Association Sets Agenda ‘16

Program

The VISION: Sustainable forests that provide social, economic, and environmental benefits.

“We have much to address. We must be united as we ‘gather our covey’ and transform our Program of Work into reality. We cannot afford to think within the limited terms of ‘I’ or ‘me’. The forestry industry and its partners must talk in terms of ‘we’. With all of us working together on the challenges at hand and focusing on the betterment of South Carolina’s forest industry, our ‘COVEY WILL RISE’.

“I look forward to the many success stories of the Forestry Association in 2016. Remember, forestry has an impact of $18.6 Billion on South Carolina’s economy!”

The complete Program of Work is included in this Carolina Forestry Journal.

Award Nominations Sought

The Forestry Association is now accepting nominations for its 2016 awards program. Nominate an individual who has gone above the call of duty to make lasting contributions to forestry. Nominations for the Outstanding Logger of the Year Award must be submitted by March 31. Forms are available at www.scforestry.org (Awards section). For more information: scfa@scforestry.org or 803/798-4170, Ext. 13.

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Boise Cascade is investing $24 Million to expand its plywood plant in Chester, SC creating 52 new jobs. The company is already expanding the warehouse and adding equipment at Chester Plywood. Boise Cascade acquired the facility two years ago. Hiring for the new jobs is underway and will continue through the end of March.

Swiss Krono Group, which makes engineered wood products, is expanding its Bamwell County operations. The company is investing $230 Million to build a high-density fiberboard mill and to expand its laminate flooring production, creating 105 jobs during the next few years. The expansion will allow Kronotex USA to produce 300,000 cubic meters of fiberboard per year, which the company will use for laminate flooring manufacturing operations and sell to furniture, cabinet, fixture, door, and other wood-based manufacturers.

Black Water Barrels LLC, a new cooperage business, is establishing operations in Bamberg County. The company is investing $3.6 Million in the facility.

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The South Carolina General Assembly has been kicking the can down the road on providing adequate funding to repair the state’s roads and bridges the past few years. In fairness, the House did pass a bill last year to provide more than $400 million in additional revenue for our state’s roads and bridges. Unfortunately, the legislation is being filibustered in the Senate. Now is the time for action. No one disputes the condition of our roads and bridges. We’ve had enough debate. Replace our state’s load restricted bridges. Repair our secondary roads. To quote Nike – “JUST DO IT!”

Annually, there are approximately one million truckloads of logs and wood chips delivered to wood and paper products mills in our state. No industry is impacted more by the posting of load restricted bridges than the forest industry. The most important action for the General Assembly to take in 2016 is to replace the 367 load restricted bridges in our state. The larger wood and paper products mills receive hundreds of loads of wood each day. Load restricted bridges force logging trucks to travel an additional 15-20 miles to deliver their loads. Logging trucks get between 5-6 miles a gallon so this significantly increases the transportation costs for our industry.

The Forestry Association strongly supports additional funding for secondary roads and bridges. We will support any reasonable revenue proposal that raises the necessary money to adequately maintain our transportation infrastructure. The poor condition of our roads and bridges impacts the entire wood supply chain including timberland owners. Timberland owners receive lower bids when their timber tract is located near a load restricted bridge due to the increased cost of log trucks having to drive a longer alternate route to the mill. In the coming weeks, we will be issuing an Action Alert to the membership of the Forestry Association with a request for members to contact their legislators about supporting funding to replace our load restricted bridges and to repair our secondary roads.

The entire wood supply chain needs to be telling legislators when it comes to providing additional revenue to fix our roads and bridges to “JUST DO IT!”

Crawford may be reached at 803/798-4170 or ccr5 Crawford at Scforestry.org.

