

NC Soil Scientists Licensing Board Meeting  
5301 Glenwood Ave. - Raleigh, NC – 11:00 am  
March 31, 2023

Walter Giese called the meeting to order at 11:00 am. Present: Walter Giese, Russ Davis, Eric Hill, Karen Wallace, Carl Crozier, Jason Hall, Harry Knight, II, Anne Brown, Deborah Piland and Liz Taylor. The meeting agenda was presented. **Harry Knight II made a motion to approve the agenda, second by Jason Hall. Motion carried**

Chairman Giese read the Ethics reminder.

A copy of the October 7, 2022 minutes was distributed to the members. After a review and discussion, **Carl Crozier made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Karen Wallace. Motion carried.**

A copy of the January 5, 2023 minutes was distributed to members. After review of the minutes, discussion was held concerning the posting of any names in the minutes of any licensees where any complaint or disciplinary action is taken. It was decided that all references would be made by case number and not name. Due to a conflict concerning the discussion of these minutes, Walter Giese was not present. **Harry Knight II made a motion to approve the minutes with the changes discussed (replacing names with case numbers), seconded by Jason Hall. Motion carried.**

The financial report as of March 15, 2023 was presented by Russ Davis. A brief discussion regarding comparison from this time last year to present was held. It was noted that we are holding our own at present and have adequate monies to maintain a positive balance. **Carl Crozier made a motion to approve the financial report as presented, seconded by Jason Hall. Motion carried.**

### **Old Business**

It was pointed out that everyone was due to submit their Economic Impact Report to the Ethics Commission by April 15, 2023. Also the required Ethics Training was due by all on a 2-year basis.

### **New Business**

**Carl Crozier made a motion to go into executive session, seconded by Jason Hall. Motion carried.**

### **Review of Applications:**

Hannah Thompson – In Training - Discussion of Applicant – No issues  
Trevor Hackney – In Training - Need records from school.  
Travis Brown – In Training - Discussion concerning references.  
Megan Watkins – In Training - No issues.  
Heath Clapp – In Training - Ok subject to references, in training status, and lic.

**A motion to exit executive session was made by Russ Davis, seconded by Harry Knight II. Motion carried.**

### **Approval of Applicants:**

Hannah Thompson – **Motion to approve by Russ Davis, seconded by Jason Hall. Motion carried.**  
Trevor Hackney – **Motion to approve by Carl Crozier, seconded by Karen Wallace. Motion carried.**  
Travis Brown – **Motion to approve by Carl Crozier, seconded by Jason Hall. Motion carried.**  
Megan Watkins – **Motion to approve by Jason Hall, seconded by Carl Crozier. Motion carried.**  
Heath Clapp – **Motion to approve by Carl Crozier, seconded by Eric Hill. Motion carried.**

### **Academic Review Committee Update by Carl Crozier and Jason Hall**

The following items were discussed:

- Course Approval Process.
- Course Providers
- 1-to-3-year approvals
- Criteria Requirements
- Review Process of Courses and Providers
- Military Experience and Exceptions

**Subsurface Onsite Wastewater System Design (PE Board)** – There was discussion about a memo that was put out by the PE Board that listed onsite wastewater systems that needed to be designed by a PE (ie. The design constituted Engineering). It was noted that this was simply a memo, not a law or rule and included more systems than the current onsite wastewater rules.

**Soil Scientists Seal Requirements** – An individual emailed the NCBLSS about a report he had received. He was asking the board for help to understand if a report he had received constitutes the practice of soil science, was it a professional opinion, and should it have been sealed. And as a corollary, he asked for help understanding 89F-3 (4) what constitutes the practice of soils science and when a seal is required. Discussed was had on what is required. It was decided no seal is required for preliminary reports. Walter Giese said he would draft a reply and send it to Anne Brown for review.

### **Election of Officers for the 2023/2024 year:**

**Harry Knight II made a motion for Russ Davis to serve as Secretary/Treasurer, seconded by Jason Hall. Motion carried.**

**Russ Davis made a motion for Eric Hill to service as Vice Chairman, seconded by Harry Knight II. Motion carried.**

**Russ Davis made a motion for Jason Hall to serve as Chairman, seconded by Harry Knight II. Motion carried.**

### **Closing Comments**

All board members thank Walter Giese for serving as chairman and said he did a great job over the last two years.

**Carl Crozier made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Russ Davis. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 1:55 pm.**

Next meeting will be held on September 27, 11:00 am at the same location.

Respectfully submitted,

Russ Davis, Secretary-Treasurer