



Oconee County
REAL ESTATE, FACILITIES &
LAND MANAGEMENT MEETING
UPDATED AGENDA

March 17, 2020

4:00 p.m.

[meeting will either immediately precede or follow the Law Enforcement, Public Safety, Health & Welfare Committee meeting, which is also scheduled at 4:00 pm]

Oconee County Administrative Offices
County Council Chambers
415 S. Pine Street, Walhalla, SC

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes:
 - September 3, 2019
3. **Oconee County Energy Efficiencies Presentation – Mr. Mike Wilson, Johnson Controls, Inc.**
4. Discussion Items *[to include Vote and/or Action on matter brought up for discussion, if required]*
 - Discuss proposed revisions to the Oconee County Conservation Bank Ordinance
4. Other Business *[to include Vote and/or Action on matter brought up for discussion, if required]*
5. Adjourn

There will not be a scheduled opportunity for public to comment at this meeting.
Council members will discuss recommendations from the Administrator at this meeting.

[This agenda is not inclusive of all issues which the Committee may bring up for discussion at this meeting.]

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(b) To carry out its functions, the bank shall:

- (1) Operate a program which includes:

- a. Developing a ranking system for applications for program participation, including grants, pursuant to the criteria contained in section 2-403;
 - b. Receiving grant and participation applications from eligible OCCB recipients pursuant to section 2-404;
 - c. Evaluating applications from eligible OCCB recipients for eligibility for grants and to participate in the program pursuant to section 2-404;
 - d. Reviewing and ranking applications from eligible OCCB recipients for grants and to participate in the program pursuant to the ranking system;
 - e. Recommending the approval of certain applications to county council pursuant to section 2-404;
- (2) Establish additional guidelines and procedures, consistent with this division, as necessary to implement this division; and
- (3) Submit an annual report to Oconee County Council concerning all matters addressed by this division.

(c) The county administrator is directed to provide administrative resources and support needed to operate and manage the OCCB, other than financial resources and support, to the extent possible, and within existing resources of the county. When and if deemed appropriate by the board, the board may seek county council's approval to hire permanent staff, who will be county staff, reporting to the administrator.

(d) Operating expenses of the bank may be paid out of the OCCB fund in accordance with Oconee County Policies and Procedures, and, as authorized and appropriated by county council, provided such expenses shall not exceed ten percent of the total annual OCCB funding amount. Notwithstanding any other provision of this division, Oconee County tax dollars shall not be used for the operation or purposes of the bank.

(Ord. No. 2011-16, § IV, 9-6-2011)

Sec. 2-402. - OCCB fund.

The Oconee County Treasurer shall establish an account separate and distinct from all other funds appropriated by county council, called the Oconee County Conservation Bank Fund (the "OCCB fund"). The OCCB fund shall receive revenues as noted herein, and from the county according to one or more funding measures approved by Oconee County Council. The council acknowledges and agrees that county funding measures should be undertaken as soon as feasible, consistent with overall budget priorities of the county, in order to avoid escalating land costs and lost acquisition opportunities. The OCCB fund shall be used only for the purposes set forth herein. Funds donated to the OCCB by third parties shall not be re-directed by council.

(Ord. No. 2011-16, § V, 9-6-2011)

Sec. 2-403. - Criteria.

The board shall use the following conservation criteria in developing a ranking system for applications pursuant to section 2-401(b)(1).

- (1) Environmental sensitivity.
 - a. Presence of wetlands.
 - b. Frontage on USGS Blue Line Stream.
 - c. Water quality classification of such stream by the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control.
 - d. Presence of threatened/endangered species.
 - e. Habitat suitable for threatened/endangered species.
 - f. Habitat suitable for native wildlife species.

- g. Extent of biological diversity.
- h. Presence of unique geological/natural features.
- (2) Percentage of property sharing a boundary with protected land.
- (3) Historic/cultural features.
 - a. Contains feature designated on the National Historic Register.
 - b. Contains feature eligible for the National Historic Register.
 - c. Contains historic/prehistoric structures.
 - d. Contains historic/prehistoric site or location of a historic event.
- (4) Percentage of property containing prime/statewide important soil types.
- (5) Extent of active farming on property and extent proposed to be kept as wooded land or farmland.
- (6) Extent of public visibility of property.
 - a. Visibility from public roads.
 - b. Visibility from public land.
- (7) Scenic view from property or preservation of general scenic nature of that part of county.
- (8) Extent of public access.
- (9) Location of property.
- (10) Threat of development.
- (11) Size of property.
- (12) Potential water quality impact on a wetland or water body that is not part of the property.

The board shall use the following financial criteria in developing the ranking system for applications for participation in the program and grants pursuant to subsection 2-402(b)(1).

