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Minutes

April 26, 2010

4:00 P.M.

Attendance:

Members present: Gary Atkinson, John Grego, Sam Holland, Becky Bailey, Glenice Pearson, Mildred Myers, Frank Houston

Members absent: Jim Lawracy, Virginia Sanders, Carol Kososki, Marcia Lucius

Others Present:

Ken Driggers, Legal

Jim Wilson, Program Manager

Mary Jane Henderson, Richland Conservation District

Roxanne Ancheta, County Administration

Vice-Chair Gary Atkinson called the meeting to order at 4:10 PM with a quorum present.

Minutes: The minutes of March 22, 2010 were reviewed and approved.

Agenda: The agenda was adopted as presented.

Committee Reports

Conservation Committee: Gary Atkinson, Chair:

Jim Wilson introduced Roxanne Ancheta who discussed the current transportation plan and greenways being considered by County Council which would require a penny sales tax and County Council approval to go to voters in November 2010. Jim added that our Commission proposal was presented to the County Administrator and we were asked to support the current transportation proposal at this time to fund greenways.

Jim presented a new easement proposal submitted by Ken Clark to protect 12 acres of land off Old Tamah Road in Richland Northwest near Dutch Fork High School. The application was approved along with Ken ordering an appraisal.

Jim reported that the Haynes Conservation Easement (previously approved) will go to Council Committee on April 27th with a request for compensation from this year's budget.

Jim stated that the Garner's Ferry Park Project was added to the Council agenda this month by Norman Jackson to be considered for Hospitality Funding. Jim asked for the Commission to approve a letter of support if requested.

Conservation Overlay District, 6 parcels, will be presented to the Planning Commission as a zoning designation of conservation protection.

Historic Committee: Frank Houston, Chair

Frank and Jim updated the Commission on the Laurelwood Project which will be presented to County Council D&S on April 27th for approval with \$40,000 RCCC funding in partnership with PLT on 28 acres and plantation homeplace.

Frank applauded the dedication ceremony which was held recently to open the Historic Killian Red School House on Clemson Road. Carol, Jim, and Nancy attended.

Becky Bailey highlighted the Historic Dedication Ceremony of Monteith School in partnership with our Commission, Booker T. Washington Foundation, and School District One. Becky participated in the dedication ceremony on behalf of our commission. Jim and Nancy attended.

The Historic Committee will develop a program for a summer intern to support the Historic Web page with data collection. Frank will update at the next meeting.

Publicity Committee: Sam Holland, Chair

Sam updated the video effort. Several commission members made suggestions to enhance the message to the general public. Sam will work with a committee and the contractor to make some minor changes and release in May.

Finance Committee: Virginia Sanders, Chair

The monthly financial report was reviewed for information. (A copy is attached to file minutes)

Program Manager's Report: Jim Wilson:

Jim provided an outline of stops for our tour which will be Monday, May 24, 2010 at 4:00PM. All Commission Members present agreed to attend and to encourage their Council Member to join them. Jim Wilson will develop an invitation flyer for Commission members to forward to each guest. Carol has agreed to host a reception at her house following the tour.

Jim and Gary updated the Commission on a conservation easement landowner meeting on March 25th to encourage conservation easements in the COWASEE BASIN. Jim, Gary, and Nancy attended for the Commission.

Jim discussed the new County Council Strategic Plan for 2015. The Conservation Commission has specific responsibilities for conservation and historic preservation which must be reported quarterly to administration. Our Commission Plan of Work should reflect these same goals.

New Business:

Glenice Pearson commended Becky Bailey for her long time service with the Commission and her leadership and involvement with Monteith School Restoration Project and the Booker T. Washington Foundation.

Public Input:
None

Next Meeting

May 24th – 4:00 PM – Tour

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 PM

Submitted by:
Mary Jane Henderson,
Richland Conservation District