



WEST VIRGINIA STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR FORESTERS

The WV Board of Registration for Foresters met December 15, 2021 via Zoom video conference for a special meeting. Those in attendance were President Chad Westfall, Denzil Linton, Dave McGill, Todd Lotter, Dan Hackett and clerical support Hope Pulliam.

The meeting was called to order by President Chad Westfall at 6:02.

This special meeting was called to discuss the hiring of an Educator for the Board and other business pertaining to legislation that will be introduced in the upcoming 2022 Legislative session.

First item up for discussion was an email. Todd Lotter will meet with the Association of Consulting Foresters next week. The purpose of this meeting is to ask for a letter from the ACF regarding HB 3072. Todd said he would be willing to work with someone for the FMRC presentation to be held in January 2022, date and time TBD.

Second item up for discussion is the hiring of an Educator. The responsibilities of this educator were discussed. The board cannot do any lobbying for or against any legislation, therefore this educator's primary purpose would be to monitor bills that are introduced during the session and to keep the board informed on any activity on bills that would affect the board in anyway. The Board discussed the need for this position or if the board feels like there is a need since the members are based outside of Charleston and work mostly in the field or classrooms. The current board members and former members feel like we need some presence in Charleston. It was advised that if the board would do broadcast emails to make sure the Blind Carbon Copy (BCC) function is used. President Chad Westfall said he would send out a mass email informing the registrants of the upcoming FMRC meeting and ask them to reply to the WVBORF email. If any replies are received then those would be forwarded to Todd Lotter. Once our position is formulated, the board will share that in the email. Since the sun-setting of the board has been brought up in previous Legislative Sessions during previous tenures of board members, Dave McGill asked the board if there was any objections into reaching out for former board member, Cinda Francis, and ask her if she would be willing to share and help draft/present at the January 2022 FMRC meeting. No objections from the current board. Dave will get in contact with Cinda and seek her assistance.

Third Item up for discussion was the rate of pay for the educator. President Chad Westfall suggested a rate of \$50 per hour not to exceed \$2500 for the year. The educator will report a weekly summary of legislative activities to the board and possibly attend the monthly FMRC meetings as needed.

Dave McGill made the motion to offer Greg Cook the educator position under the guidelines set forth by the Board. Dan Hackett seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.