

**SOUTH CAROLINA CONSERVATION BANK**  
**Thursday, October 25, 2007**  
**Building R - Roquemore Auditorium**  
**Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College**  
**3250 Saint Matthews Road**  
**Orangeburg, SC**

**MINUTES**

The regular meeting of the Board of the South Carolina Conservation Bank (SCCB) was held at 10:00 am on Thursday, October 25, 2007 at the Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College, 3250 Saint Matthews Road, Orangeburg, South Carolina. Notice of the date, time and place of the meeting was posted and mailed to the news media. Chairman Charles Lane presided at the meeting.

**Board members present:** Chairman Lane, Thomas Miller, Vice-Chairman, Weston Adams, III, Andrea Clark, Ben Keys, James W. Roquemore, Thomas C. Taylor, William L. Snow and Ex-Officio Members Frank A. McLeod, III for SC Forestry Commission,; Michael G. McShane for SCDNR; and Phil Gaines for SCPRT.

**Board members absent:** Elliott Close

**1. Call to Order**

Chairman Lane called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Chairman Lane stated that the Freedom of Information Act guidelines had been met. Chairman Lane thanked Jim Roquemore for assisting with the accommodations for the meeting. Mr. Roquemore introduced Dr. Crook also thanking her and her staff for their assistance in setting up the meeting. Dr. Crook addressed the Board and audience thanking the SCCB for its work and it continued efforts to preserve the lands. Dr. Crook elaborated about the Building and that it is the Ag and Science facility and other specific details about the building. Dr. Crook also talked about OC Tech's future plans working with the Ag businesses and working on possibility of grants for alternative fuels and the impact agriculture can play in alternative fuels.

**2. Adoption of Minutes**

Chairman Lane stated that the minutes from the June 20, 2007 meeting had been distributed to all Board members and asked if there were any questions or comments. There being no comments, Chairman Lane asked for a motion to approve the minutes. James Roquemore made the motion to adopt the minutes and Mr. Weston Adams, III seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

**3. Introduction of New Members**

Chairman Lane introduced the two new Board members, William "Bill" L. Snow and Thomas C. Taylor.

**4 Presentation to Tom DeLoach**

Chairman Lane made a presentation to former Board member Tom DeLoach and Marvin Davant accepted on behalf of Mr. DeLoach and read the "Meritorious Service Award" to the audience.

**5. Old Business**

Chairman Lane asked Mr. Davant to provide the Board with updates on revenue – anticipated revenue, current revenue and update on the grants previously made.

**A) Update on Revenues – Mr. Davant acknowledged that the increase in the number of applications indicates that the SCCB is becoming a household word in the conservation world. We anticipate increases in applications and presently the number of grant applications exceeds the Bank's capacity to fund all of them. By the end of today's meeting we will have protected over 110 pieces of property in almost every county in the State. This includes historical tracts, farms and woodlands and urban parks in excess of 130,000 acres. We have committed funds at approximately \$70,000,000 and is a good accomplishment for three and one-half years. Mr. Davant informed the Board the following about the Bank's revenue:**

Funds On hand	\$ 5,532,601.53
Non-recurring funds (Mr. Davant explained about the non-recurring funds.)	\$ 5,000,000.00
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$10,532,610.53</b>
Current Outstanding Grant Commitments (paying everything committed to date)	(\$10,271,050.00)
Net Funds Available as of November	\$ 261,560.53
Estimated Documentary Stamp Funds Dec – June for 2007 - 2008	\$11,000,000.00

Mr. Davant stated the Bank basically has \$11 million to spend from Oct. 25, 2007 and including the March application period and the June Board meeting.

Chairman Lane called for any comments. Mr. Taylor asked question if our Documentary Stamp money would be in jeopardy. Mr. Davant stated he didn't feel there would be a problem and further explained. Chairman Lane also

addressed stating we will have to work hard to keep the funds, but that we are gaining allies and not losing allies.

## **6. NEW BUSINESS**

Chairman asked Mr. Davant to go through the Contract Requirements and address new items.