- (1) Funding percentage of appraised fee simple or conservation easement value requested;
- (2) Amount of applicable partnerships, matching contributions, management agreements, management leases, and similar collaborations among state agencies, federal agencies, eligible OCCB recipients, and local governments, boards, and commissions;
- (3) No matching funds or other contributions are required to receive grants from the OCCB fund. However, the commitment of such other funds shall be a factor considered by the board in its evaluation and recommendation of the applications.

(Ord. No. 2011-16, § VI, 9-6-2011)

Sec. 2-404. - Program and procedures.

(a) Application.

- (1) An eligible OCCB recipient independently or in conjunction with the landowner may apply for a grant from the OCCB by submitting an application in accordance with the rules and procedures established by the board under and consistent with this division;
- (2) Within five business days of the submittal of an application to the OCCB, the eligible OCCB recipient must notify in writing all landowners adjacent to the subject property of the application. Within thirty (30) days of receipt of said notice, contiguous landowners and other interested parties may submit in writing to the board their views in support of or in opposition to the application.
- (3) Prior to the submission of its application, the eligible OCCB recipient must notify in writing the owner of the land that is the subject of the application of the following:
 - a. That interests in land purchased with OCCB funds result in a permanent conveyance of such interests in land from the landowner to the eligible OCCB recipient and its assigns; and

- b. That it may be in the landowner's interest to retain independent legal counsel, perform appraisals, create surveys, and seek other professional advice; and

The application must contain an affirmation that the notice requirement of this subsection has been met, and the commitment of the landowner to convey title to or an easement on the property if grant funds are approved for the property, all signed by the landowner and duly notarized by a notary public of the State of South Carolina.

(4) In each application, the eligible OCCB recipient must provide information regarding how the proposal meets the criteria contained in section 2-403.

(5) For each grant application the applicant shall specify:

- a. The purpose of the application;
- b. How the application satisfies the criteria contained in section 2-403;
- c. The uses to which the land will be put;
- d. The party responsible for managing and maintaining the land; and
- e. The parties responsible for enforcing any conservation easement or other restrictions upon the land.

(6) Where an eligible OCCB recipient seeks an OCCB grant to acquire fee title to land, the eligible OCCB recipient must demonstrate both the expertise and financial resources to manage the land for the purposes set forth in its application. The board shall require an eligible OCCB recipient acquiring fee title to land to place a conservation easement on such property or include language in the deed to ensure that the property is permanently protected.

(7) Where an eligible OCCB recipient seeks an OCCB grant to acquire a conservation easement, the eligible OCCB recipient must demonstrate both the expertise and financial resources to monitor and enforce the restrictions placed upon the land for the purposes set forth in its application. The board shall evaluate each proposal to determine the qualifications of the proposed managing party and to determine whether the proposed management is consistent with the purposes set forth in the application.

(8) The board shall establish reasonable procedures and requirements to ensure that the personal information of eligible OCCB recipients and property owners is protected as permitted by the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

(b) Application review.

(1) The board shall accept three rounds of applications per calendar year in accordance with the following deadlines: April 1st, August 1st, and November 1st.

(2) The board shall evaluate each application according to the criteria contained in section 2-403 of this division and recommend approval of application and associated grants to county council based on how well the proposals meet these criteria. The more criteria a proposal satisfies, the higher priority it shall be given.

(3) The board shall evaluate each application and submit recommendations to county council within 90 days of each application deadline referred to in subsection (b)(1). The recommendation of an application may be for full approval, partial approval or disapproval.

(4) In recommending the awarding of a grant from the OCCB fund, the board shall set forth findings that indicate the items below. The board may delegate to one of its members this duty to **write a report summarizing the board's findings and delivering it to council.**

- a. How the application meets the criteria set forth in section 2-403;
- b. The purpose of the award and the use to which the land will be put;
- c. The party responsible for managing and maintaining the land;
- d. The party responsible for monitoring and enforcing any conservation easements or other restrictions upon the land;

e. How the parties designated in items c. and d. possess the expertise and financial resources to fulfill their obligations;

f. The availability of funds in the OCCB fund for the award;

g. Any other findings or information relevant to the award.

(5) County council shall take action on the board's recommendations within 30 days of the board's submission thereof. The council shall consider and vote on each recommendation individually. The council shall accept the recommendation of the board for the award of a grant unless (i) it is determined that there are not sufficient funds in the OCCB fund for the award or (ii) at least a majority of the council members present and voting vote to reject the recommendation. If the board's recommendation for the award of a grant is approved by council, the award shall be made and the transaction closed in accordance with subsection (c).

(6) The board may only authorize grants to purchase interests in lands at or below fair market value pursuant to a current (within twelve months of grant approval by county council), independent certified appraisal. The board may accept a market analysis update covering the time period from the date of the original appraisal to the present in the form of a letter prepared and signed by the original appraiser. Said market analysis update letter must be submitted to the board no later than thirty (30) days prior to the next scheduled board meeting. The board shall establish reasonable procedures and requirements to ensure the confidentiality of appraisals.

