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MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, March 28, 2024 Upon Adjournment of the House Blatt Room 110

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 Thursday, March 28, 2024, in Room 110 of the Blatt Building. Four subcommittee members (Chair Moore; Representative William M. Hixon; Representative Russell L. Ott; Representative Marvin R. Pendarvis) were present for all or a portion of the meeting. Representative Gary S. Brewer, Jr. was 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.

Approval of Minutes

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I. Representative Brewer made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the March 5, 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 Forestry Management Chief, Russell Hubright, that he was sworn in at the Thursday, February 15, 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. Russell Hubright states that James Douglas, Forestry's State Lands Coordinator, will be presenting at today's meeting and notes that Mr. Douglas was sworn in previously.
- III. Forestry Management Chief Hubright then continues his presentation on forest management to the subcommittee and discusses the following topics:
 - 1. Forest health issues;
 - 2. Forest Management challenges;
 - Urban and community forestry services;

Throughout the presentation, members ask Forestry Management Chief Hubright questions and he responds.

- IV. State Lands Coordinator James Douglas began his presentation to the subcommittee and discusses the following topics:
 - 1. Forestry Commission landholdings and management;
 - 2. The various South Carolina State forests and forestry centers.

Adjournment

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