- A) Contract Requirements** - Mr. Davant discussed several issues involving the Bank that there has not been a contract between the Bank and the Land Trust. Mr. Davant presented a draft contract to the Board. The contract is a way of formalizing the agreement between the Land Trust and the landowner. Mr. Davant requested the Board's approval to meet with the Bank's attorney to work through questions or issues. Mr. Miller commented. Mr. Adams agreed the contract should be reviewed by George Bailey. Chairman Lane called for a motion. Mr. Adams made a motion to send the contract to George Bailey for review and prepared in the proper form. Seconded by Ms. Clark and unanimously approved.
- B) Update on Web Site** – Mr. Davant advised the Board that the last round of grant applications are now updated on the web site. Mr. Davant further stated we are planning to add a link to the web site where you could click on the numbered property and go to an information sheet showing a photo and brief description of the property. Mr. Miller asked if the Grant Application could be done online and submitted to the Bank. Chairman Lane reiterated that one of the Board's goals was to have the application available to submit online. Mr. Taylor commented the web site was very informative and suggested that a column be added reflecting public access to these properties and the type of public access.
- C) Meetings with legislators during October** – Mr. Davant noted there had been two upstate tours and thanked Ben Keys for his participation in the tours. Mr. Davant expressed his disappointment with the turnout for the tours but was pleased with the three legislators who participated and had good one-on-one conversations with those individual legislators about the Bank and they seemed to acquire a better understanding of what the Bank is, does and doesn't do. Mr. Davant stated he felt we could depend on some support from these legislators who may not have always been supportive of the Bank. Thanked Christie McGregor and Ms. Rish for their work in setting up the tours and informed the Board the following week there would be three more tours in Sumter, Marion & Horry Co., and Donoho Farms and hoping for a good turnout. Mr. Davant explained issues the legislators have expressed a specific interest in such as public access, and use of property and other issues. Mr. Keys addressed the Board about the tours he attended and tours were very worthwhile with the legislators who participated. Mr. Key's concern was how to get more

legislators there, but felt very worthwhile and well done. Chairman Lane commented the he felt the Board needed to call their respective legislators especially the ones who appointed them to the Board and try to get them to the tours. Chairman Lane stated most important thing is to educate the legislators from the respective Board members areas as to what the Bank does and why important. Mr. Miller stated that both Sen. Fair and Rep. Rice said the important thing is to get these individuals out of their offices and spend some time with them.

- D) **Conservation Bank Pamphlet** – Mr. Davant discussed about the updated pamphlets being sent to the Board members. Mr. Davant thanked Ms. Rish and the DNR Graphics Dept for their assistance in putting the pamphlet together. These were used with the tours with the legislators. Mr. Davant stated a pamphlet would be sent to each legislator before the 2008 session begins. Mr. Davant asked for any thoughts, comments, changes, etc. Chairman Lane encouraged to send to the legislators with a personal note and if the Board member may want to send directly.
- E) **Application Review** – Chairman Lane addressed the Board and audience noting that the number of applications received was greater than the funding available to award and explained the process by which each application is reviewed and approved or denied. Chairman Lane stated the applications would be reviewed in reverse order and Mr. Davant would make the presentation, applicants would be allowed to make a presentation and a time of discussion would be held prior to voting on the application.

Mr. McShane commented as to the benchmark being an average of \$538 per acre over the history. Mr. Davant, Mr. Roquemore, and Chairman Lane commented on the same issue.

