

July 1, 2020

BOARD OF NATURAL SCIENTISTS MINUTES

There was a meeting of the Board of Natural Scientists held on July 1, 2020. Due to the current State of Emergency around the COVID-19 Health Advisory, this meeting was held telephonically/electronically with the following Board Members attending by phone call: Martin and Long. The following Board Members were physically present: Burt and Albert. Also physically present was OPLC Staff Member Dawn Couture. Board Member Lobdell was not in attendance. Board Chair Burt called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m.

1. Interview/meeting – None.

2. Reading of minutes of April 1, 2020 meeting – Board Chair Burt made a motion which was appropriately seconded by Board Member Albert to approve the public minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Reading of Communications –

- a. Summer written exam for Wetland – July 31, 2020 – The Board has acknowledged the date for the next written exam.
- b. Fall field exams for Soil & Wetland – September 18, 2020 – The Board has acknowledged the date for the next field exam.

4. Reading and Consideration of Applications –

- a. Wetland Scientist Apprentice – Board Member Albert made a motion which was appropriately seconded by Board Member Long to approve the applicant with the following corresponding apprentice number. The motion passed unanimously.

Appl. # 20-12 Tucker Gordon #WSA-053

- b. Certified Wetland Scientist Applications – Next written exam date is July 31, 2020

Appl. # 20-06 Kevin J. Ryan – Board Chair Burt made a motion which was appropriately seconded by Board Member Long to approve applicant to sit for the written exam. The motion passed unanimously.

Appl. # 20-11 Caitlin C. Banaszak – A few of the maps submitted did not include the supervisor's affidavit. Board Member Long made a motion which was appropriately seconded by Board Chair Burt to conditional approve applicant for the written exam upon receiving missing supervisor's affidavit. The motion passed unanimously.

Appl. # 20-13 Susan P. Romano – Board Member Albert made a motion which was appropriately seconded by Board Member Long to approve applicant to sit for the written exam. The motion passed unanimously.

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5. Unfinished Business – None.

6. New Business –

- a. Letter from Stephen Hoffmann Re: Wetland Exam Results – Board Member Long made a motion which was appropriately seconded by Board Chair Burt for Staff Member Couture to respond. The motion passed unanimously.
- b. Results from the June 12, 2020 field exams – The following are the results from the Wetland field exam: 1 pass and 1 fail. Office staff will notify the applicants.
- c. Discussion on new wetland rules from DES – Tabled.
- d. Date and Time of next meeting – *Wednesday, October 21, 2020 at 9 a.m.*

7. Adjournment – Board Member Albert made a motion which was appropriately seconded by Board Member Long to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:16 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Dawn Couture
Supervisor II