(c) Grant award.

(1) The board shall notify the eligible OCCB recipient of its recommendation and the action taken by county council on the application.

(2) If the board recommends the application in whole or in part and the recommendation is approved by county council in accordance with subsection (b)(5), the eligible OCCB recipient and the owner of the interest in the land identified in the application shall have a period of four months from the date of the county council's approval to decide whether to accept the award. Within fourteen (14) days of acceptance of the grant award the eligible OCCB recipient shall execute a recordable grant agreement or memorandum thereof, which shall be in a form approved by the board. Said grant agreement shall include provisions for reimbursement of OCCB funds for improperly used OCCB funds or title issues or defects, perpetual monitoring and enforcement, and other actions pursuant to Section 2-405.

(3) The eligible OCCB recipient shall submit the following ~~required~~ documents to the board prior to closing the transaction and the board and the county attorney or an attorney designated by the County Administrator on recommendation of the board shall review and approve the documents before OCCB funds can be disbursed:

a. A certified appraisal satisfying the requirements of subsection (b)(6);

b. A final draft of the conservation easement and/or deed, a final draft of the settlement statement, a final draft of the title insurance commitment and exceptions, and the grant agreement required pursuant to subsection 2-404(c)(2).

c. In order to identify potential liability pursuant to applicable state or federal environmental laws or regulations, a certified environmental hazard assessment shall be conducted on lands before the disbursement of OCCB funds for the acquisition of all interest in such lands except as provided below in subsection (c)(3)d.

d. An application for such interest in land shall qualify as a small grant application if the amount requested is less than \$30,000.00 or ten percent of the appraised fair market value of either the conservation easement or fee simple acquisition, whichever value is smaller.

The environmental assessment required in subsection (c)(3)c. shall be waived for

applications for interest in land qualified as a small grant, as defined herein, unless specifically required on a case by case basis by the board.

(4) The bank and eligible OCCB recipients receiving monies from the OCCB fund shall retain all records of acquisition of interests in land with OCCB funds including, but not limited to deeds, title documents, contracts, surveys, inventories, appraisals, title insurance policies, environmental assessments, and closing documents.

(5) The board shall disburse OCCB funds to eligible OCCB recipients and the closing shall occur after all applicable requirements of this section are fully satisfied, provided the closing shall take place no later than one year after the eligible OCCB recipient and owner of the interest in land decide to accept the award unless the board, for good cause shown, extends the deadline for a period not to exceed six months.

(6) No later than sixty (60) days after the day of closing, the OCCB grant recipient shall submit a report to the board describing how the OCCB grant funds were distributed or used and the status of the project. The report shall include supporting documentation, such as the closing settlement statement, disbursement statement, and the recorded conservation easement or deed.

(Ord. No. 2011-16, § VII, 9-6-2011)

Sec. 2-405. - Use of funds.

(a) Only eligible OCCB recipients may acquire interests in lands with OCCB funds.

(b) The bank may purchase an interest in land on behalf of Oconee County subject to the criteria contained in section 2-403.

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(h) The eligible OCCB recipient or property owner shall notify the board in the event that a claim against the title to the property has been made.

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(Ord. No. 2011-16, § VIII, 9-6-2011)

Sec. 2-406. - Eminent domain or condemnation proceedings.

OCCB funds may not be used to acquire interests in lands or other interests in real property through the exercise of any power of eminent domain or condemnation proceedings.

(Ord. No. 2011-16, § IX, 9-6-2011)

Sec. 2-407. - Recreational and economic use.

The provisions of this division shall not be construed to eliminate or unreasonably restrict hunting, fishing, farming, forestry, timber management, or wildlife habitat management, as regulated by the law of this state, upon lands for which interests in lands are obtained pursuant to this division. These and other traditional and compatible activities may be conducted, where appropriate, upon lands protected with OCCB funds.

(Ord. No. 2011-16, § X, 9-6-2011)

Sec. 2-408. - Conservation easements.

When OCCB funds are used to purchase a conservation easement on land, the conservation easement shall be the controlling legal document regarding what is and what is not permitted upon the land, how the land will be protected, and what rights are vested with the eligible OCCB recipient and its assigns which holds the conservation easement. If any inconsistencies or ambiguities arise between the provisions of this ordinance and the terms and conditions of the conservation easement purchased with OCCB funds, the terms and conditions of the conservation easement shall prevail. The eligible OCCB recipient shall have sole responsibility for monitoring the property subject to the conservation easement and for enforcing the terms and conditions thereof.

(Ord. No. 2011-16, § XI, 9-6-2011)

Sec. 2-409. - Historic properties.

The board may authorize up to ten percent of the annual OCCB appropriation to acquire interests in land that qualify solely as a historic or cultural feature according to the criteria contained in section 2-403.