1. **Woolbright** - This is an 87 acre farm in Oconee County (requesting \$142,400) and does have 50% matching funds. It does have FRPP funds. Mr. Davant would like to hold over till the March 2008 application period and review funds at that time. Chairman Lane called for the spokesperson for the property. Mr. Davant introduced Heather Stevens with the Oconee Co Soil & Water Conservation District and commented on her contribution to the Oconee trip and discussions with Sen. Mike Fair. Ms. Stevens made a presentation and asked to answer any questions. Chairman Lane called for any discussion. There being no discussions, Mr. Miller made a motion to follow the recommendation of staff and hold over until the March 2008 period. Mr. Roquemore seconded and the motion carried.
2. **Winborn Plantation** – This is in Hampton County and is requesting \$262,800. This is one of the Savannah River Preserve proposals. The cost is \$200/acre representing 16% if the easement value. Total value of

this tract is roughly \$6,000,000. The staff recommendation is to grant as requested. Chairman Lane called for anyone to speak on behalf of the property. Lewis Hay with Lowcountry Open Land Trust stated he would answer any questions. Chairman Lane called for any discussions. Mr. Adams stated \$200/acre was a good deal. Mr. Roquemore made the motion to accept the staff's recommended. Mr. Taylor seconded and the motion passed.

3. **Whaley Tract** – This tract is 94.2 acres in Greenville County. The amount requested is \$607,000 and is a fee purchase located on Scenic Hwy 11. Mr. Davant stated it has a 4.3 acre granitic ball. In very strategic location within other proposals previously funded by the Bank. Total value of the tract is \$800,000. They are requesting \$607,000. Heritage Trust was going to include \$100,000 of their funds. Mr. Davant's recommendation is \$200,000 with the full knowledge and understanding that the remainder is going to get funded by Heritage Trust.

Chairman Land called for a spokesperson. Mr. Frank Holloman with the Naturaland Trust made a presentation on the tract explaining about the property, the landowners and historical relevance. This property will connect two Heritage Trust sites and a state park when purchased. Mr. Holloman noted there was a \$200,000 commitment from Heritage Trust and The Graham Foundation of Greenville has awarded \$150,000 to the project and \$50,000 from the Jolly Foundation in Greenville. Mr. Holloman stated this would have 100% public access and eventually transferred to SCDNR. There were discussions about the map. Ms. Clark asked if the Bank approved at the lesser amount is the land trust optimistic they could come up with more funding and Mr. Holloman addressed questions about the funding. Mr. Davant noted this was becoming a regional area rather than individual tracts. Chairman Lane asked if the Bank funded \$200,000 would Naturalands close on this property and if the other funding falls through would they be in a position to come back to the Bank next year. Mr. Holloman said they can close before the end of the year. Mr. McShane commented that he would assist the DNR staff in moving this project forward through the Heritage Trust process. Mr. Taylor made the motion to fund the \$200,000 as recommended by staff. Mr. Snow seconded and the motion carried.

4. **Walters Tract** – This is a farm in Oconee County and has 50% matching funds from FRPP but is not the top priority for Oconee Co SWCD. Staff recommendation is to carry over to the March 2008 application period and review funding at that time. Heather Stevens commented from the Oconee Co. SWCD advised the Board that the #1 and #2 projects had to be funded prior to #3 or #4 receiving any funding because of other guidelines. Mr. Adams made a motion to accept the staff recommendation to carry over. Mr. Snow seconded the motion and the motion carried.



