



WEST VIRGINIA STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR FORESTERS

MINUTES APRIL 14, 2005

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

The Minutes of the October 14, 2004 were reviewed and Gary Miller motioned that the Board accept the minutes. Randy Coats seconded, and motion passed. The Financial Report was reviewed – Deposits for the period totaled \$1,581.00 and Expenditures were \$4,907.26, with a balance on hand as of April 14, 2005 of \$8,606.68. Gary Miller made a motion and Randy Coats 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 Association of Southeastern Boards of Registration for Foresters telling about the upcoming meeting in May. No one was interested in attending. .

Letter was received from WV Association of Licensing Boards acknowledging that WVBORF had become a member of the association.

Old Business.

WVBORF Website – Tim Probert reported that the WVBORF website was up and running. Anyone can get online and go www.wvlicensingboards.com and then look under boards and find the board of registration for foresters. Information on the site will be periodically updated by Grady Boyer, President of the WV Association of Licensing Boards.

Testing - The Board continued discussion of requiring an exam for licensing. Board looked at a test that is given in the state of Arkansas to applicants applying for license. The Board talked about breaking the test into categories with certain areas of study carrying more weight than others. The Board came up with 6 categories including: Forest Resource Management, Silviculture, Operations/Harvesting, Mensuration/Biometrics/Surveying, Forest Biology and Wood Technology/Forest Products. Some of these categories would be further broken down into sub categories. Under Forest Management would fall: Policy, Protection, Wildlife &

Fisheries, Recreation, Aesthetics, and Multiple Use Management. Under Forest Biology would fall: Dendrology, Soils, Ecology, and Pest Management. A list of names of individuals with expertise in specific areas of forestry was compiled. It was hoped that these individuals could provide questions to be considered for inclusion in a comprehensive test. Ray Hicks and Gary Miller would be contacting these individuals, request questions and questions would be reviewed at fall meeting. At that time we would decide what questions will be included in the test for applicants.

New Business - Still no response from Governor's office regarding appointment of Dan Parker to the Board. Ray Hicks will write Governor Manchin requesting Dan be appointed as recommended by the WVSFAF in letter written to then Governor Wise dated October, 2004.

Financial record audit - Ray Hicks, Gary Miler, and Randy Coots reviewed the receipts and expenditures for 2004 and found the account to be in order.

REVIEW OF APPLICANTS.

Emeritus Status. There were no new individuals requesting Emeritus status.

Applicants tabled from October 14, 2004 meeting. None.

Reciprocity- Motion was made by Gary Miller and seconded by Randy Coots that Maryland Forester Wade Dorsey be granted reciprocity in West Virginia providing his license is current in the state of Maryland.

Forester in Training upgrade. The Board reviewed requests of eight 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 Randy Coots seconded that the licenses be issued, the motion carried.

Ty D. Chapman	FT-85
Richard D. Flanigan	638
William D. Harlon, III	639
Daniel J. Magill	640
Christopher L. Shields	641
Shawn D. Sisler	642
Brian Z. Stephenson	643
O'Dell E. Tucker	644
Travis L. Wilfong	645

New forester and forestry technician applications were reviewed.

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

Robert J. Bridwell	646
William C. Dempsey	648
Lloyd A. Foe	649
Patrick D. Keyser	651

There were no **Forestry Technician** applications reviewed.

The following applicants were reviewed and found to be lacking the required number of references or official college transcript. Gary Miller motioned and Randy Coots seconded that the applicants be approved as **Foresters** and licenses be issued pending the required number of references are received. The motion carried.

William A. Casey	647
Donna Fletcher	656
David W. Gerhardt	653
Michael Henderson	650
John W. Mowrey, IV	654
Richard R. Taylor, Jr.	655
Stephen P. Yokum	652

The following applicants were 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.

Christopher D. Bolyard
James G. Guerrin

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

Gavin R. Harless

The following applicant was reviewed and found to be lacking several references. Gary Miller motioned and Randy Coots seconded that the review of his application be tabled until the October 2005 meeting. The motion carried.

Jason P. Grose

The next scheduled meeting of the Board will be October 13, 2005 at WVDOF Office in Charleston, WV.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.