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PFEC Open

Professional Foresters Examining Committee Meeting Minutes

Held: July 22, 2025

OPEN SESSION MINUTES**Members Present:**

- Frank Mulhair, Chair
- Dan Sendek
- James Hawkins
- Jason Poburko
- Bill Snyder
- Christian Eggleton

Staff Participating:

- Dan Stapleton, Assistant Executive Officer, Licensing
- Deniele Casarubbia, Staff Services Analyst, Licensing

**Call to Order
Adjourn to Closed Session
Reconvene from Closed Session**

Report on Closed Session Items

The committee approved the meeting minutes from the February 26th closed session meeting. They also reviewed the April 2025 exam results and made a motion to accept them and send them to the Board of Forestry. Lastly, the committee reviewed the October exam; there was no action taken. There will be another review of the questions. The closed session was adjourned.

Report of the Executive Officer Foresters Licensing

E.O. Stapleton presented the results of the 2025 RPF Employment Survey. According to the data, 27% of Registered Professional Foresters (RPFs) are retired, 28% are employed in private consulting, 25% work in the private industry, 2% are in local government, and 13% work for the State.

E.O. Stapleton noted that the high number of retired foresters raises budgetary concerns.

He also provided an overview of the fund condition report based on FY 2024. After weighing the expenses against the revenue, the budget forecasted a deficit. This financial outlook contributed to the recent increase in renewal fees.

Next, E.O. Stapleton shared the current Vital Statistics report. During this year's renewals, 20 RPFs have withdrawn their registration, and 2 have voluntarily relinquished it. Additionally, there are still 71 RPFs and 15 Certified Rangeland Managers (CRMs) who have not yet renewed their license. Currently, there are 1,052 valid RPF licenses and 62 valid CRM licenses. Including both valid and expired licenses, the total stands at 1,123 for RPFs and 77 for CRMs.

Finally, E.O. Stapleton reported a projected revenue increase of approximately \$58,000 due to the increase in renewal fees. He mentioned that a statutory range increase proposal has been submitted to the legislature, but no confirmation of approval has been received yet.

Review of Draft February 2025 PFEC Open Session Meeting Minutes

Member Poburko moves to approve the minutes.

Member Hawkins seconds the motion.

Roll Call:

Dan Sendek	Aye
James Hawkins	Aye
Jason Poburko	Aye
Bill Snyder	Aye
Christian Eggleton	Aye
Frank Mulhair, Chair	Aye

The motion passes unanimously.

Discussion RPF Exam Format and Technology Use

IT Supervisor Victor Young shared that he received 40 laptops without network cards in them. He said that he will be able to set them up appropriately and provide them to the Board of Forestry to use for the exams.

No action taken.

Discussion of Current Status of APF Proposal

The committee reviewed the language in the APF proposal.

No action taken.

Discussion of Qualifying Work Experience and RPF Supervision

The committee reviewed proposals to standardize qualifying work experience under an RPF supervisor.

No action taken.

Discussion of Application Fee and Fee Range Changes

The committee discussed the need to increase the exam application fee.

No action taken.

Public Forum

There were no comments from the public.

Meeting Adjourned