5. **Topping Tract** – This tract is in Sumter County and submitted by the Sumter Co Soil & Water Conservation District. This is a 1750 circa house and the tract is known as Dixie Hall Plantation. The historical value is applicable and owner is applying to be placed on National Historic Registry and waiting for response. Mr. Davant requested the opportunity to go back to the landowner and try to negotiate a better price for the tract and recommended the matter be carried over to the March 2008 period. Mr. Adams commented he would like to see this happen and agreed to send Mr. Davant back to the landowner. Lewis Jackson spoke on behalf of the tract. Mr. Adams made a motion to send Mr. Davant back to talk to the landowners and try to get the price adjusted. Mr. Roquemore seconded and the motion carried.
6. **Todd Farms** – This tract is in Oconee County and adjoins the Oconee Station Historic Site managed by PRT and the Sumter National Forest. It is almost an inholding. Total cost of the easement is \$522/acre representing less than 20% of the easement value and they are asking for \$154,763. Staff recommendation is to make the grant as requested. Chairman Lane called for anyone to speak. Upstate Forever said they would answer any questions. Chairman Lane called for any discussion. There being no discussion, Mr. Miller made the motion to accept the staff recommendation. Mr. Taylor seconded and the motion carried.
7. **Thompson Tract** – This is 878 acres in Edgefield and Saluda Counties. It is currently managed as a tree farm and located on Little Stevens Creek in the Turkey Creek Watershed. Adjoins the Sumter National Forest and several endangered species have been seen on this property. The easement cost of the tract is \$245/acre which is 20% of the total easement value. Total value of this tract is slightly in excess of \$1,000,000 and this is the first proposal received from the Upper Savannah Land Trust and they are requesting \$215,000. Staff recommendation is to make this grant as requested. Chairman Lane asked for applicant's comments. Mr. Brad Thompson made a presentation about the property. Mr. McShane commented he spoke to the Upper Savannah River Land Trust earlier this year and this would help encourage others in the area to utilize the program and endorsed the staff's recommendation to the Board. Mr. Roquemore moved to accept the staff's recommendation. Mr. Adams seconded and the motion passed.
8. **Terry Andrews Tract** – This is 1,539 acres in Berkeley County near the Cooper River Corridor adjoining Mepkin Abbey. Total easement price is \$495/acre, is a forestry/wetlands with a fair amount of timber on it. The Lord Berkeley Land Trust will be holding the easement and this is the first for them. Staff's recommendation is to make the grant in the amount of \$761,805.

Chairman Lane called for applicant to speak. Jason Johnson with The Conservation Fund made a presentation on the application and stated that there are 76 acres owned by an absentee landowner which are not included but anticipate to add later. Mr. Miller asked about the contiguous easement acreage for Mepkin, Bonneau, and so forth. Mr. Johnson and Mr. McShane stated that Bonneau Ferry is over 10,000 acres and Mepkin is over 3,000 acres. Emily Cope commented there are over 21,000 acres involved with Bonneau Ferry, Mepkin Abby and another property. Chairman called for any discussion. There being no discussion Mr. Taylor moved to accept the staff's recommendation with the caveat that there be at least, contingent on this funding that there be a donation of 60 of the 76 remaining acres. Mr. Taylor elaborated for the contingent comment. Chairman Lane acknowledged the motion and further discussion occurred from Mr. Johnson, Mr. McShane, and Mr. Miller on the contingent issue. Mr. Taylor withdrew his motion and Chairman Lane agreed with the point but agreed to reduce the funding by removing the 76 acres. Clarification was made that the 76 acres actually is not included in the present application but may be submitted at a later time. Ms. Clark asked for clarification as to whether this was 1,439 acres or 1,539 acres. Actual tract is 1,539 acres. Mr. Roquemore moved to accept the proposal as recommended. Mr. Snow seconded and the motion passed.

Mr. Davant acknowledged the students from Orangeburg-Calhoun Tech in the audience and welcomed them to the meeting and thanked them for attending.

9. **Sand Creek Farm** – This is 217 acres in Charleston County in the ACE Basin area located on Scenic Hwy 174 on Edisto Island. It has 2,800 feet on the highway; 5,000 feet on Russell Creek and 1,200 feet on Sand Creek. It is a very strategic in terms of development and greenspace and they are asking for an easement cost of \$771/acre which represents 25% of the conservation easement cost. The total value of this tract is over \$5.7 million. They are requesting \$167,344. Staff recommendation is to make this grant as requested.

Chairman Lane called for applicant's comments. Ashley Demosthenes of The Nature Conservancy made a presentation for the application and elaborated on outside funding sources received. Chairman Lane stated Charleston Co. Green Belt Board has agreed to fund 100% if we don't provide any funding for information of the Board. Mr. Roquemore stated it is an opportunity to partnership with other groups that put in money and better to encourage the partnerships and not take advantage of them. Further discussions were had between Chairman Lane, Mr. McShane, Mr. Davant, and Mr. Taylor. Mr. Roquemore stated he wouldn't mind recommended \$100,000, putting the request more in the \$500/acre range, saving some money but showing we want to contribute. Mr. Taylor

seconded the motion. Chairman Lane called for a vote to fund at the \$100,000 level which passed unanimously.