***THANK YOU: from the Forestry Association’s 2015 Distinguished Service Award recipient***

There is no real way to express adequate thanks to the Forestry Association for selecting me to receive their 2015 Distinguished Service Award. My career has been one of partnerships with many groups. The credit belongs to all those I’ve had the privilege to work with. Having served on the Association’s Board of Directors, I’m aware of the work many members put in to making this organization as successful as it is. The awards committees especially put in real effort in recruiting candidates and selecting recipients. A hearty salute to each participant for their contributions. All of you are aware of individuals who deserve to be recognized. I encourage you to nominate them for the Association’s Distinguished Service Award and the Outstanding Logger of the Year Award.

I want you to know how thankful I am for the Nov. 13, 2015 presentation during the Annual Meeting. My pledge is to continue to be active and to use the time God gives me to advance the cause to effective forest management on more acres across our state. Over the years many of you have helped me with various projects. Success is mostly due to the help I have received from you. I will continue to advocate effective and progressive forestry and continue to call on you to help this cause. In a similar tone, please feel free to call on me with your projects if I can be of any assistance.

Finally, God bless the Forestry Association and its members. Lord, help us all to be worthy managers of your wonderful natural resources.

Dr. George D. Kessler

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**OPINES**

**Just Do It! Fix our Roads & Bridges**

Editor’s note: this editorial was written by Forestry Association President & CEO Cam Crawford, Columbia, SC.

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**CALENDAR**

**March 9, 2016**
Forestry Association’s Board Meeting
Association Headquarters
Columbia, SC

**Nov. 2-4, 2016**
Forestry Association’s 49th Annual Meeting
Wild Dunes, Isle of Palms, SC

**Nov. 1-3, 2017**
Forestry Association’s 49th Annual Meeting
Hyatt Regency on Main Street
Greenville, SC

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Legislative and Regulatory Briefs

On Tuesday, January 12, 2016 the South Carolina General Assembly convened in Columbia. Here’s a summary of issues that the Forestry Association will be involved with this year.

STATE LEGISLATION

FIXING OUR ROADS AND BRIDGES – Last year, the House passed H. 3579 that would provide an additional $400 Million annually for road and bridge funding. H. 3579 is being filibustered in the Senate. A Senate bi-partisan working group appointed by Senate President Pro Tempore Hugh Leatherman began meeting during the first week of the legislative session in hopes of finding a compromise on funding for roads and bridges.

PROTECTING PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS – The Kinder Morgan Pipeline Company is proposing a $1 Billion pipeline project to run through Abbeville, Aiken, Anderson, Edgefield, Greenwood, and McCormick counties. The pipeline would also run through parts of Georgia and Florida. Kinder Morgan maintains it has eminent domain authority to condemn private property.

Legislation, Senate Bill 886 and House Bill 4326, has been introduced by the Aiken County Legislative Delegation, to require petroleum pipeline companies to get approval from the Public Service Commission and DHEC before receiving authorization to build a pipeline using eminent domain authority.

Speaker of the House Jay Lucas introduced a bill to protect landowners by limiting eminent domain authority of private companies. Under the bill, no condemnation is permitted unless there is a direct benefit to the public.

The Forestry Association opposes a private unregulated company having eminent domain authority.

Also, Senator Shane Massey and Senator Larry Martin introduced Senate Bill 930 to abolish the doctrine of adverse possession. Adverse possession is defined as the “method of gaining legal title to real property by the actual, open, hostile, and continuous possession of it to the exclusion of its true owner for the period prescribed by state law.”

PROTECTING OUR FOREST RESOURCE - The South Carolina Forestry Commission is seeking $5 million in non-recurring funding annually. This would allow the Commission to provide all dozer operators with enclosed-cab dozers within five years and achieve its goal of a 15 year fire equipment replacement cycle.

In addition, House Bill 4525 introduced by Rep. Gary Simrill and Senate Bill 973 introduced by Senator Ronnie Cromer extends the funding received from the insurance premium tax for firefighting equipment at the State Forestry Commission until 2027.

BANKING ON CONSERVATION - Senate Bill 519 has been introduced by Senator Chip Campsen to eliminate the sunset provision on the Conservation Bank which is set to expire in 2018 and increases funding for the Bank’s conservation efforts.

