

**BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL SOIL SCIENTISTS, WETLAND PROFESSIONALS
and GEOLOGISTS
MEETING MINUTES**

The Board for Professional Soil Scientists, Wetland Professionals and Geologists met on September 6, 2017, at the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia, with the following members present:

Citizens

Bennette Burks

Robin Jones

Molly Plautz

Geologists

Meade Anderson

David Spears

Drew Thomas

Soil Scientists

Larry Giannasi

Tom Saxton

Angela Whitehead

Wetland Delineators

Robin Bedenbaugh

Keith Goodwin

Board members, Warren Dean and Doug DeBerry were not present at the meeting.

Board staff present for all or part of the meeting were:

Kathleen (Kate) R. Nosbisch, Executive Director

Bonnie Davis, Administrative Assistant

Agency staff present for all or part of the meeting was:

Jay W. DeBoer, Director

Josh Laws, Assistant Attorney General, was present from the office of the Attorney General.

Mr. Giannasi, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Ms. Nosbisch stated that Mr. Dean and Mr. DeBerry send their regrets.

Call to Order

Mr. Giannasi advised the Board of the emergency evacuation procedures.

**Emergency Evacuation
Procedures**

Mr. Anderson moved to approve the agenda. Mr. Bedenbaugh seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by members: Anderson, Bedenbaugh, Burks, Giannasi, Goodwin, Jones, Plautz, Saxton, Spears, and Thomas.

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Anderson moved to approve the minutes from the following meeting:

Approval of Minutes

- March 8, 2017, Board for Professional Soil Scientists, Wetland Professionals and Geologists

Mr. Bedenbaugh seconded the motion which was unanimously approved

by members: Anderson, Bedenbaugh, Burks, Giannasi, Goodwin, Jones, Plautz, Saxton, Spears, and Thomas.

There was no public comment.

Board members considered the following 2018 meeting dates:

Tuesday, March 27, 2018

Tuesday, June 19, 2018

Wednesday, September 05, 2018

Thursday, December 06, 2018

Mr. Saxton moved to approve the 2018 meeting dates. Mr. Thomas seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by members: Anderson, Bedenbaugh, Burks, Giannasi, Goodwin, Jones, Plautz, Saxton, Spears, and Thomas.

Ms. Whitehead arrived to the meeting at 10:17 a.m.

The Board requested regulation language in regards to using the work of another professional. The language provided was based on language from the APELSCIDLA regulations. After a long discussion, the Board determined items ten and eleven were not needed. Mr. Bedenbaugh moved to approve the addition of item nine to regulation 18VAC145-30-140, and file the NOIRA. Mr. Thomas seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by members: Anderson, Bedenbaugh, Burks, Giannasi, Goodwin, Jones, Plautz, Saxton, Spears, Thomas and Whitehead.

The Board reviewed Regulation 18VAC145-30-50, the Virginia Register information and the public comments regarding the requirement for preparing of at least ten wetland delineation reports. Ms. Nobsisch stated the Board was strongly advised last year against the proposed change to the language because the additional language is restrictive. Mr. Bedenbaugh stated he is requesting the language is because it is a standard of wetland delineator practice field practicum. Mr. Bedenbaugh reported the Virginia Association of Wetland Professionals surveyed their members, which include a diverse group of individuals, not just wetland professionals. The survey inquired whether the language was too restrictive and whether participants supported the addition of the language. 70% responded, 90% support placing the language in the regulation, 85% responded it was not too restrictive. Mr. Bedenbaugh stated the wetland professionals are encountering issues with the applications. Mr. DeBoer stated the regulations cannot be more restrictive than the code; it will be difficult to add this language to the regulation. The Board determined by consensus not to file the NOIRA to change the

Public Comment Period

Consideration of 2018 Meeting Dates

Arrival of Board Member

Draft Regulation Pertaining to Using the Work of Another Wetland Professional

18VAC145-30-50 Qualifying Experience in Wetland Delineation

delineation report requirements.