10. **Salt Point Landing** – This 1,032 acres in Berkeley County and is very extensive wetlands and rice fields. It's unique in that if the grant is approved the landowners will use the entire grant to improve the wetlands. They have applied to NAWCA for a grant to restore and improve the wetlands. This is close to the west branch of the Cooper River and adjoins one corner of Mepkin Abbey. The easement cost is \$389/acre and they are asking for \$400,000. Staff's recommendation is to make the grant as requested. Chairman Lane called for applicant's presentation. Raleigh West with TPL made the presentation on the application. There was an explanation about the additional grant to NAWCA and the impact of the Board's decision to approve or deny this grant. Mr. Adams made the motion to grant the \$400,000 conditioned on the applicant getting the \$1,000,000 from NAWCA within twelve months. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion and the motion passed.

11. **Salt Landing** – This tract is on the Edisto River which fronts 2,650 feet and is in the ACE Basin. They are requesting 25% of the conservation easement value with the total value of this tract being \$7,440,000. It has a unique maritime forest with several barrier islands and is a lynch pin to several other tracts in the ACE Basin. The amount requested is \$217,000. Staff recommendation is to make the grant as requested.

Chairman Lane called for the applicant's presentation. Ms. Demosthenes with TNC made the presentation for the application. Mr. Snow stated he hunted the land and would abstain from voting on the application. Chairman Lane stated he knew the property and the owners and this is what the Bank is all about. The landowners aren't wealthy but could have been and chose to obtain an easement because it was "the right thing to do." Chairman Lane called for any discussion. Mr. Taylor asked for clarification if other funding available are the options to (1) fund fully, (2) fund partially or (3) deny and the Board provided clarification to the questions. Mr. Taylor moved to accept the staff's recommendation. Mr. Adams seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Chairman Lane called for a 10 minute break.

Chairman Lane called the meeting back in session

12. **Rivers Tract (2 tracts)** – This is 148 acres in Sumter County and has 50% FRPP matching funds. The easement cost is \$750/acre. They are requesting \$111,000. Initially staff didn't have the appraisal but this has been received and staff's recommendation is to fund this grant. It was then determined that the additional tract of 61.6 acres would be included

in this review and they are requesting \$53,900 for the smaller tract. Chairman Lane called for the applicant's presentation. Mr. Lewis Jackson, Natural Resources Conservation Service in Sumter made the presentation on the application. Chairman Lane called for discussion. Mr. McLeod asked about the final appraisal and requirements prior to release of the funds and Mr. Davant responded. Mr. Taylor asked about the ranking of specific requests and then asked to go to the No. 1 ranked application from Sumter Co SWCD and review all at one time.

13. **Davis Tract (Orange Grove Tr.)** – Mr. Taylor asked if the appraisal has been received and Mr. Davant confirmed it had been. This is more of a historical property of 36.7 acres with a house that's on the National Historic Registry. It has 50% matching funds. Mr. Davant reminded the Board we are to supply funding for historical purposes along with the other projects. Staff's recommendation is the grant be funded for the \$90,000 requested. Chairman Lane asked for the scoring and staff it has none due to being a historical property. Mr. Roquemore moved that the grant be funded as recommended and Mr. Adams seconded and the motion passed.

Chairman Lane then moved back to the **Rivers Tracts** for review.