(Ord. No. 2011-16, § XI, 9-6-2011)

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- (4) Receive contributions to the OCCB fund, for the bank, in satisfaction of any public or private obligation for environmental mitigation or habitat conservation, whether such obligation arises out of law, equity, contract, regulation, administrative proceeding, or judicial proceeding. Such contributions shall be used as provided for in this division.

(b) To carry out its functions, the bank shall:

- (1) Operate a program which includes:

- a. Developing a ranking system for applications for program participation, including grants, pursuant to the criteria contained in section 2-403;
- b. Receiving grant and participation applications from eligible OCCB recipients pursuant to section 2-404;
- c. Evaluating applications from eligible OCCB recipients for eligibility for grants and to participate in the program pursuant to section 2-404;
- d. Reviewing and ranking applications from eligible OCCB recipients for grants and to participate in the program pursuant to the ranking system;
- e. Recommending the approval of certain applications to county council pursuant to section 2-404;

(2) Establish additional guidelines and procedures, consistent with this division, as necessary to implement this division; and

(3) Submit an annual report to Oconee County Council concerning all matters addressed by this division.

(c) The county administrator is directed to provide administrative resources and support needed to operate and manage the OCCB, other than financial resources and support, to the extent possible, and within existing resources of the county. When and if deemed appropriate by the board, the board may seek county council's approval to hire permanent staff, who will be county staff, reporting to the administrator.

(d) Operating expenses of the bank may be paid out of the OCCB fund in accordance with Oconee County Policies and Procedures, and, as authorized and appropriated by county council, provided such expenses shall not exceed ten percent of the total annual OCCB funding amount. Notwithstanding any other provision of this division, Oconee County tax dollars shall not be used for the operation or purposes of the bank.

(Ord. No. 2011-16, V, 9-6-2011)

Sec. 2-402. - OCCB fund.

The Oconee County Treasurer shall establish an account separate and distinct from all other funds appropriated by county council, called the Oconee County Conservation Bank Fund (the "OCCB fund"). The OCCB fund shall receive revenues as noted herein, and from the county according to one or more funding measures approved by Oconee County Council. The council acknowledges and agrees that county funding measures should be undertaken as soon as feasible, consistent with overall budget priorities of the county, in order to avoid escalating land costs and lost acquisition opportunities. The OCCB fund shall be used only for the purposes set forth herein. Funds donated to the OCCB by third parties shall not be re-directed by council.

(Ord. No. 2011-16, V, 9-6-2011)

Sec. 2-403. - Criteria.

The board shall use the following conservation criteria in developing a ranking system for applications pursuant to section 2-401(b)(1).

(1) Environmental sensitivity.

- a. Presence of wetlands.
- b. Frontage on USGS Blue Line Stream.
- c. Water quality classification of such stream by the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control.
- d. Presence of threatened/endangered species.
- e. Habitat suitable for threatened/endangered species.
- f. Habitat suitable for native wildlife species.

- g. Extent of biological diversity.
- h. Presence of unique geological/natural features.
- (2) Percentage of property sharing a boundary with protected land.
- (3) Historic/cultural features.
 - a. Contains feature designated on the National Historic Register.
 - b. Contains feature eligible for the National Historic Register.
 - c. Contains historic/prehistoric structures.
 - d. Contains historic/prehistoric site or location of a historic event.
- (4) Percentage of property containing prime/statewide important soil types.
- (5) Extent of active farming on property and extent proposed to be kept as wooded land or farmland.
- (6) Extent of public visibility of property.
 - a. Visibility from public roads.
 - b. Visibility from public land.
- (7) Scenic view from property or preservation of general scenic nature of that part of county.
- (8) Extent of public access.
- (9) Location of property.
- (10) Threat of development.
- (11) Size of property.
- (12) Potential water quality impact on a wetland or water body that is not part of the property.

The board shall use the following financial criteria in developing the ranking system for applications for participation in the program and grants pursuant to subsection 2-402(b)(1).

- (1) Funding percentage of appraised fee simple or conservation easement value requested;
- (2) Amount of applicable partnerships, matching contributions, management agreements, management leases, and similar collaborations among state agencies, federal agencies, eligible OCCB recipients, and local governments, boards, and commissions;
- (3) No matching funds or other contributions are required to receive grants from the OCCB fund. However, the commitment of such other funds shall be a factor considered by the board in its evaluation and recommendation of the applications.

(Ord. No. 2011-16, VI, 9-6-2011)

Sec. 2-404. - Program and procedures.

(a) Application.