FLOOD ISSUES

TEMPORARY TRUCK WEIGHT INCREASE – The Executive Order issued by Governor Haley allowing log trucks to haul up to 90,000 pounds to assist the forest industry in recovering from the October flooding is set to expire on January 30, 2016.

FLOOD RELIEF LEGISLATION House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Brian White has introduced the Palmetto Farm Aid bill to assist farmers with their losses from the October flooding. The agricultural losses are more than $587 Million according to the Department of Agriculture. The State Forestry Commission estimates losses to the forestry sector to be more than $65 Million.

The Forestry Association is working with Rep. Davey Hiott, Chairman, House Agriculture Committee, on an amendment to the Palmetto Farm Aid bill to ensure that loggers and timberland owners are eligible for assistance programs.

FEDERAL REGULATION

FINALIZED RULE FOR THE BAT – The final 4(d) rule has been issued by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service for the northern long-eared bat. It lists the bat as a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act. The rule was published in the Federal Register on January 14, 2016. The final 4(d) rule will go into effect on February 16, 2016, which is 30 days after being published in the Federal Register.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS

FIGHTING AGAINST PERMITTING OF LOG TRUCKS – Union County officials are considering options to deal with damage to roadways in the county. Potential options discussed include requiring trucks to get permits or post a bond when working in Union. Forestry Association attorney Robert Bolchoz wrote Union County Supervisor Frank Hart a letter informing him that according to a 2012 Attorney General’s opinion it would be a violation of the Right to Practice Forestry Act for a county to require log trucks to obtain a permit.

ASKING THE SC SUPREME COURT TO HELP TIMBERLAND OWNERS – Former U.S. Attorney John Simmons represents the Forestry Association in litigation against county governments that require timberland owners to obtain a forest management plan to qualify for an agriculture use exemption. Mr. Simmons is preparing a petition to the South Carolina Supreme Court asking the Court to hear the case due to its statewide significance. The forest management plan requirement is a tax on timberland owners costing them an additional $400-$500.

This report was prepared by Forestry Association President & CEO Cam Crawford, Columbia, SC. Contact him at 803/798-4170 or ccrawford@scforestry.org for further information or comments.
FOREST AREA
- South Carolina has 13 million acres of forestland -- 67% of the state’s total land area.
- Hardwood timber types occupy over 52% of the state’s forestland.
- Softwoods occupy 48%.
- South Carolina’s forestland acreage has averaged 12.6 million acres since 1968.
- The 2012 forest inventory found there are 2.3 million more acres of forestland than there were in the first inventory in 1936.

ECONOMIC IMPACT
- Forestry is number one among manufacturing industries in jobs (90,320) and payroll ($4.48 billion).
- Total economic impact of South Carolina’s forest industry is $18.6 billion annually.
- South Carolina exports $1.5 billion in forest products each year.
- Timber is the state’s number one harvested crop at $759 million annually.

FOREST OWNERSHIP
- 88% of South Carolina’s forests are privately owned.
- 63% of private forests are family-owned.
- The average “family forest” is 80 acres. 56% of these owners live on the land.
- Forest industries own 137,400 acres, down 93% since 2001 and continuing to decline.
- Public agencies manage 12% of South Carolina’s forests.

FOREST INVENTORY
- South Carolina’s forests now contain 25 billion cubic feet of wood, more than at any time in the past century.
- The state’s forests, both hardwood and softwood, are growing more wood than is being harvested.
- Net annual softwood growth is double pre-Hurricane Hugo growth rates. The present annual growth of 935 million cubic feet per year is the highest recorded.
- Net annual hardwood growth rates have steadily increased since Hurricane Hugo. The present annual growth of 321 million cubic feet per year is 39% above pre-Hugo levels.

Information provided by SC Forestry Commission and USDA Forest Service. For more about the state’s forest resource, contact the SC Forestry Commission at 803/896-8800 or www.trees.sc.gov.
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2016 PROGRAM OF WORK

On Jan. 20, 2016 the Forestry Association’s Board of Directors approved this Program which will serve as a blueprint for developing activities and projects for the year. Below is a summary.

GOVERNMENT AND POLITICAL AFFAIRS: The Forestry Association will continue to be actively involved in governmental and political affairs to promote and protect the forest industry. The Forestry Association will monitor state and federal legislation, regulations, and county ordinances impacting forestry.

- Throughout the legislative session, bill summaries will be included in the Capital Report section of the Carolina Forestry Journal. Action Alerts will be sent to grassroots contacts on key bills as warranted.
- In addition, the Forestry Association will actively lobby for issues that improve the business climate for the forest industry and oppose measures that negatively impact the business climate for forestry.

Priority FEDERAL Issues include: opposing the Waters of the U.S. Rule, opposing any restrictions on the practice of forestry by U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service related to the listing of the Northern Long-Eared Bat, reforming the H-2B Program, supporting increased truck weight limits, protecting the independent contractor status for the wood supply chain, promoting the carbon benefits of forests and forest products, and maintaining current timber tax laws.

Priority STATE Issues are to support maintaining the current system of taxation of agricultural and forest lands based on use value, increasing infrastructure funding for bridges and secondary roads, opposing private companies from having eminent domain authority, establishing regionally competitive weight limits for logging trucks, establishing the carbon neutrality of forest biomass, support trucking liability reform, and judicial reform. Support funding for firefighting equipment and landowner services at the SC Forestry Commission; and additional funding for Public Service Activities related to forestry at Clemson University. Support the Commissioner of Agriculture’s agribusiness initiatives that advance the forest industry.

The Forestry Association will support relief efforts for landowners, loggers, and industry that sustained damage during the October 2015 flooding.

SCFA Will Continue Working With The Governor’s Office to insure that pro-forestry commissioners are appointed to the SC Forestry Commission and confirmed by the SC Senate. Also: to nominate non-forester members to serve on the State Board of Registration for Foresters, to appoint Forestry Association members to the Energy Independence and Sustainable Construction Advisory Committee and other state boards, commissions and advisory committees that impact forestry.

SCFA Will Work With The Secretary of Commerce to insure a Forestry Association member serves on the Clean Energy Industry Manufacturing Market Development Advisory Committee.

SCFA Will Continue Working With The US Forest Service to appoint a Forestry Association member to serve on the Francis Marion-Sumter Resource Advisory Committee.

Priority LOCAL Issues are to defend the Right to Practice Forestry Act from encroachment by local government officials, oppose the transfer of regulatory control of secondary roads and bridges to local governments, and take appropriate action against county governments requiring forest management plans to qualify for agriculture use exemptions on timberlands.

Grassroots: The Forestry Association will focus on maintaining and strengthening its grassroots network to advocate for the 2016 Program of Work. Emphasis will be placed on the continued development of an email database of the Forestry Association membership, the utilization of the SC Tree Farm Committee and local county forestry associations in advocating for pro-forestry policies, and the active involvement of Officers and Board of Directors in the legislative and political process.

Legislative Event: The Forestry Association will host a legislative breakfast on January 20, 2016.

SC FORPAC: The SC Forestry Political Action Committee is an independent, non-partisan organization of individuals and entities interested in the future welfare of SC forestry and state legislation affecting it. Fundraising goal is $50,000 per election cycle.

Strategic Alliances: The Forestry Association will work to increase the visibility of the forest industry with the South Carolina business community. Alliances will be maintained and developed with other business and professional associations including the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce, Palmetto Agribusiness Council, the South Carolina Alliance to Fix Our Roads, the South Carolina Civil Justice Coalition, South Carolina Biomass Council, and the South Carolina Farm Bureau. The Forestry Association will work with national associations including the American Forest Foundation, American Forest & Paper Association, Forest Landowners Association, Forest Resources Association, and the National Alliance of Forest Owners on Federal issues impacting the forest industry. Maintain existing relationships with forest related groups including the Association of Consulting Foresters-SC Chapter, Society of American Foresters, Foresters’ Council and SC Timber Producers Association.

AFFILIATES: The network of county forestry landowner associations will continue to receive current legislative and government affairs information, membership development aid, and other services. A staff member will be assigned to serve as a liaison with the county associations.

ANNUAL MEETING: The Forestry Association’s 48th Annual Meeting, scheduled on November 2-4, 2016 at the Wild Dunes, Isle of Palms, will feature a timely program, business meeting, recreation activities, exhibits, award presentations, and...
Forestry Association Program Of Work, continued

Several events will be held for the Young Professionals including a reception at the 2016 Annual Meeting. Members of the 45-and-under leadership development group will be encouraged to participate in association activities including Foundation programs.

SC FORESTY FOUNDATION: Foundation support will continue for SC Project Learning Tree, SC Teachers’ Tour, and SC Wood Magic Forest Fair.

A staff member will serve as the Teachers’ Tour Coordinator and co-instructor to assist teaching the South Carolina Teachers’ Tour.

A staff member will be co-instructor for the South Carolina Teachers’ Tour: Teaching Sustainable Forestry through Environmental Education offered for graduate credit during the Teachers’ Tour.

Scholarships: Scholarships will be awarded to deserving forestry students attending Clemson University and Horry-Georgetown Tech. The scholarship awards will be announced in the Spring 2016.

Grants: Grants will be awarded to assist with projects that advance forestry education and outreach.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Forestry Association will implement its new brand strategy in 2016 with special emphasis on being the voice for the $18.6 Billion Forest Industry.

External: Information is disseminated to help educate the public about the multiple benefits of good forest management. The Forestry Association provides resources and cooperates with other organizations to maximize results.

Internal: The Carolina Forestry Journal will continue to be published bi-monthly and the Carolina Forestry Magazine annually.

Website & Facebook: The Association’s website and Facebook page will continue to be used in communications with members, TOP program participants, and the public. The Facebook page and website’s information will be updated regularly.

INSURANCE: Hunt lease liability insurance remains a valuable member service for timberland owners and hunting clubs. Promotion of the new Prescribed Burn Insurance Program will be a priority in 2016. The Board will renew the endorsement of the Davis-Garvin Agency’s group insurance program. It continues to provide a full range of coverage for the forest industry such as timberland liability, reforestation, and prescribed burning insurance.

LOG A LOAD FOR KIDS: Goal is to raise $100,000 for area children’s hospitals. Log A Load originated in South Carolina in 1988 to demonstrate logger commitment to community service. Additional volunteers are needed to assist with Log A Load projects throughout the state. A staff member will be assigned to assist with the Log A Load campaign.

SFI STATE IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE: The SFI State Implementation Committee provides oversight to implement the Sustainable Forestry Initiative® in South Carolina. Projects underway include the promotion of forestland certification and distribution of the updated version of A Landowner’s Guide To Forestry In South Carolina which complies with the new SFI Standards. Services to SIC from the Forestry Association.

TOP TRAINING: TOP (Timber Operations Professional) program classes and workshops will be scheduled and administered by the TOP Committee and TOP Director. A Forestry Association Board member will serve as TOP Committee Chairman. The training calendar will be posted on our website and in the Carolina Forestry Journal.

SCFF and the Forestry Association will take the lead role in the 2016 Teachers’ Tour.

A staff member will serve as the Teachers’ Tour Coordinator and co-instructor to assist teaching the South Carolina Teachers’ Tour.

A staff member will be co-instructor for the South Carolina Teachers’ Tour: Teaching Sustainable Forestry through Environmental Education offered for graduate credit during the Teachers’ Tour.

MEMBERSHIP/VOLUNTEERISM: There will be a focus on increasing membership by identifying potential members across all membership categories. Forestry Association members will be asked to make a voluntary contribution to SC FORPAC when paying annual dues.

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS: A renewed focus will be placed on this program.

FORESTRY ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING 1/20/16

The Forestry Association’s Board of Directors met Jan. 20 at The Palmetto Club, Columbia, SC with Chairman Reg Williams presiding. Among meeting highlights:

Briefed on the Legislative Breakfast hosted by the Association [Jan. 20] in Columbia, SC.

Approved the Forestry Association’s 2016 Program of Work and Budget.

Received a summary of legislative issues the Association will be focusing on, which was presented by President & CEO Cam Crawford.

Received information on the 2016 SC Forestry Foundation scholarship program. Deadline for applications is March 31. Information is available at www.scforestry.org

Received a report on initial plans of the Annual Meeting Committee chaired by Association Chairman-Elect W. McLeod “Mac” Rhodes.

Received information on the Association’s Awards program. The forms and additional information are included at www.scforestry.org.

Deadline for the Grant applications is March 31. Information is available at www.scforestry.org

Deadline for the Distinguished Service Award nominations is June 30, 2016.

Membership/Volunteerism: There will be a focus on increasing membership by identifying potential members across all membership categories. Forestry Association members will be asked to make a voluntary contribution to SC FORPAC when paying annual dues.

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resulting in the creation of 57 new jobs over the next five years.

A startup firm, Black Water Barrels LLC will specialize in the manufacturing of 53-gallon barrels made of FAS-grade, quarter-sawn American White Oak for use in the bourbon industry. Black Water Barrels LLC has full capacity to produce additional size barrels, including but not limited to, 60-gallon and 30-gallon. In addition, other wood profiles will be available to serve the spirits, beer and wine industries.

To house its operations, the company is purchasing the former Zeigler Chevrolet dealership, which is approximately 9,000 square-feet. The company plans to add an additional estimated 12,000 square-feet to the building, located at 3941 Main Highway in Bamberg, SC.

Expected to be fully operational late in the second quarter of 2016, Black Water Barrels LLC anticipates hiring to begin in April 2016. To make order inquiries or obtain additional information on the company, contact info@blackwaterbarrels.com.

**TOP News**

**TIMBER OPERATIONS PROFESSIONAL (TOP) News**
- The next TOP 2-Day will be held April 20-21, 2016 Saluda Shoals Park, Columbia, SC. To register, please visit http://www.scforestry.org/top.
- 2016 TOP Annual Update Facilitator Guides are now available. As a reminder, facilitators must either be a registered forester or approved by the TOP Committee. Please visit http://www.scforestry.org/order-facilitators-guide to order your DVD or USB.
- 2016 TOP Annual Update training sessions are now underway. Please visit our website to locate a training session near you - http://www.scforestry.org/apps/calendar/
- 2016 TOP Annual Update deadline is June 30, 2016.

For more information, contact TOP Program Director Sally Tucker at sally@scforestry.org or 803/798-4170.

**TAX TIPS Article:** Forestry Association members who need another copy of the *Tax Tips For Landowners* article published in the Nov./Dec. 2015 Carolina Forestry Journal can download it at www.scforestry.org/News&Informationsection/Publications & Information. A copy can also be obtained by emailing scfa@scforestry.org [indicate preference for having article emailed or mailed]. The article outlines information to keep in mind when preparing your federal income tax return for the 2015 tax year.

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ACF Meeting: The South Carolina Chapter of the Association of Consulting Foresters will be hosting a meeting on Longleaf Pine on April 14, 2016 at the Harbison Environmental Education Center in Columbia. This meeting is open to the public. Some of the topics will include seedlings, planting methods, herbicide use, wildlife (game and non-game) considerations and pine straw economics. The cost for early registration will be $65, and includes lunch and dinner. CFE’s will be assigned to this meeting. For more information, contact Pat Straka at 864-646-4859 or pastraka@earthlink.net.

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- $2,500 to Clemson University Forestry Club for the March 17-19, 2016 Southern Forestry Conclave.
- $2,500 to the Center for Heirs’ Property Preservation to conduct educational workshops for 60 sustainable forestry participants.
- $1,000 to the SC Envirothon for the May 13, 2016 program on Invasive Species: A Challenge to the Environment, Economy and Society.

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