12. **Continued with Rivers Tracts** - Mr. Davant discussed the **Rivers Tract 148 acre** first. The appraisal was received. The easement cost on this tract is \$750/acre with 50% matching funds from FRPP and 25% donated by the landowner. They are asking for 25% which is \$111,000. The **Rivers Tract (61.6 acres)** has the same matching funds as the 148 acre tract and they are requesting \$53,900. Staff recommendation is to fund the project. Chairman Lane asked as to the funding process and the ranking and Mr. Jackson explained the procedure that their No. 1 request (Davis Tr-Orange Grove) must be funded and they must close by March of 2009 or federal funds are lost. The Board members and Mr. Davant talked about the scoring and ranking. Chairman Lane noted that staff recommended for the Board to approve both applications. Ms. Clark made a motion to approve both the Rivers properties as requested and Mr. Adams seconded the motion and the motion passed.
14. **Pine Hill Swamp** – This proposal is part of the Savannah River Proposal and the amount requested is \$179,500 which is 20% of the easement value at \$250/acre. Staff recommendation is to fund as requested. It is 718 acres in Hampton County. TNC made a presentation on the application. Chairman Lane called for any discussion or questions. Mr. Taylor moved to accept the Executive Director's recommendation and seconded by Mr. Roquemore. The motion carried.

15. **Nowacki Tract** – This is 50 acres in Pickens County with 450 feet of frontage on Eastatoee Creek on Wadakoe Mt. This represents 65% of the easement value. There is a piece of the Appalachian Railroad tract left on the property. There are 41 species of rare plants identified on the tract. This is an expensive piece of property but in a strategic location. Staff recommendation is to make the grant.

Mr. McShane asked if this was a fee simple purchase or a conservation easement. Kristen Austin with TNC stated this is an easement and made the presentation on the property noting specific reasons for the need to receive an easement. Ms. Austin stated that in 2001 a study was done documenting over 750 plant species and 41 rare species and three very rare plant communities. Chairman Lane called for any discussion. Mr. Roquemore stated that since \$5,000 of the request is for legal fees that the Board fund \$150,000 rather than \$152,000.

Mr. Davant stated that this is an issue that needs to be discussed because many applicants are asking for closing costs and in many cases the closing costs on these tracts are \$25,000 to \$30,000 and the Board needs to be aware of this issue. The statute allows the Bank to pay closing costs, but is not required to pay them; however, every time we pay closing costs that's less money we have to pay for conservation easements or other properties. Therefore, at some point in time we will have to make a decision on how the Board wants to pursue closing costs. It is a legal cost, but takes money away from conservation, so the Board needs to consider how they want to handle this issue.

Chairman Lane and Mr. Miller addressed the matters on Nowacki and closing costs. Mr. Miller asked if there was a chance of funding from some other source to help offset costs. TNC stated they were unaware of any other funding. Chairman Lane made a follow-up comment as the Bank won't be able to save all lands, but are they being frugal with their dollars. Mr. Miller's recommendation was to lower the figure somewhat and make a grant based on that. Mr. Taylor made a motion that the Board offer \$120,000 for the purchase of the easement rights which should be around 40%. Mr. Miller seconded the motion and the motion passed.

16. **Mims Tract** – This is an Audubon proposal. Mr. Davant read a letter from the Audubon which basically reduces their grant request to \$425,000 on the 71 acre tract. The Board asked about the cost per acre. Mr. Davant stated the Audubon Society is trying to obtain 411 acres and trying to get mitigation funds and to obtain the funds Audubon will have to spend some money to fix the property. Therefore, the Audubon has asked the Bank to fund \$425,000 on the 71 acres and carry the \$1,000,000 over till next year. Mr. Davant responded that the Bank could consider the \$425,000 request but couldn't guarantee the \$1,000,000 to be carried over but they

could reapply for the \$1,000,000. Mr. Davant stated this is a strategic piece of land but at present may not be the best way to use the Bank's funds.

