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MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, February 15, 2024
Upon Adjournment of the House
Blatt Room 521

Archived Video Available

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Attendance

- The Economic Development, Transportation, and Natural Resources Subcommittee meeting was called to order by Chair Travis A. Moore on Thursday, February 15, 2024, in Room 521 of the Blatt Building. All subcommittee members (Chair Moore; Representative Gary S. Brewer, Jr.; Representative William M. Hixon; Representative Russell L. Ott; Representative Marvin R. Pendarvis) were present for all or a portion of the meeting.

Minutes

- House Rule 4.5 requires standing committees to prepare and make available to the public the minutes of committee meetings, but the minutes do not have to be verbatim accounts of meetings.

Approval of Minutes

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- I. Representative Brewer makes a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the February 1, 2024 meeting. A roll call vote is held and the motion passes.

Rep. Brewer's motion to approve meeting minutes.	Yea	Nay	Not Voting
Rep. Brewer	✓		
Rep. Hixon	✓		
Rep. Pendarvis			✓
Rep. Ott			✓
Rep. Moore	✓		

Discussion of the South Carolina Forestry Commission

- II. Prior to beginning his testimony, Chair Moore reminds the Forestry Commission's Deputy State Forester, Tom Patton, that he was sworn in at the Thursday, February 1, 2024 meeting, and that he remains under oath. Chair Moore asks if there are any additional agency representatives who may address the subcommittee today or at future meetings that have not been placed under oath. David Jones, General Counsel, Russell Hubright, Forest Management Chief, and James Douglas, State Lands Coordinator, were sworn in.
- III. State Forester Phillips then begins his presentation to the subcommittee and discusses the following topics:
1. Forestry's goals; and
 2. The establishment, composition, duties and statutory powers of the Commission;

Throughout the presentation, members ask Deputy State Forester Patton questions and Deputy State Forester Patton responds.

Adjournment

- I. There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned.