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Minutes

November 27, 2006
4:00 P.M.

Richland County Administration Building
3rd Floor Conference Room

Attendance

Nine members were present:

Gary Atkinson, Becky Bailey, Margaret DuBard, Sam Holland, Frank Houston, Stuart Hope, Carol Kososki, Maxey Love and Virginia Sanders.

Two members were absent:

Preston Holston and Mildred Myers.

Others Present:

Milton Pope, Interim Richland County Administrator, Jim Wilson, Richland County Environmental Program Manager; Michael Criss, Richland County Planning & Development, Ken Driggers and Nancy Stone-Collum, Palmetto Conservation Foundation; Hugh Caldwell, Richland SWCD.

Vice Chair Carol Kososki opened the meeting at 4:10 PM with a quorum present.

Minutes: The minutes of September 25, 2006, and the meeting notes of October 23, 2006, were approved.

Agenda: The agenda was approved without changes.

Committee Reports: Conservation Committee – Carol Kososki, Chair

Mrs. Kososki reported that a committee of people interested in Gills Creek is regularly meeting under the leadership of Milton Pope. The next meeting will be January 17th at 1 PM in the 4th floor conference room of the Richland County Administration Building. Anyone that has any documents or information on Gills Creek should get it to Mr. Pope. Mr. Ben Boozer with the Clemson Institute for Economic and Community Development at Sandhill Education Center has been agreed to be the Facilitator for the Committee through a contract between Richland County and Clemson University at Sandhill. Mr. Pope asked for \$15,000 from the Conservation Commission to fulfill this contract. A motion was made, seconded, discussed and passed unanimously to provide the \$15,000 to carry through June 30, 2006. Previously, the Executive Board had approved \$5,000 to initiate the process. Two grants have been applied for the project by Richland County.

Mrs. Kososki also reported on the various Arbor Day events that are taking place this week in Richland County. Carol Kososki participated in the state kick-off program on behalf of the Commission where an oak tree was planted to honor Arbor Day.

Historical Committee Frank Houston, Chair.

Mr. Houston presented information and recommendations on five grant applications received. \$100,000 was approved for this period of grants. (Copy attached to file minutes)

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Amount Requested</u>	<u>Recommended</u>
Pine Grove Rosenwald School	\$25,000	\$20,000
Monteith School	\$25,000	\$15,000
Ladson Presbyterian Church	\$17,691.20	\$17,691.20
701 Whaley Street	\$200,000	\$25,000 plus Façade easement of \$175,000
Visanska-Starks Carriage House	\$25,000	Defer
Total Recommended		\$77,691.20

A motion to approve the total recommended of \$77,691.20 was made, seconded and passed.

Nancy Stone-Collum reported on and presented slides of the tour to Carroll School, Historic Grant Applicants and the State Arbor Day Ceremony.

Council District 9 Public Meeting: Maxey Love reported that approximately seventy-five (75) attended the public meeting in Val Hutchinson’s Council District at Sandhill Lake House. Mr. Love spoke of his role as a Conservation Commission Member. Jim Wilson, Program Manager, explained the objectives and programs of the Commission. Val Hutchinson and Stephany Snowden, Public Information Officer for Richland County, led a discussion of projects needed and other concerns.

Program Manager's Report: Jim Wilson reported that he received a call from a landowner that had attended the public meeting and he was interested in a conservation easement. Jim and Ken Driggers are working with the landowner.

The Podell easement has received third reading of County Council.

A conservation sign was displayed for Commission members.

Community grants application deadline is December 4th.

The Conservation Committee will meet at 11 am on December 13th to screen grants.

A holiday reception will be hosted in the third floor conference room on December 12th from 2:00 PM to 4:30 PM.

Publicity: Becky Bailey will schedule a meeting in December or January to develop an outline for a Commission video. Members were invited to participate.

Extension of Meeting: A motion to extend the meeting for 10 minutes was made, seconded and passed.

New Business: 2007 Plan of Work – Jim Wilson will develop a proposed plan of work for the Commission's review and approval at the next meeting.

Rules of Procedure – Each commission member will receive a copy of our "Rules of Procedure". Please review this and send Becky Bailey and changes or suggestions by December 12th. The Executive Committee will review the "Rules of Procedure" at the Executive Committee/Staff meeting on December 13th.

Becky Bailey, Chair, signed a letter to Mr. Livingston requesting a new member be appointed to our Commission for 2007. (copy attached to file minutes)

The executive committee approved sending a check for \$100 to Frank Houston as an honorarium for providing lunch for the Carroll School Tour and recommending a \$100 honorarium to the School District/Carroll School for their hospitality. A motion was made, seconded and passed to send \$100 to Rock Hill School District 3 for the Carroll School.

Michael Chris discussed area planning efforts throughout Richland County which will have conservation areas for protection. He requested that the Conservation Commission be active in this process which may take several years.

There was no public input.

The meeting ended at 5:40 PM.

Next meeting is January 22, 2007.

Upcoming Dates

December 12th - Holiday Reception-2:00-4:30 PM

December 13th – Executive Committee/Staff – 10 AM

December 13th - Conservation Committee- 11 AM

January 10th - Executive Committee/Staff – 10 AM

No RCCC meeting in December

Next Meeting

Monday, January 22, 2007, at 4:00 PM in the conference on the third floor of Richland County Administration Building.

Respectfully Submitted

Hugh Caldwell
Staff Support