The Board asked another questions regarding the cost per acre. Mr. Norman Brunswig with the Audubon made the presentation on the application and distributed a map of the area. He further discussed about the negotiations the Audubon is working on with area landowners for conservation easements. In explaining the events around this property that the Bank wouldn't be paying for the restoration; however it would make it possible for the Audubon to pay for the restoration. Mr. Snow asked what portion of the 411 acres is the 71 acres and Mr. Brunswig stated it wasn't yet determined. Mr. Roquemore asked if they were locked into a closing date and Mr. Brunswig stated they were. Chairman Lane asked if proposals have been obtained and Mr. Brunswig stated this amount was a guess. Mr. Roquemore agreed the area needed to be preserved; however \$6,000/acre with very little leverage is hard to accept. Chairman Lane and Mr. Adams agreed. Mr. Roquemore stated he would recommend \$2,500/acre which would be roughly \$175,000 and that it be tied to a certain number of acres of land but Audubon could chose the acreage. Mr. Brunswig clarified that they closed on the property subject to the conditions of the permit being issued. Mr. Taylor asked if the Board didn't take action today what the alternatives would be. Mr. Brunswig stated (1) the permit could be issued and everything could be fine and (2) if the permit is not issued the Audubon will be looking for other funds to replace the funds used to close. Ms. Clark asked when would they know about the permit and was told within 12 months. Mr. Adams recommended the Audubon come back to the Board at a later time. Mr. Taylor moved the Board to take no action at this time and consider it at the next meeting when further information is available as to the situation. Mr. Adams seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Chairman Lane recessed the meeting for lunch and to reconvene in 45 minutes.

Chairman Lane called the meeting back in session and proceeded with the next project.

17. **McDowell Tract** – This is a fee purchase by SC DNR of 1,870 acres in Lancaster County. It has three miles of frontage on the Catawba River. It has nice timber and very close to the previously funded Heritage Tract and will become part of a Heritage Preserve to be in excess of 4,000 acres. The cost to the Bank in fee simple is \$1,200/acre. The total value of the tract is \$9.9 million. Crescent Resources will donate \$5.32 million and DNR/Heritage Trust will make up the rest. There is an adjoining sale for \$7,000 acre for a fly-in hunting resort by an out-of-state organization. The tract will be managed for public use and DNR has requested \$2,250,000

and the staff recommendation is to make the grant in the amount of \$2,000,000.

Chairman Lane called for the applicant to speak. Emily Cope with DNR made the presentation on the application. Ms. Cope stated DNR has purchased 1,500 acres and will be getting an additional 800 acres given to DNR as part of Duke's relicensing process. Once completed, the DNR will own over 4,000 acres making it the largest block of undeveloped land on the Catawba River. Chairman called for any questions or comments. Mr. Roquemore stated it sounded like a good deal for the taxpayers and made a motion to follow the recommendation of staff to approve \$2,000,000. Mr. Adams seconded the motion and the motion passed.

- 18. Jones Tract** – This is 982 acres in the Pee Dee area in Georgetown County. This is a county where we only have one piece of farmland as a grant. This tract has extensive footage on the Black River, forested wetlands and probably has not been cut for 80 years. Not virgin timber but fairly large cypress and not a lot of pine, mostly wetland timber. They are asking for \$350/acre which represents 24% of the easement value and the landowner will donate the other 76%. The estimated value is \$1.66 million. This has been a verified area of the endangered swallow tailed kite, which is significant. There is development down the river. The staff recommendation is make the grant in the recommended amount of \$343,700.

Chairman Lane called for applicant to speak. Jenny Williamson with the Pee Dee Land Trust made the presentation on the application clarifying the significance of the property and explaining more about its location. Chairman Lane called for questions or discussions. Mr. McShane commented it is a great area. Mr. Miller made a motion to accept staff's recommendation. Mr. Adams seconded the motion and the motion passed.

- 19. Alex Johnson Jr. Tract** – This is 46.5 acres in Dillon County. The total value of the tract is \$342,800 and the landowner is going to donate 75% of the value. The cost for the easement is \$1,843/acre. This proposal is with a new land trust that has not participated before and in a county that we don't have any other proposals. Even though it is fairly expensive farmland it is close to a lot of development and is an actual working family farm. The scoring on this particular piece of property is not nearly as important as it is a working farm. The staff recommendation is that the request be funded for \$85,700.