- (1) An eligible OCCB recipient independently or in conjunction with the landowner may apply for a grant from the OCCB by submitting an application in accordance with the rules and procedures established by the board under and consistent with this division;
- (2) Within five business days of the submittal of an application to the OCCB, the eligible OCCB recipient must notify in writing all landowners adjacent to the subject property of the application. Within thirty (30) days of receipt of said notice, contiguous landowners and other interested parties may submit in writing to the board their views in support of or in opposition to the application.
- (3) Prior to the submission of its application, the eligible OCCB recipient must notify in writing the owner of the land that is the subject of the application of the following:
 - a. That interests in land purchased with OCCB funds result in a permanent conveyance of such interests in land from the landowner to the eligible OCCB recipient and its assigns; and

- b. That it may be in the landowner's interest to retain independent legal counsel, perform appraisals, create surveys, and seek other professional advice; and

The application must contain an affirmation that the notice requirement of this subsection has been met, and the commitment of the landowner to convey title to or an easement on the property if grant funds are approved for the property, all signed by the landowner and duly notarized by a notary public of the State of South Carolina.

(4) In each application, the eligible OCCB recipient must provide information regarding how the proposal meets the criteria contained in section 2-403.

(5) For each grant application the applicant shall specify:

- a. The purpose of the application;
- b. How the application satisfies the criteria contained in section 2-403;
- c. The uses to which the land will be put;
- d. The party responsible for managing and maintaining the land; and
- e. The parties responsible for enforcing any conservation easement or other restrictions upon the land.

(6) Where an eligible OCCB recipient seeks an OCCB grant to acquire fee title to land, the eligible OCCB recipient must demonstrate both the expertise and financial resources to manage the land for the purposes set forth in its application. The board ~~shall, on a case by case basis, may~~ require an eligible OCCB recipient acquiring fee title to land to place a conservation easement on such property or include language in the deed to ensure that the property is permanently protected ~~to permanent protection.~~

(7) Where an eligible OCCB recipient seeks an OCCB grant to acquire a conservation easement, the eligible OCCB recipient must demonstrate both the expertise and financial resources to monitor and enforce the restrictions placed upon the land for the purposes set forth in its application. The board shall evaluate each proposal to determine the qualifications of the proposed managing party and to determine whether the proposed management is consistent with the purposes set forth in the application.

(8) The board shall establish reasonable procedures and requirements to ensure that the personal information of eligible OCCB recipients and property owners is protected as permitted by the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

(b) Application review.

(1) The board shall accept three rounds of applications per calendar year in accordance with the following deadlines: April 1st, August 1st, and November 1st.

(2) The board shall evaluate each application according to the criteria contained in section 2-403 of this division and recommend approval of application and associated grants to county council based on how well the proposals meet these criteria. The more criteria a proposal satisfies, the higher priority it shall be given.

(3) The board shall evaluate each application and submit recommendations to county council within 90 ~~260~~ days of each application deadline referred to in subsection (b)(1). The recommendation of an application may be for full approval, partial approval or disapproval.

(4) In recommending the awarding of a grant from the OCCB fund, the board shall set forth findings that indicate the items below. The board may delegate to one of its members this duty to write a report summarizing the board's findings and delivering it to council.

- a. How the application meets the criteria set forth in section 2-403;
- b. The purpose of the award and the use to which the land will be put;
- c. The party responsible for managing and maintaining the land;

- d. The party responsible for monitoring and enforcing any conservation easements or other restrictions upon the land;
- e. How the parties designated in items c. and d. possess the expertise and financial resources to fulfill their obligations;
- f. The availability of funds in the OCCB fund for the award;
- g. Any other findings or information relevant to the award.

(5) County council shall take action on the board's recommendations within 30 days of the board's submission thereof. The council shall consider and vote on each recommendation individually. The council shall accept the recommendation of the board for the award of a grant unless (i) it is determined that there are not sufficient funds in the OCCB fund for the award or (ii) at least a majority of the council members present and voting vote to reject the recommendation. If the board's recommendation for the award of a grant is approved by council, the award shall be made and the transaction closed in accordance with subsection (c).

(6) The board may only authorize grants to purchase interests in lands at or below fair market value pursuant to a current (within ~~twelve~~ three months of grant approval by county council), independent certified appraisal. The board may accept a market analysis update covering the time period from the date of the original appraisal to the present in the form of a letter prepared and signed by the original appraiser. Said market analysis update letter must be submitted to the board no later than thirty (30) days prior to the next scheduled board meeting. The board shall establish reasonable procedures and requirements to ensure the confidentiality of appraisals.

(c) Grant award.

(1) The board shall notify the eligible OCCB recipient of its recommendation and the action taken by county council on the application.

(2) If the board recommends the application in whole or in part and the recommendation is approved by county council in accordance with subsection (b)(5), the eligible OCCB recipient and the owner of the interest in the land identified in the application shall have a period of four months from the date of the county council's approval to decide whether to accept the award ~~and close the transaction.~~ Within fourteen (14) days of acceptance of the grant award the eligible OCCB recipient shall execute a recordable grant agreement or memorandum thereof, which shall be in a form approved by the board. Said grant agreement shall include provisions for reimbursement of OCCB funds for improperly used OCCB funds or title issues or defects, perpetual monitoring and enforcement, and other actions pursuant to Section 2-405.

