



Oconee County Planning Commission

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Minutes Planning Commission February 25, 2013

The Oconee County Planning Commission held a meeting on February 25, 2013 at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers at the Oconee County Administrative Building, 415 S. Pine St., Walhalla, SC 29691.

Members Present: Ryan Honea
Bill Gilster
David Lyle, Chairman
Andrea Heller
Bradley Hancox
William Childress

Staff Present: Josh Stephens, Zoning Administrator

Media Present: None

Item 1: Call to Order

Mr. Honea called the meeting to order.

Item 2: Approval of the Minutes from January 7, 2013

Ms. Heller made a motion that the minutes be approved. Mr. Gilster seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Item 3: Public Comment

Mr. Bill Reece expressed his concerns with designating Sheep Farm Rd. in Seneca as a County Scenic Highway.

Mr. Gary Thrift also expressed his concerns with designation Sheep Farm Rd. as a County Scenic Highway.

Mr. BJ Littleton expressed his opposition to Sheep Farm Rd. being designated as a County Scenic Highway.

Item 4: Election of Officers

Mr. Honea stated his thanks for all the support he has received and that he has enjoyed his time as Chairman.

Mr. Honea nominated Mr. Lyle for Chairman. Mr. Gilster seconded the motion and Mr. Lyle' nomination was approved unanimously.

Mr. Lyle thanked Mr. Honea for his excellent service and stated that he was looking forward to serving as Chairman.

Ms. Heller nominated Mr. Gilster for Vice Chairman and Mr. Honea seconded the motion. The nomination was approved unanimously.

Mr. Lyle made a motion that the meeting schedule be set for the third Thursday of the month at 6:00 PM. Mr. Honea seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

Item 5: Scenic Highway Committee – Application

Staff presented public input to the Commission for consideration.

Mr. Gilster expressed his thoughts regarding what use limits if any would apply to property owners if the designation was granted for Sheep Farm Rd. as a County Scenic Highway. Staff responded that, primarily, the use restrictions would center around billboards.

Mr. Lyle and Mr. Honea questioned if the area around Sheep Farm Rd. fit the intent the ordinance governing Scenic Highways because the area would be a commercial area.

Ms. Heller made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Honea to recommend to County Council that Sheep Farm Rd. not be designated as a County Scenic Highway. The motion passed unanimously.

Item 6: Consideration of Amending Addressing Policy

Staff presented the details of a staff recommendation concerning the Addressing Policy.

Mr. Honea stated some concerns with the Addressing Policy as a whole.

Mr. Gilster made a motion to amend the Addressing Policy to reflect the recommendation presented by staff. Ms. Heller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Item 7: Old Business

None

Item 8: New Business

Staff presented an issue regarding a proposed sign to be located in the Fair Play Village Sub-district. Staff stated that a special meeting may need to be held to consider the issue.

Staff explained the training requirements for members of the Commission. Staff provided an update on recent permitting activity.

Staff announced that Mr. Greene has moved to the GIS Department and that the Planner I position had been posted.

Item 9: Adjourn

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