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## Minutes

April 25, 2005  
4:00 P.M.

Richland County Administration Building  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor Administrative Conference Room

### Attendance

Six members were present:

Becky Bailey, Preston Holston, Frank Houston, Maxey Love, Virginia Sanders and Kenneth Simmons.

Three members were absent:

Margaret DuBard, (out of town), Stuart Hope (meeting conflict), and Mildred Myers (Doctor's Appointment)

Others Present:

Cary McSwain, County Administrator, Ashley Bloom, Assistant County Administrator, Ken Driggers & Nancy Stone-Collum, Palmetto Conservation Foundation; Jim Wilson, USDA-NRCS, Evelyn Bush - Citizen, and Hugh Caldwell - Richland Conservation District.

### Call to Order

Becky Bailey, Chair, called the meeting to order and declared a quorum available to conduct business at 4:32 P.M. There are currently two (2) vacant positions, District 1 & 3.

### Minutes

Minutes from March 28, 2005, were approved as presented.

### Adoption of Agenda

Agenda was approved.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to go in executive session.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to come out of executive session

A motion was made, seconded and approved in support of the County Administrator's proposal to add a full time employee to Richland County whose major goal will be representing and supporting the Richland County Conservation Commission.

A motion was made and seconded that final approval on conservation easements be made by the executive committee prior to going to County Council.

The proposal of the conservation easement presented in executive session will be reviewed by executive members Becky Bailey & Stuart Hope on Wednesday. Since Margaret DuBard is unavailable Preston Holston will assist in this review.

### **Attendance Record**

The commission member attendance record for commission meetings was distributed.

### **FY-05 Budget Update**

A copy of expenditures to date was distributed for information. Fund balance for FY-05 is \$130,610.19

### **Palmetto Conservation Foundation Report**

Nancy Stone-Collum reported that a new application had been received and will be reviewed. Nancy, Jim Wilson, John Newman and Hugh visited several of the properties that have potential for easements in the Cedar Creek Watershed which were discussed in the last meeting.

### **Neighborhood Planning Conference Report**

Becky Bailey gave a report on the conference and the luncheon address by Charles Bohl. Many of the attendees were Richland County Neighborhood Presidents. Becky suggested that we pursue getting on the agenda of the Neighborhood Presidents meeting and also individual neighborhood meetings to make them aware of the Conservation Commission and its objectives.

The county's new website was discussed and how to access the Conservation Commission website. Some changes have been submitted to the County Webmaster who has since left the county and a new one is not yet in place. Preston has agreed to help with the website.

### **Rules of Procedure**

Recommended changes to the Rules of Procedures included:

Article I, Section 5. Finance Chair – Added item d., chair committee recommend annual proposed budget.

Article III, Section 1. Notice – changed the word “secretary” to “chair” in the first and last sentence.

Article IV, Section 3. Attendance – added sentence “A member of the Commission who shall have an unexcused absence for 50% or more of the meetings of the Commission during any 12-month period shall be deemed to have forfeited their membership and shall be removed without further action by the Commission or the County Council. An unexcused absence is a failure of notification that you will be unable to attend the meeting.

Article VII, Adoption and Amendment – This article number was changed to VI since it was omitted originally.

A motion was made, seconded and passed that these recommended changes be made and that the new document be distributed to Commission Members with the minutes to be voted on for approval at our June 27<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Becky mentioned that she and Nancy had attended a tour of Goodwill Plantation. Pictures are attached to official minutes.

**Public Input**

Evelyn Bush spoke.

**Next Meeting**

Monday June 27<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 PM.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 5:54 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Hugh Caldwell  
Staff Support