Mr. Bedenbaugh reported that the Committee met after the February Board meeting and the exam is going well. The Committee will meet again after the Board's meeting today and review the August exam results.

**Wetland Delineation
Exam Review Committee
Update**

Ms. Nobsch stated the Board had been receiving continuing education certificates without a date and continuing education units notated on them. Soil Science Society of America (SSSA) no longer uses that continuing education exam provider and a new provider is being used that provides certificates with the date and continuing education units.

**Soil Scientist Continuing
Education Requirements**

Ms. Nobsch stated the next Council of Soil Science Examiners (CSSE) exam will be on Friday, November 17, 2017. The registration period ends on October 6, 2017. The April exam date is Friday, April 20, 2018 with a registration period of January 15 through March 9, 2018.

CSSE Exams

Ms. Nobsch reported the last Fundamentals Geology exam fee increase was in 2005 when the fee increased from \$100 to \$150. Due to a shortfall in the budget, the fee is now being increased from \$150 to \$250 in the spring. The Principles of Geology remains at \$250.

**Fundamentals Geology
Exam Fee Increase Spring
2018**

Mr. Thomas reported he attended the Spring ASBOG meeting. His company will provide the funds for him to attend the Fall ASBOG meeting. The Board will send a letter of sponsorship to ASBOG for him to attend. Ms. Nobsch stated the Board needs to determine whether to send a board member to the spring or fall meeting. Mr. Thomas stated the meetings are identical. Mr. Anderson stated it is important for a board member to attend the meeting when voting will occur which is the annual meeting. Mr. Giannasi moved to attend the annual meeting. Mr. Thomas seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by members: Anderson, Bedenbaugh, Burks, Giannasi, Goodwin, Jones, Plautz, Saxton, Spears, Thomas and Whitehead.

ASBOG Meeting Update

Board members were provided financial statements for informational purposes. Ms. Nobsch noted that the Board is in a good financial position.

**Review of Financial
Statements**

Mr. Giannasi provided the licensee counts as of August 1, 2017: Geologists 972, Soil Scientists 83, and Wetland Delineators 108.

Licensed Population

Ms. Nobsch informed the Board that according to the rotation policy, the vice-chair assumes the position of chair and then a board member from the next profession is elected vice-chair. Mr. Thomas thanked Mr. Giannasi for his service as Chair and moved that Mr. Spears, current vice chair, move up as Chair. Mr. Bedenbaugh seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by members: Anderson, Bedenbaugh, Burks, Giannasi, Goodwin, Jones, Plautz, Saxton, Spears, Thomas and

Election of Officers

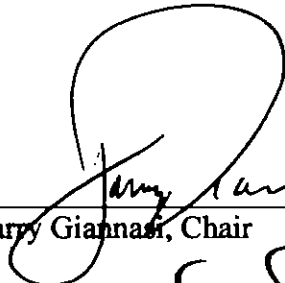
Whitehead. As Wetland Professionals is the next profession in the rotation, Mr. Bedenbaugh moved to nominate Mr. Goodwin as Vice-Chair. Mr. Thomas seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by members: Anderson, Bedenbaugh, Burks, Giannasi, Goodwin, Jones, Plautz, Saxton, Spears, Thomas and Whitehead.

There was no other business.

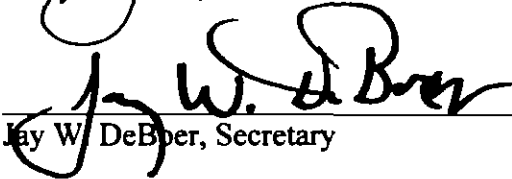
Other Business

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:08 a.m.

Adjournment



Larry Giannasi, Chair



Jay W. DeBoer, Secretary

**STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
CONFLICT OF INTERESTS ACT**

**TRANSACTIONAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
for Officers and Employees of State Government**

1. Name: Bennette Burks
2. Title: Board Member
3. Agency: Board for Professional Soil Scientists, Wetland Professionals and Geologists
4. Meeting/IFF Date: Board Meeting September 6, 2017

5. I have a personal interest in the following transaction:

Nature of Personal Interest Affected by Transaction:

I declare that I am a member of the following business, profession, occupation or group, the members of which are affected by the transaction:

I am able to participate in this transaction fairly, objectively, and in the public interest.

or

I did not participate in the transaction.

