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## Minutes

August 28, 2006  
4:00 P.M.

Richland County Administration Building  
3rd Floor Conference Room

### Attendance

Seven members were present:

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

Four members were absent:

Gary Atkinson (out of town), Margaret DuBard (out of town), Preston Holston, and  
Mildred Myers

Others Present:

Jim Wilson, Richland County Environmental Program Manager; Michael Criss, Tia  
Rutherford and Matt Cromer, Richland County Planning & Development, Ken Driggers  
and Nancy Stone-Collum, Palmetto Conservation Foundation; Hugh Caldwell, Richland  
SWCD.

Chair Becky Bailey opened the meeting at 4:00 PM by declaring that a quorum is present.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the May 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting were approved. The notes from the meeting  
on June 26<sup>th</sup> were received as information since there was no quorum at that meeting.

**Agenda:** The agenda was approved without changes.

**Old Business:** Chair Becky Bailey announced that Carol Kososki has been appointed as  
Chair of the Conservation subcommittee and the agreement with PCF was approved  
unanimously by email ballot thru June 2007.

**Committee Reports:** Conservation Committee – Carol Kososki, Chair  
Greenway Plan Funding – Committee recommends providing \$35,000 to fund the second phase  
of the Greenway Plan which is in keeping with the objectives of the RCCC. Approved  
unanimously.

Community Conservation Grants – Committee recommends approval of \$50,000 for community development for the initial grant period this fall. The grants will be in the \$10,000 to \$25,000 range. Approved unanimously.

Broad River Property Appraisal Funding – Committee recommends approval of \$4,000 maximum to pay for an appraisal on the property. Approved unanimously.

Podell Easement – Mr. Podell offered an easement on 10 acres, off North Brickyard Rd., to Richland County by fee simple title. The committee recommended approval. Approved unanimously

Historic Committee – Frank Houston, Chair

First grant period in the spring of 2006 consisted of eight (8) applications. Five (5) were approved for a total of \$66,425. For the second grant, in October 2006, the committee recommended \$100,000 be approved for grants. Approved unanimously.

Landmark Plaques for attaching on buildings for which the RCCC has provided funds are approximately \$170 each. The committee recommends purchasing ten (10) plaques initially at \$1700 and up to 20 plaques if needed. Approved unanimously.

Sesqui Log Cabin Project – PRT is looking for help in preserving the log cabin. The Historical Committee will put together a task force of interested organizations to discuss the preservation, restoration, use and location of the cabin. A meeting has been scheduled for September 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM at Sesqui. The cabin will be open at 9:30 AM for anyone wanting to tour it. Received as information.

Jubilee Festival – Nancy Stone-Collum attended and presented a table-top display on the RCCC. Nancy developed the display for the RCCC.

Cell Phone Tower – A cell phone tower has been proposed to be installed in the Douglas Cemetery. This action directly affects Randolph Cemetery as well. The committee will monitor these activities and advise if the RCCC needs to take any action.

Becky Bailey informed the Commission that the Pinegrove School, which the RCCC provided funds, was broken into recently. No apparent damage except the lock.

A question was raised concerning if a percentage or some portion of our funds should be assigned to each committee and how can funds be set aside or designated for easements, etc. Ken Driggers suggested having a Capital Acquisition Fund for those purposes. Finance Chair Stuart Hope will chair a committee to make a recommendation.

**Program Manager's Report:** Continuing to work on conservation model for development which will include Low Impact Development (LID) practices. Continue to work with the Haynes property in lower Richland. Newsletter being developed.

**New Business:** SCDNR Geology Funding Project. This is a baseline geology study for Richland County. \$30,000 is needed for completion. Received as information. No action taken.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to extend the meeting for five (5) minutes past the 5:30 PM adjourning time.

RCCC Publicity Plan – Recommended by the Executive Committee. Jim presented a 20 second PSA (Public Service Announcement), Love Your Trees, on tape which was developed by Richland County Public Affairs Office for the Appearance Committee and Conservation Committee jointly. A motion was made, seconded and passed that the RCCC provide \$15,000 for assisting with the public service announcement and outreach educational activities.

Executive Committee Funding Level Approval – A motion was made, seconded and passed approving a \$5,000 amount per item which the Executive Committee can approve between meetings and \$500 for the Program Manager. The amount and item would be reported at the next regular meeting.

Michael Criss announced that March 31, 2007, is the date of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Neighborhood Planning Conference.

There was no public input.

The meeting ended at 5:40 PM.

Next meeting is September 25<sup>th</sup> at 4 PM..

**Upcoming Dates**

September 13<sup>th</sup> – Staff Meeting – 10:00 AM

September 20<sup>th</sup> – Task Force Meeting at Sesqui – 10:00 AM

September 25<sup>th</sup> – RCCC Meeting – 4:00 PM

**Next Meeting**

Monday September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2006, at 4:00 PM in the conference on the third floor of Richland County Administration Building.

Respectfully Submitted

Hugh Caldwell  
Staff Support