(3) The eligible OCCB recipient shall submit the following ~~required~~ documents to the board prior to closing the transaction and the board and the county attorney or an attorney designated by the County Administrator on recommendation of the board shall review and approve the documents before OCCB funds can be disbursed:

a. A certified appraisal satisfying the requirements of subsection (b)(6);

b. A final draft of the conservation easement and/or deed, a final draft of the settlement statement, a final draft of the title insurance commitment and exceptions, and the grant agreement required pursuant to subsection 2-404(c)(2). ~~Oconee County and the bank must be indemnified as to title in the amount of the grant, and this indemnification shall be secured by a title insurance policy acceptable to the board and obtained by the grant recipient. The indemnification requirement as to title may be waived by the board in extraordinary cases where insurable title is unobtainable, the risk of adverse claims are small, the land in question presents a particularly valuable conservation opportunity according to the criteria of section 2-403, and the cost of the interest in land acquired reflects the lack of insurable title.~~

c. In order to identify potential liability pursuant to applicable state or federal environmental laws or regulations, a certified environmental hazard assessment shall be conducted on lands before the disbursement of OCCB funds for the acquisition of all interest in such lands except as provided below in subsection (c)(3)d.

d. An application for such interest in land shall qualify as a small grant application if the amount requested is less than \$30,000.00 or ten percent of the appraised fair market value of either the conservation easement or fee simple acquisition, whichever value is smaller. The environmental assessment required in subsection (c)(3)c. shall be waived for applications for interest in land qualified as a small grant, as defined herein, unless specifically required on a case by case basis by the board.

(4) The bank and eligible OCCB recipients receiving monies from the OCCB fund shall retain all records of acquisition of interests in land with OCCB funds including, but not limited to deeds, title documents, contracts, surveys, inventories, appraisals, title insurance policies, environmental assessments, and closing documents.

(5) The board shall disburse OCCB funds to eligible OCCB recipients and the closing shall occur after all applicable requirements of this section are fully satisfied, provided the closing shall take place no later than one year after the eligible OCCB recipient and owner of the interest in land decide to accept the award unless the board, for good cause shown, extends the deadline for a period not to exceed six months.

(6) No later than sixty (60) days after the day of closing, the OCCB grant recipient shall submit a report to the board describing how the OCCB grant funds were distributed or used and the status of the project. The report shall include supporting documentation, such as the closing settlement statement, disbursement statement, and the recorded conservation easement or deed.

(Ord. No. 2011-16, □VII, 9-6-2011)

Sec. 2-405. - Use of funds.

(a) Only eligible OCCB recipients may acquire interests in lands with OCCB funds.

(b) The bank may purchase an interest in land on behalf of Oconee County subject to the criteria contained in section 2-403.

(c) OCCB funds shall be used only by eligible OCCB recipients for the acquisition of interests in land, including closing costs. "Closing costs" shall include recording fees, deed transfer or documentary stamp fees, the costs of performing the work and providing the documentation required under subsection 2-404(c)(3), attorney's fees, and the cost of obtaining or updating surveys or an updated market analysis pursuant to subsection 2-404(b)(6). ~~but in no event shall more than \$ — in closing costs be paid per award. The board shall have the discretion to allow the OCCB funds to be used solely for closing costs after considering the amount of the award, the value of the project, the amount of the closing costs, or other factors. In the event that OCCB determines that OCCB funds were spent for purposes other than those listed in this subsection or the grant agreement, the eligible OCCB recipient or property owner shall reimburse the OCCB in the amount of the improperly used funds.~~ ~~OCCB funds shall not be used to pay general operating expenses or endowment requests of eligible OCCB recipients, nor shall OCCB funds be used for the management or maintenance of acquired interests in land. OCCB funds shall be disbursed only at the closing of transactions in which an interest in land is acquired.~~

(d) All interests in land acquired with OCCB funds shall be held by the eligible OCCB recipient approved by the board to acquire the interest in land; except that an interest in land obtained with OCCB funds may be assigned from one eligible OCCB recipient to another upon approval of the board by majority vote. In the event that there is a mortgage on any property interest protected through the use of OCCB funds, the eligible OCCB recipient and property owner, if any, shall notify and inform the mortgagee or debt-holder

that the mortgage will be subordinate to the conservation easement or conservation provisions in the deed. The eligible OCCB recipient shall copy the OCCB on the notice and information to the mortgagee.

(e) The owner of the fee simple title to property upon which a conservation easement was purchased with OCCB funds, whether the original owner that conveyed the conservation easement or a successor-in-interest, may reacquire and thereby terminate or extinguish that conservation easement, whether in whole or in part, only by complying with all of the following: (i) proving that the original conservation and/or historic values of the protected land have been lost or substantially impaired by factors beyond the owner's control, (ii) obtaining unanimous approval by the OCCB board, (iii) obtaining unanimous approval by county council, (iv) obtaining approval by the Oconee County Court of Common Pleas, and (v) making payment in cash to the OCCB fund of whichever is higher of the original fair market value or the current fair market value of the conservation easement, as determined by a certified appraisal paid for by the owner of fee simple title to the property.

