

OCONEE COUNTY SCENIC HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

415 South Pine Street - Walhalla, SC



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MINUTES

October 24, 2013

3:00 P.M.

County Council Chambers

The Oconee County Scenic Highway Committee held a meeting on October 24, 2013 at 3:00 PM in Council Chambers at the Oconee County Administrative Building, 415 S. Pine St., Walhalla, SC 29691.

Members Present: Alan D. Boggs
Helen "Betsy" Grewe
Bob Kennedy
Phil Soper

Staff Present: Mr. Stephens, Deputy Director of Community Development
Matthew Anspach, Planner I

Media Present: None

ITEM 1- Call to Order

Mr. Stephens called the meeting to order because the former chair Mr. David Lavere resigned his service to the Committee.

ITEM 2- Approval of Minutes from September 19 Meeting

Mr. Kennedy motioned to approve the minutes from the September 19 meeting, with amendments.

Mr. Soper seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Stephens asked Mr. Kennedy what he would like to amend to the minutes.

Mr. Kennedy responded that he would like the action plan discussed in the past meeting amended to be notated and placed under ITEM 5. Mr. Kennedy followed by asking for a motion to approve the amendment.

Ms. Grewe seconded the motion. The motion approved unanimously.

Mr. Stephens motioned for "all in favor" of approval of the minutes, as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

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ITEM 3- Election of Officers

-Chairman

Mr. Stephens explained that once a Chairman was elected, that they would take over for the remainder of the meeting.

Mr. Kennedy nominated Ms. Grewe for Chairman.

Mr. Boggs seconded the nomination.

Mr. Stephens asked whether there were any other nominations, to which there were none.

Ms. Grewe was unanimously nominated as the new Chairman.

-Vice Chairman

Ms. Grewe called for any nominations to Vice Chairman.

Mr. Boggs nominated Mr. Kennedy for Vice Chairman.

Mr. Soper seconded the nomination.

Mr. Kennedy was unanimously nominated as the new Vice Chairman.

ITEM 4- Review and Consideration of Draft Application

-Staff Comments

None.

-Discussion and Consideration

Ms. Grewe commented what she believed to be the issue with Mr. Kennedy's proposal earlier in the year. Her understanding of the issue was that it was a procedural one; the committee's duties are to review proposals and not to come up with them.

Mr. Kennedy interjected his understanding of the Scenic Highway Committee's purview. He commented that he believes it was the Committee's responsibility to present plans for the scenic highways in the county. He added to that, that the Committee can follow protocol and develop everything and submit it to the "planning council" and onto the Commission, so the Committee could submit proposals. Mr. Kennedy also mentioned that he did not know why the proposal earlier in the year was turned down. He did not hear that the Committee could not submit. He mentioned he did know that the Committee did not need any potential advocacy groups to submit anything.

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Mr. Boggs spoke to the fact that his request for funding an award system for property owners along Highway 11 was not approved.

Mr. Kennedy mentioned the idea of putting together a type of Committee workshop to gather ideas for proposals for scenic highways.

Mr. Stephens commented that he did not think that the Committee could call an executive session for that purpose.

Ms. Grewe suggested setting up the meeting time.

Mr. Stephens mentioned there would need to be a quorum or at least 4 out of the 5 members present to have the meeting.

Mr. Kennedy reminded everyone they would be meeting to look over the action plan and fine tune it. Also, to get an understanding of what exactly they want the organizations would say in a letter to the Committee, finding a group to make a PowerPoint and a list of groups of contact they the Committee would make the presentations to.

Mr. Stephens suggested the Committee should talk about whether the items that have been discussed thus far if they would be out of the scope of their responsibilities.

Mr. Kennedy asked Mr. Stephens if it would be okay for the Committee to ask the County Council to change the responsibilities of the Committee.

Mr. Stephens replied that they could certainly write a letter to the Council to request their duties be expanded.

Mr. Kennedy suggested they get together to meet outside Chambers.

Mr. Stephens mentioned that 4 Committee members meeting could constitute a quorum whether in Chambers or not.

Ms. Grewe suggested each Committee member meet with their particular organization instead of a meeting amongst Committee members outside Chambers.

Mr. Kennedy pointed out in the orientation book on page 4 section 1 (Provisions of Officers) that it stated "any woman resident of the state 2 years who has attained the age of 21 shall be eligible" should actually read "any person". He suggested it be corrected.

ITEM 5- Old Business

None.

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ITEM 6- New Business

Mr. Stephens presented the application developed by staff for designation of a scenic highway for review. He then passed a motion to approve of the application for use. The motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 7- Adjourn

Ms. Grewe made the motion to adjourn. The motion was passed unanimously.