6. I do not have a personal interest in any transactions taken at this meeting.

Bennette D. Burks
Signature

9/6/2017
Date

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**TRANSACTIONAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
for Officers and Employees of State Government**

1. Name: Robin Jones
2. Title: Board Member
3. Agency: Board for Professional Soil Scientists, Wetland Professionals and Geologists
4. Meeting/IFF Date: Board Meeting September 6, 2017

5. I have a personal interest in the following transaction:

NA

Nature of Personal Interest Affected by Transaction:

NA

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NA

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Signature

Carolyn Cordery

Date

9/6/17

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**TRANSACTIONAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
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1. Name: Molly Plautz
2. Title: Board Member
3. Agency: Board for Professional Soil Scientists, Wetland Professionals and Geologists
4. Meeting/IFF Date: Board Meeting September 6, 2017

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NA

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1. Name: Larry Giannasi
2. Title: Board Member
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1. Name: Tom Saxton
2. Title: Board Member
3. Agency: Board for Professional Soil Scientists, Wetland Professionals and Geologists
4. Meeting/IFF Date: Board Meeting September 6, 2017

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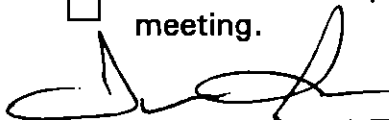
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Signature

9-6-17

Date

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1. Name: Angela C. Whitehead
2. Title: Board Member
3. Agency: Board for Professional Soil Scientists, Wetland Professionals and Geologists
4. Meeting/IFF Date: Board Meeting September 6, 2017

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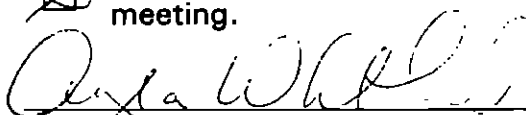
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**TRANSACTIONAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
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1. Name: Meade Anderson
2. Title: Board Member
3. Agency: Board for Professional Soil Scientists, Wetland Professionals and Geologists
4. Meeting/IFF Date: Board Meeting September 6, 2017

5. I have a personal interest in the following transaction: *N/A*

Nature of Personal Interest Affected by Transaction: *N/A*

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N/A

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Signature

9/06/2017
Date

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**TRANSACTIONAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
for Officers and Employees of State Government**

1. Name: David Spears
2. Title: Board Member
3. Agency: Board for Professional Soil Scientists, Wetland Professionals and Geologists
4. Meeting/IFF Date: Board Meeting September 6, 2017

5. I have a personal interest in the following transaction:

NONE

Nature of Personal Interest Affected by Transaction:

N/A

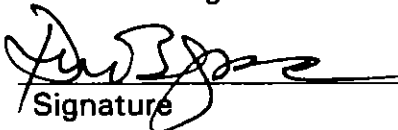
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1. Name: R. Drew Thomas
2. Title: Board Member
3. Agency: Board for Professional Soil Scientists, Wetland Professionals and Geologists
4. Meeting/IFF Date: Board Meeting September 6, 2017

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R. Drew Thomas
Signature

9.6.17
Date

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1. Name: Robin Bedenbaugh
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Robin L. Bedenbaugh
Signature

9/6/17
Date

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1. Name: Keith Goodwin
2. Title: Board Member
3. Agency: Board for Professional Soil Scientists, Wetland Professionals and Geologists
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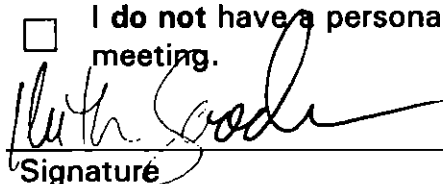
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