(f) If an eligible OCCB recipient acquires fee simple title to land for conservation and/or historic purposes with OCCB funds, that land may not be sold, transferred, assigned, alienated, or converted to a use other than the use set forth in the grant award except by complying with all of the following: (i) proving that the original conservation and/or historic values of the protected land have been lost or substantially impaired by factors beyond the owner's control, (ii) obtaining unanimous approval by the OCCB board, (iii) obtaining unanimous approval by county council, (iv) obtaining approval by the Oconee County Court of Common Pleas, and (v) making payment in cash to the OCCB fund of whichever is higher of the original fair market value or the current fair market value of the protected land, as determined by a certified appraisal paid for by the eligible OCCB recipient.

(g) If any interests in lands that have been acquired by an eligible OCCB recipient with OCCB funds are extinguished, terminated, sold, transferred, assigned, alienated, or converted pursuant to subsections (e) and (f), the eligible OCCB recipient extinguishing, selling, transferring, assigning, alienating, or converting the interests in land shall replace them with the interests in land of substantially equal current fair market value, with any excess from the sale of the prior interests being used by contribution to the OCCB fund. The replacement land shall have the same or greater significance when evaluated under the criteria set forth in section 2-403. The board shall verify that suitable replacement interests in lands have been identified and will be obtained before authorizing that any interest in land purchased with OCCB funds be extinguished, sold, transferred, assigned, alienated, or conveyed. Where replacement in whole or in part is impossible, funds realized which are not used for replacement interests in land must be credited to the OCCB fund. Where funding for an original acquisition was from multiple sources, funds realized must be credited to the OCCB fund under this section in proportion equal to the contribution that OCCB funds made to the original acquisition.

(h) The eligible OCCB recipient or property owner shall notify the board in the event that a claim against the title to the property has been made.

(i) In the event that the title to the protected property interest is invalidated or otherwise found to be deficient, the board shall be reimbursed by the eligible OCCB recipient and/or owner in an amount up to the amount of the award approved by county council and disbursed to the eligible OCCB recipient.

(j) In the event that there is no conservation easement on a property funded by the OCCB, the County Administrator shall be responsible for ensuring that the owner of the property complies with the ordinance and for enforcing the provisions of the ordinance. The grant agreement shall specify that the County shall be able to access the property for monitoring and/or enforcement purposes.

(Ord. No. 2011-16, VIII, 9-6-2011)

Sec. 2-406. - Eminent domain or condemnation proceedings.

OCCB funds may not be used to acquire interests in lands or other interests in real property through the exercise of any power of eminent domain or condemnation proceedings.

(Ord. No. 2011-16, X, 9-6-2011)

Sec. 2-407. - Recreational and economic use.

The provisions of this division shall not be construed to eliminate or unreasonably restrict hunting, fishing, farming, forestry, timber management, or wildlife habitat management, as regulated by the law of this state, upon lands for which interests in lands are obtained pursuant to this division. These and other traditional and compatible activities may be conducted, where appropriate, upon lands protected with OCCB funds.

(Ord. No. 2011-16, X, 9-6-2011)

Sec. 2-408. - Conservation easements.

When OCCB funds are used to purchase a conservation easement on land, the conservation easement shall be the controlling legal document regarding what is and what is not permitted upon the land, how the land will be protected, and what rights are vested with the eligible OCCB recipient and its assigns which holds the conservation easement. If any inconsistencies or ambiguities arise between the provisions of this ordinance and the terms and conditions of the conservation easement purchased with OCCB funds, the terms and conditions of the conservation easement shall prevail. The eligible OCCB recipient shall have sole responsibility for monitoring the property subject to the conservation easement and for enforcing the terms and conditions thereof.

(Ord. No. 2011-16, XI, 9-6-2011)

Sec. 2-409. - Historic properties.

The board may authorize up to ten percent of the annual OCCB appropriation to acquire interests in land that qualify solely as a historic or cultural feature according to the criteria contained in section 2-403.

