



Oconee County Planning Commission

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Minutes

Planning Commission Meeting

January 12, 2009

The Oconee County Planning Commission held their regularly scheduled meeting on January 12, 2009 in the Training Room at the Oconee County School District Administrative Offices, 414 S. Pine St., Walhalla, SC 29691.

Members Present: Tommy Abbott (Chairman)
Ryan Honea, (Vice Chairman)
Howard Moore
Rex Ramsay
Randy Abbott
Bill Nelson

Art Holbrooks (Planning Director)
Aaron Gadsby (Planner)

Media Present:
Carlos Galarza (Daily Journal)

Item 1: Chairman Abbott called the meeting to order.

Item 2: Approval of Minutes – Mr. Abbott made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 10, 2008 and December 12, 2008 meetings. Mr. Honea seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Item 3: Public Comment-

Jerry Barnett informed the Commission that the people had their voice back and their would be no more power struggles, conspiracy, or special interest groups with socialist agenda's running things. If the residents of lake nightmare want to torment themselves we should let them but not at taxpayer expense. Stop putting your foot in our door.

John Little thanked the Commission for their efforts and was disappointed in Council for not giving the Commission the respect they deserve. Mr. Little also stated that it is only a small contingent of people who want to regulate the area and they "have theirs" so why are they trying to stop others? Mr. Little, again, thanked the Commission for their efforts.

Item 4: Election of Officers – Chairman Abbott asked for nominations for Vice-Chairman. Mr. Abbott nominated Mr. Ryan Honea. Mr. Moore seconded the nomination. Mr. Honea was elected as vice chairman of the Planning Commission for the coming year.

Chairman Abbott then asked for nominations for chairman. Mr. Moore nominated Chairman Abbott for another term as chairman. Mr. Randy Abbott seconded the nomination. Chairman Abbott was elected as chairman of the Planning Commission for the coming year.

Item 5: Discussion of Comprehensive Plan Update- Mr. Holbrooks and the Commission discussed various methods of systematically reviewing the Comprehensive Plan. The Commission decided that reviewing one or two items each month, holding stakeholder/ public meetings, and selecting sub-committees to review the drafts would be the most effective way to handle the review. The Commission agreed to review the population element and the transportation element at the next Planning Commission meeting and to volunteer for various subcommittees.

Item 6: Old Business – There was no old business.

Item 7: New Business – There was no new business.

Item 8: Adjourn.