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## Minutes

April 23, 2007  
4:00 P.M.

Sandhill REC Lake House

### Attendance

Eight members were present:

Gary Atkinson, Becky Bailey, Sam Holland, Stuart Hope, Frank Houston, Carol Kososki, Maxey Love, Marcia Lucius.

Two members were absent:

Mildred Myers and Virginia Sanders

Council District's 4 - Vacant

Others Present:

Jim Wilson, Richland County Environmental Program Manager;  
Ken Driggers & Nancy Stone-Collum, Palmetto Conservation Foundation; Lee Allyson Gailliard, Richland County Recreation Commission, Hugh Caldwell, Richland SWCD.

Chairman Maxey Love opened the meeting at 4:08 PM. Marcia Lucius was recognized and welcomed as a new Commission Member at the RCCC Retreat session which began at 1 PM. Mrs. Lucius was appointed by Council Woman Joyce Dickerson, Council District #2.

**Minutes:** The minutes of March 26, 2007 were approved.

**Agenda:** The agenda was adopted.

**Committee Reports:** Conservation Committee – Carol Kososki, Chair

Easement proposal – The appraiser is set to complete the appraisal on the proposed easement tract.

Gills Creek Public Meetings – Three public meetings have been held in the upper, middle and lower sections of the watershed. Since the upper section meeting was poorly attended,

another meeting has been set for May 1<sup>st</sup> at Richland Northeast High School at 7 PM. The next Watershed Steering Committee meeting will be Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 1:00 PM, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room of the Richland County Administration Building. This meeting will be to summarize the concerns from the public meetings.

Historical Committee - Frank Houston, Chair

Grants for this spring due April 25<sup>th</sup>

Frank and Nancy attended the Unveiling Ceremony for the Visanska-Starks House Historical Marker in the Historic Waverly Suburb.

Publicity Committee – Becky Bailey, Chair

We have contracted with Zero Gravity to develop video, script is now being developed.

**Program Manager’s Report: - Jim Wilson**

Millage request meeting with County Council on May 1<sup>st</sup> at 4 PM.

Public Meeting in District 7, Joe McEachern and Becky Bailey, at Fairlawn Community Center on Monday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.

TRO Public Hearing before County Council in April 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. Maxey Love will speak in favor of the TRO on behalf of RCCC.

**Old Business:**

None

**New Business:**

Retreat actions: Estimated budget for 2008 was approved as follows while being aware that Professional Services Contracts are due to be reviewed in June for FY-08:

<u>Categories</u>	<u>Estimate 08</u>	<u>Budget 07</u>	<u>(Not to exceed) Percentage</u>
Annual Appropriations	\$600,000	(\$580,000)	(0.5 mil)
Professional Services	\$120,000	(\$109,200)	25%
Staff & Administration			
Historical Grants	\$200,000	(\$281,816)	35%
Conservation Community Grants	\$100,000	(\$50,000)	25%
Publicity Committee	\$25,000	(\$25,000)	5%
Special Projects	\$50,000	(\$82,000)	15%
Conservation Land Easements (Annual Easements)	\$105,000	(\$45,000)	25%
Capital Funds-Conservation (limited to 50% annual reduction)	\$625,000	Annual	
	(\$625,000	Carry Over 07	
	-Less current negotiations)		

Tour 701 Whaley Project will be at 4:00 PM on May 6<sup>th</sup> preceded by a Randolph Cemetery Tour at 2:00 PM

There was no public input.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:38 PM.

**Upcoming Dates**

Tuesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM, Council Public Hearing on Open Space in Council Chambers  
Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, 10 AM, Commission Publicity Committee, 2020 Hampton Street  
Monday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM, McEachern Public Meeting, Fairlawn Community Center  
Tuesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 4 PM, Commission Budget Hearing, Council Chambers  
Tuesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 7 PM, Gills Creek Public Meeting, Richland Northeast High School  
Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2 PM. Tour Randolph Cemetery, 4 PM, Tour 701 Whaley Historical Property  
Wednesday May 9<sup>th</sup>, 11 AM, Executive Committee/Staff Teleconference  
Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 1 PM, Gills Creek Steering Committee, 2020 Hampton Street  
Monday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM, Conservation District Awards Banquet, Sandhill REC by invitation  
Tuesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1 PM, Gills Creek Steering Committee, 2020 Hampton Street

**Next Meeting**

Monday, May 21, 2007, at 4:00 PM – 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Room, 2020 Hampton St.

Respectfully Submitted

Hugh Caldwell  
Staff Support