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MEETING MINUTES

Monday, June 17, 2024
Upon Adjournment of the House
Blatt Room 433

Archived Video Available

- I. Pursuant to House Legislative Oversight Committee Rule 6.7, South Carolina ETV was allowed access for streaming the meeting. You may access an archived video of this meeting by visiting the South Carolina General Assembly’s website (<http://www.scstatehouse.gov>) and clicking on Committee Postings and Reports, then under House Standing Committees click on Legislative Oversight. Then, click on Video Archives for a listing of archived videos for the Committee.

Attendance

- I. The Economic Development, Transportation, and Natural Resources Subcommittee meeting was called to order by Chair Travis A. Moore on Monday, June 17, 2024, in Room 433 of the Blatt Building. Three subcommittee members (Chair Moore; Representative Russell L. Ott; Representative Gary S. Brewer) were present for all or a portion of the meeting. Representative William M. Hixon and Representative Marvin R. Pendarvis were absent.

Minutes

- I. 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.

Discussion of the South Carolina Forestry Commission

- I. Prior to beginning his testimony, Chair Moore reminds the Forestry Commission's Forestry State Lands Coordinator James Douglas that he was sworn in previously, 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. Resource Development Division Director Tim Adams, Environmental Protection Manager Holly Welch, and FIA Program Coordinator Byron Rominger were sworn in.
- II. State Lands Coordinator James Douglas then continues his presentation on forest management to the subcommittee and discusses the following topics:
 1. Management of state forests and other SCFC landholdings;
 2. Expertise provided to other agencies;
 3. Program metrics; and
 4. Challenges with Forest management.

Throughout his presentation, members ask Forestry State Lands Coordinator James Douglas questions and he responds.

- III. Resource Development Division Director Tim Adams begins his presentation to the subcommittee and discusses the following topics:
 1. An overview of the Resource Development Division including the four programs in the Division (Economic Development, Forest Inventory and Analysis (FIA), Environmental Management, Nursery and Tree Improvement);
 2. The Division's organizational chart; and
 3. Program metrics.

Throughout his presentation, members ask Resource Development Division Director Tim Adams questions and he responds.

Approval of Minutes

- IV. Representative Brewer makes a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the March 28, 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	✓		

V. Forest Inventory and Analysis Program Coordinator Byron Rominger begins his presentation to the subcommittee and discusses the following topics:

1. Purpose of the FIA Program;
2. Work zones;
3. Data collection;
4. Staffing;
5. Program elements;
6. Funding; and
7. Program accomplishments.

Throughout his presentation, members ask Forest Inventory and Analysis Program Coordinator Byron Rominger questions and he responds.

VI. Resource Development Division Director Tim Adams begins his presentation to the subcommittee and discusses the following topics:

1. Economic Development (Program elements, accomplishments, funding, and plan metrics)

Throughout his presentation, members ask Resource Development Division Director Tim Adams questions and he responds.

VII. Environmental Protection Manager Holly Welch begins her presentation to the subcommittee and discusses the following topics:

1. Best Management Practices in Forestry;
2. Courtesy Exam Program;
3. BMP compliance and implementation monitoring;
4. Training and outreach;
5. Bridge rentals;

6. Ecosystem services projects;
7. Organizational chart;
8. Funding; and
9. Accomplishments.

Throughout her presentation, members ask Environmental Protection Manager Holly Welch questions and she responds.

VIII. Resource Development Division Director Tim Adams continues his presentation to the subcommittee and discusses the following topics:

1. Nursery and Tree Improvement Program;
2. Tree planting in South Carolina;
3. ArborGen Taylor Nursery;
4. Niederhof Forestry Center;
5. Budget and funding;
6. Strategic plan metrics; and
7. Future plans.

Throughout his presentation, members ask Resource Development Division Director Tim Adams questions and he responds.

Adjournment

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