(Ord. No. 2011-16, XI, 9-6-2011)

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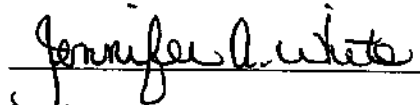
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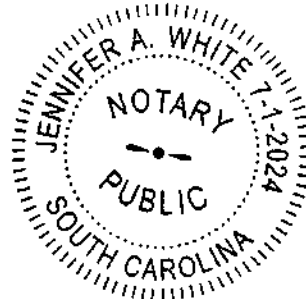


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EqDivInstl	16.31		-9.7	IntlStk	27.55	-3.38	-21.4	Puritan	37.06	-4.25	-17.9	DiscpVall	15.64	
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GibAlloInclnvA m	17.05		-2.8	DoubleLine				StkSelorAllCp	19.06	-1.58	-6.7	IntlGrI	24.80	
HYBdInstl	6.93		-2.3	CorFil	11.02		+5.9	TotalBond	8.71		+3.7	MitMgLSBIA b	12.26	
HYBdK	6.94		-2.1	LowDurBdI	9.95	-0.3	+3.1	TitMktldvnsPrm	9.14	-1.44	-27.0	MitMgLSGrI b	11.95	
LowDurBdInstl	9.52		+2.7	TitRetBdI	10.81	-0.6	+7.0	USBdldvnsPrm	34.66	-5.08	-16.5	Lazard		
NtlMlnInstl	10.71	-0.5	+2.5	TitRetBdN b	10.80	-0.6	+6.6	Value	10.82	+0.3	+6.6	EMEqInstl	12.66	-1.52
StrIncOpIns	9.61		+2.6	Eaton Vance	25.66	-3.58	-9.0	Fidelity Advisor	65.85	-9.27	-16.3	GblLdlnfrns	11.94	-1.16
StratMuOpIns	11.04		-1.5	AtIntCptSMIDCI				NewInSA m	12.23	+1.3	+10.2	IntlStratEqIns	10.68	-1.19
				Edgewood				GrInstl	6.50	-1.05	-33.8	Loomis Sayles		
				GrInstl	30.09	-4.60	+5.5	GrInstl				BdInstl	12.65	
				FPA				NewInsl	23.93	-3.17	-15.3	GrY	16.52	
				Crescent d	28.84		-7.9	StgInc	24.57	-3.25	-15.1	Lord Abbett		
									11.36	-2.6	-2.7	AffiliatedA m	10.57	-1.61

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The upcoming Council / Committee meetings scheduled for the week of March 16, 2020 have been CANCELED in Council Chambers and are as follows:

The Law Enforcement, Public Safety, Health & Welfare Committee AND the Real Estate, Facilities, & Land Management Committee meetings scheduled for 4pm, Tuesday, March 17, 2020;

The Special County Council meeting AND the Budget Workshop meetings scheduled for 9am, Friday, March 20, 2020.

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REGULATORY COMMISSION

Coneross Power Corporation
Project No. 6731-015

NOTICE SOLICITING
SCOPING COMMENTS
(March 10, 2020)

Take notice that the following

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hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection.

a. Type of Application: Subsequent Minor License

b. Project No.: 6731-015

c. Date filed: February 28, 2019

d. Applicant: Coneross Power Corporation

e. Name of Project: Coneross Hydroelectric Project

f. Location: The Coneross Hydroelectric Project is located on Coneross Creek in Oconee County, South Carolina. The project does not occupy Federal lands.

g. Filed Pursuant to: Federal Power Act 16 U.S.C. 791 (a) -825(r)

h. Applicant Contact: Mr. Kevin Webb, Hydro Licensing Manager, Enel Green Power North America, Inc., 100 Brickstone Square, Suite 300, Andover, MA 01810, (978) 935-6039.

i. FERC Contact: Jeanne Edwards, (202) 502-6181, or jeanne.edwards@ferc.gov

j. Deadline for filing scoping comments: April 9, 2020

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file scoping comments using the Commission's eFiling system at <http://www.ferc.gov>

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[v/docs-filing/efiling.asp](http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp). Commenter scan submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, (866) 208-3676 (toll free) or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). In lieu of electronic filing, please send a paper copy to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, D.C. 20426. The first page of any filing should include docket number P-6731-015.

The Commission's Rules of Practice require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person on the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervenor files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

k. This application is not ready for environmental analysis at this time.

l. The existing Coneross Project consists of: (1) an existing 288-foot-long, 25-foot-high concrete dam with a 123-foot-long, 20-foot-wide concrete spillway with 1.5-foot-high flashboards; (2) an existing nine-acre reservoir having a

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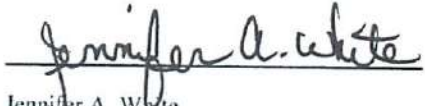
IN RE: Council Committee Meetings Cancellation

BEFORE ME the undersigned, a Notary Public for the State and County above named, This day personally came before me, Hal Welch, who being first duly sworn according to law, says that he is the General Manager of **THE JOURNAL**, a newspaper published Tuesday through Saturday in Seneca, SC and distributed in **Oconee County, Pickens County** and the Pendleton area of **Anderson County** and the notice (of which the annexed is a true copy) was inserted in said papers on 03/17/2020 and the rate charged therefore is not in excess of the regular rates charged private individuals for similar insertions.



Hal Welch
General Manager

Subscribed and sworn to before me this
03/17/2020



Jennifer A. White
Notary Public
State of South Carolina
My Commission Expires July 1, 2024

