

NC Board of Licensed Soil Scientists

NCBLSS Board Meeting

Farm Bureau
Western Blvd, Raleigh, NC
5 October 2018

Present: Alan Clapp, Scott Greene, Mike Vepraskas, Walter Giese, Clark Wipfield , Ryan Smith (visiting), Don Wells, Steve Broome (NCSSS), Anne Brown (attorney), Chris Murray (NCSSS), Robin Maycock (NCSSS), and Patrick Johnson, Elaine Christian (Administrator).

1. Ethics statement read by Alan Clapp, Scott Greene will recuse himself from considering application Bryan Hancock-listed as supervising soil scientist.
2. Agenda –no additions to agenda; motion to accept by Scott Greene, seconded by Walter Giese, unanimously approved.
3. Introduction of; Ryan Smith applicant for local government position, Dr. Steve Broome applicant for academic position. Governor’s office has not appointed yet.
4. Approval of Minutes for the March, 2018 Board Meeting—Motion to accept by Don Wells, seconded by Patrick Johnson. Unanimously approved. Minutes will be placed on board website.
5. Review of Auditor’s Report by Mike Vepraskas. Motion to approve by Scott Greene, seconded by Walter Giese, unanimously approved.
6. Treasurer’s report as of August 31, 2018 was presented -Mike Vepraskas. Motion to approve-Mike Vepraskas, seconded by Patrick Johnson, unanimously approved.
7. Old Business
 - a. Adrian Pruett conference call minutes to be submitted.
 - b. Ethics Education every 2 years required. Can go to class or complete online training. Alan will inform members who need education.
 - c. 2L Rules and Comments: Don Wells—Section 0.0103 (e): Current proposals are likely to mirror what is in the 2T rules regarding duties of a soil scientist. Section .100 of 2L rules is not being reviewed at this time. Full 2L rules review set for November 2023.
 - d. 2018 Fall Licensing Exams scheduled for 16 November on the NC State campus.
 - e. SSSA does not require two exams for professional certification.
 - f. Mike will send minutes of conference call regarding Adrian Pruett complaint.

8. New Business

a. New complaint (second complaint) against Adrian Pruett made to the NCBLSS by Trena S. Miller. Action steps to be taken by board were reviewed by attorney (G.S. 143-318.11 (a) (3)). Scott Greene moved to go into executive session, seconded by Walter Giese, and unanimously approved.

In executive session, board conferred with attorney pertaining to legal matters regarding complaint. The board decided not to take any action on this complaint until court proceedings have been concluded. Motion to leave executive session made by Scott Greene, seconded by Walter Geise, unanimously approved.

Motion to go into open session, Don Wells, seconded by Walter Giese, unanimously approved.

Motion by Scott Greene for board to take no further action on the second complaint until the litigation between the parties has concluded. The board will be informed of the court's ruling on the litigation and will take up the issue again. Seconded by Clark Wipfield, unanimously approved.

b. Review of Professional Practice Exam Applications: Alexander Thompson, Cory Connell, Evan Morgan, William Trent Bostic, and Alan Alcock. No action needed

c. Review of Applicants for Fundamentals Exam: Kevin Ferguson, Aaron Cinque. No action needed.

d. Review of applicants for In-Training Status

i. Bryan Hancock—Scott Greene recused from voting. Motion to approve by Walter Geise, seconded by Patrick Johnson. Unanimously approved with Scott Greene not voting.

ii. Gary Morehouse—motion to approve by Don Wells, seconded by Walter Giese, unanimously approved.

e. Discussion of minimum soil report standards for EOP and LSS submittals to the local health departments. Alan Clapp appointed Walter Giese to form an advisory group to research a minimum soil reporting standard or guideline, and to report back to the full board by the next board meeting.

f. Motion to adjourn made by Don Wells, seconded by Clark Wipfield. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 2:50 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Vepraskas, Secretary

