



WEST VIRGINIA STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR FORESTERS

MINUTES OCTOBER 14, 2004

The meeting was held at the Waffle House in Flatwoods, WV and was called to order 10:05 by WVBORF President Ray Hicks. Board members present were Ray Hicks, Gary Miller, Timothy Probert.

The Minutes of the April 8, 2004 were reviewed and Gary Miller amended the section concerning federal employees working as foresters in WV. There were a few other minor corrections made to the minutes by Ray Hicks. Gary Miller motioned that the Board accept the minutes as amended, Tim Probert seconded, and motion passed. The Financial Report was reviewed – Deposits for the period totaled \$9,145.00 and Expenditures were \$4,716.99, with a balance on hand as of October 14, 2004 of \$11,932.94. Gary Miller made a motion and Tim Probert 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 Record Delta.

Letter was received from Rudy Williams, Chairman of WVSAF that was sent to Governor Wise recommending Dan Parker be appointed to the Board from the list of nominees presented for consideration.

Letters from David Hill and David Warner, Association of Consulting Foresters (ACF) members regarding a registered forester listing his consulting business as his business address that went into the WVBORF annual report, and not the WV Division of Forestry (which is that forester's principle employer). Questions brought up by Dave Hill and Dave Warner centered on what was the policy of the WVBORF regarding what foresters and forestry technicians should use as their principle business address that will be listed in the Board's annual report and roster of members. After discussion by Board it was decided that the Board look into what is required to be listed in the annual report, and also what was fair and equitable to all members. It was proposed that the listing of members in the Annual Report and Roster of Members contain only a member's name, license number and mailing address. This would alleviate any controversy concerning whether an individual listed their primary or secondary employment and business address to be included in the roster. President Ray Hicks would draft a letter to Dave Hill and Dave Warner in response to their concerns.

Old Business.

WVBORF Website – It came to the Secretary of the Board's attention that the building and maintenance of a website could be developed through the WV Association of Licensing Boards. It

would be a subsite under www.wvlicensingboards.com. There would be no initial cost to the Board to develop the site. The website would have contacts, rules, roster, applications, current officers, CFE information, minutes from previous meetings and other pertinent information. Tim Prober motioned and Gary Miller seconded that the Board go ahead with website development under WV Association of Licensing Boards. Tim will be the initial contact person and work with the Associations webmaster to provide materials to be included in the website.

Renewal Fee – Tim Probert reported that there were very few problems associated with the increase in renewal fee from \$15.00 to \$20.00 per year.

Testing - The Board continued discussion of requiring an exam for licensing. Ray Hicks had compiled several sample questions to be included in such an exam that covered areas in dendrology, ecology, mensuration, silviculture, forest management, pest management, forest products, wood technology, forest policy, wildlife, fisheries, and recreation. Items that were not covered that the Board thought should be addressed included: fire control, ethics, economics, surveying, eco system management, harvesting, and social/economic issues. Ray asked that we evaluate what he had put together and that Board members should add additional questions or problems to be included in the exam. Discussion followed on how to achieve a balance in the areas covered on the exam, how to administer exam and what would be a passing grade on the exam. Also, whether or not a study guide for the exam would be necessary. It was estimated it would take two years before an exam could be implemented into the application process.

New Business - None.

Financial record audit -

Gary Miller and Ray Hicks reviewed and audited the financial records for years 2002 and 2003. Their findings showed everything to be in order and they approved and verified the financial records for 2002 and 2003 correct.

REVIEW OF APPLICANTS.

Emeritus Status. Five foresters had requested emeritus status. Gary Miller motioned and Tim Probert seconded that these members be granted emeritus status.

Glen A. Betler	#21
Robert E. Keiling	# 8
Thomas N. McKissic	#265
Anthony P. Mollish	#101
John S. Porterfield	#581

Applicants tabled from April 8, 2004 meeting. None.

Forester in Training upgrade. Reviewed requests five foresters in training and one forestry technician 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 Tim Probert seconded that the licenses be issued, the motion carried.

Christopher V. Cartwright	#621
Travis D. Hays	#622
Denzil P. Linton, Jr.	#623
James G. O'Dell	#FT-80
Herbert F. Peddicord	#624
John M. Reese	#625

New forester and forestry technician applications were reviewed.

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

Ryan E. Barker	#626
Terry B. Elkins	#628
Timothy M. Farley	#629
Harry S. McIlvaine	#632
Stuart A. Moss	#633

The following **Forestry Technician** application was reviewed. Gary Miller motioned and Tim Probert seconded that the application was in order and the license be issued, the motion carried.

William M. Lindsey	FT-82
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The following applicants were reviewed and found to be lacking the required number of references or official college transcript. Gary Miller motioned and Tim Probert seconded that the applicants be approved as **Foresters** and licenses be issued pending the required number of references are received. The motion carried.

Jonathan W. Boggs	#627
Todd A. Groh	#630
Matthew T. Hall	#636
Eric C. Lantz	#631
Charles E. Sperry	#635

The following applicant was reviewed and found not to meet the experience standards. Gary Miller motioned and Tim Probert seconded that the applicant be classified as **Forester in Training**, the motion carried.

Wesley W. Bailes

The following applicants were reviewed and found to be lacking the required number of references. Gary Miller motioned and Tim Probert seconded that the applicants be approved as **Forestry**

Technicians and licenses be issued pending the required number of references are received. The motion carried.

Stephen P. Butler	FT-81
James P. Neal	FT-83
Lonnie W. Perdue	FT-84

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

Jeremiah T. Wells

The next scheduled meeting of the Board will be April 14, 2005 at Days Inn, Flatwoods, WV.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.