There were no carryovers from the April 2009 meeting.

FIT/FTIT Upgrades

There were three requests for upgrades. Aaron Joseph Hayes, Shawn Taylor and James W. Jenkins applied for upgrades to Registered Forester. After review, they were all determined to meet the requirements of a Registered Forester. Aaron Joseph Hayes will not meet the work experience requirement until October 28, 2009. Dan made a motion to approve these three individuals as Registered Foresters, with Aaron Joseph Hayes’s upgrade not effective until October 28, 2009. Dave seconded the motion. Motion passed.

James W. Jenkins – RPF#718

Shawn Taylor – RPF#719

Aaron Joseph Hayes - RPF#720

New Applicants

One individual, Ryan Seth Davis, has only submitted a transcript, but no application. This application was until the April 2010 meeting.

After review it was determined that Eugene Edward Fanning III and Gregory Bart Groves II meet the educational and work experience requirements for Registered Forester, but lack the appropriate references. Dan moved to approve Eugene Edward Fanning III and Gregory Bart Groves as Registered Foresters upon receipt of the required references. Dave seconded. Motion passed.

The application of Brandon Hibbs was reviewed and found to be lacking a college transcript and appropriate references. This application will be revisited at the Meeting in April 2010, pending receipt of the transcript.

The application of Edward Daniel Hoke was reviewed and found to be in order. However, he has not yet met the required work experience. Dave made a motion to approve Mr. Hoke as a Forestry Technician-In-Training. Dan seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The applications of Christopher Wasserman, Justin Allen Shannon and Benjamin James Kunze were reviewed and found to be in order, but lacking the required work experience and references. Dave made the motion to approve Wasserman as a Forestry Technician-In-Training and Kunze and Shannon as Foresters-In-Training, pending receipt of appropriate references. Dan seconded. Motion passed.

The next scheduled meeting of the Board will be on April 8, 2010, at the WVDOF Office in Charleston, WV. The meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.