



Oconee County Planning Commission

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Minutes

Planning Commission Meeting

August 2, 2010

The Oconee County Planning Commission held a regular meeting on August 2, 2010 at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers at the Oconee County Administrative Building, 415 S. Pine St., Walhalla, SC 29691.

Members Present: Howard Moore, (Vice Chairman)
 Ryan Honea
 Andy Heller
 Rex Ramsay
 Bill Evatt

Staff Present: Art Holbrooks (Planning Director)
 Aaron Gadsby (County Planner)
 Yancey Green (Planner)

Media Present: none

Item 1: Vice-Chairman Moore called the meeting to order and paused for a moment of silence.

Item 2: Approval of Minutes -

Mrs. Heller made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 19, 2010 meeting. Mr. Ramsay seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Item 3: Public Comment

Mr. John Little- Mr. Little spoke against the Zoning Enabling Ordinance

Ms. Jerry Barnett- Mr. Barnett stated that the previous Planning Commission meeting was a breath of fresh air, and marinas should be promoted on lake Keowee so that public access can be enhanced.

Mr. Tom Markovich- Mr. Markovich stated the County should move slowly with the memorandum of understanding with Duke Energy and that care should be taken not to confuse the jurisdiction of each entity.

Mr. B.J. Littleton- Mr. Littleton spoke regarding the jail situation in Oconee County and his concerns were that the new jail's cost was too much.

Item 4: Discussion and Consideration of Lake Overlay Standards – Mr. Holbrooks presented the Commission with draft changes to the Lake Overlay Standards, as the Commission recommended at the previous meeting. The Commission asked staff to put the changes into the new draft and present it to them at the next meeting.

Item 5: Discussion of Memorandum of Understanding with Duke Energy- Mr. Holbrooks stated that the memorandum was only a draft template and it was to give the Commission an idea of the scope and purpose of an agreement. Vice-chairman Moore stated that he would like to get input from some of the Counties that have entered into an agreement with Duke to hear their feelings on the issue. The commission agreed and Mr. Holbrooks agreed to begin the conversation with those counties.

Item 6: Discussion of Draft Petition – Mr. Holbrooks went over the components of the petition and asked the Commission for input. The Commission agreed that the “legalese” needed to be reworded.

Item 7: Old Business – Mr. Holbrooks informed the Commission that they were scheduled to make a presentation to County Council on August 17, 2010 to update them on their activities. All Commissioners were encouraged to attend. Mr. Holbrooks also presented a list of rezoning request that staff considered non-controversial. Those requests include: Heritage Shores Subdivisions, Riverbend Subdivision, Moonlight Bay Subdivision, Scatterwood Subdivision, Neville Properties, Long Creek (Long Creek Highway, Academy Road, Raines Road area), Rock Creek/Highway 182 Area, and Cliffabee Leas Subdivision. Mr. Honea made a motion to instruct staff to proceed with these request once Council begins moving on them again. Mr. Evatt seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 8: New Business: Mr. Holbrooks introduced Mr. Yancey Green to the Commission. Mr. Green was hired as the planner for the county.

Item 8. Adjourn