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Minutes

February 28, 2005 4:00 P.M.

Richland County Administration Building 3rd Floor Conference Room

Attendance

Six members were present:

Becky Bailey, Margaret DuBard, Preston Holston, Stuart Hope, Mildred Myers, and Ken Simmons.

Five members were absent:

John Davis (sick), Frank Houston, Maxey Love, Jeanette McBride and Virginia Sanders (new member, her notice of meeting was delivered to wrong address).

Others Present:

Ken Driggers and Nancy Stone-Collum, Palmetto Conservation Foundation; John Newman - Richland County Planning Dept., Jim Wilson, Richland Conservation District, Evelyn Bush, and Hugh Caldwell - Richland Conservation District.

Call to Order

Becky Bailey, Chair, called the meeting to order and declared a quorum available to conduct business at 4:44 P.M. Prior to obtaining a quorum, Chair Becky Bailey welcomed new member Preston Holston, appointed by Paul Livingston, Council District 4, and along with the other commissioner members explained the objectives and recent activities of the Conservation Commission.

Minutes

Minutes from January 24, 2005, were approved as presented.

Adoption of Agenda

Item 7, Planning Strategies, was moved to Executive Session. The agenda was approved as changed.

Agenda items #2 thru 6 were presented as information prior to a quorum being present.

Attendance Record

The commission member attendance record for commission meetings was distributed. We now have all eleven Council Districts represented with the appointment of Preston Holston, District 4 and Virginia Sanders, District 11. Marian Hampton, District 11, submitted a letter of resignation due to health concerns.

FY-05 Budget Update

Expenditures through February 28, 2005, were \$60,909.81 leaving a balance of \$143,690.19 for FY-05 appropriations. A copy of the expense report is attached to minutes.

Palmetto Conservation Foundation Report

Nancy Stone-Collum presented a picture of Monteith School with its new red roof. One proposal under review on river front property will be presented in executive session. Nancy and Jim Wilson have been working on planning strategies which will be presented in executive session.

County Policy On Endorsing Easements

The draft policy was discussed by the Development & Services Committee of County Council on February 22nd. The draft was amended to include a fee for the time it would take to review the proposed easement. The amended draft was approved to recommend to Council.

A motion was made, seconded and passed that items 2 thru 6 on the agenda be received as information. Motion passed.

A motion was passed that the Easement Policy, once approved by County Council, be added to the Commission website.

Public Input

Evelyn Bush expressed that she continues to be opposed to the Conservation Commission, Appearance Commission, etc. and she continues to be very unhappy with the Conservation Commission and its work.

Executive Session

A motion was made, seconded and passed to enter into executive session.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to come out of executive session. Actions of executive session will be reported at March meeting.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM.

Next Meeting

Monday March 28, 2005, at 4:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted

Hugh Caldwell Staff Support