Chairman Lane called for the applicant to make a presentation. Mr. Alex Johnson made the presentation for the application. This is a sixth generation family run farm and they have applied for FRPP funding. Mr.

Johnson stated he is hoping that others will follow in obtaining an easement on their respective properties in the same local area. Chairman Lane called for any questions or discussion. Mr. Roquemore stated it was good to have a new partner and encourage new partners. Mr. Taylor moved that the Board accept the staff recommendation. Ms. Clark seconded the motion and the motion passed.

20. **Indigo Farms** – This is a reapplication from the last time period. The original request was for \$750,000. We asked they go back and come back to the Bank with a more reasonable request and they are now requesting 12% of the total cost of this easement which is \$1,908/acre. It is in the ACE Basin on Edisto Island. Charleston Green Space has provided funding for the remainder of the tract. Mr. Davant thought as a good faith effort, because the applicant has come down on the request from the original application and did what was asked to have done; the staff recommendation is to approve \$25,000 on this grant.

Chairman Lane called for any discussion and asked if the applicant wanted to make a presentation. Mr. Roquemore moved to accept the staff's recommendation and Mr. Snow seconded. The motion passed.

21. **Harris Tract** – This is 87.8 acres in Oconee County and part of the Oconee Farm Outreach. It's a very nice piece of farmland although very expensive. It is a FRPP matched program. Staff recommendation is to carry over until the March 2008 period and see how the funding situation is at the time. Mr. Adams made the motion to carry over the project till the March 2008 period. Mr. Roquemore seconded the motion and the motion passed.

22. **Stiles Harper Tract** – This is 1,005 acres in Allendale & Hampton Counties and part of the Savannah River proposal. They are requesting \$251,250, which is \$250/acre representing 20% of the easement. This tract has a 63 acre Carolina Bay on it and is a continuation of SOLO. Mr. Davant's recommendation is to make the grant as requested.

Chairman Lane called for comments from the applicant. The Nature Conservancy made the presentation. The Chairman asked for any discussion or questions. Mr. Roquemore moved to accept the staff recommendation and seconded by Mr. Taylor. The motion was passed.

23. **Andrew Harper Tract** – This tract is 4,190 acres is in Allendale County and is part of the Savannah River Proposal. This easement is \$200/acre, which represents 16% of the easement value. This tract has five miles of frontage on the Savannah River and a continuation of SOLO. Staff recommendation is to make the grant as requested in the amount of \$1,047,500.

Chairman Lane called for comments from the applicant. TNC representative made the presentation for this application. Chairman called for any discussion. There being no discussion, Ms. Clark made a motion that the Board accepts the staff's recommendation to fully fund the project. Mr. Adams seconded. The motion passed.

- 24. Harper Place Country Club Tract** – This is 1,387 acres is in Allendale County. This request is for \$250/acre which is 20% of the easement cost. This is a continuation of the Savannah River Proposal and a continuation of SOLO. Staff recommendation is to fund as requested for the amount of \$346,750.

Chairman Lane called for comments from the applicant. There were none. Mr. Roquemore moved to accept the application as presented. Ms. Clark seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Mr. Davant commented about the Savannah River proposals and the SOLO Project. It is making a noticeable impact in the Savannah River Corridor and conserving that area. Mr. McShane commented on the same project and the partnership between South Carolina and Georgia and long term benefits of this partnership and the impact on both water quality and water quantity. Mr. Mark Robertson with TNC addressed the issue of water quality and water quantity and the partnership between SC and Georgia.

- 25. Harper Family Tract** – This tract is 1,544 acres in Allendale and is a Savannah River Preserve Proposal at a cost of \$250/acre representing 20% of the easement. This has a 125 acre Carolina Bay and is a continuation of SOLO. The staff recommendation is that the grant be funded in the amount of \$386,000.

Chairman Lane called for any discussion. There being no discussions, Mr. Adams moved that the Board follow the staff recommendation. Mr. Keys seconded this motion and the motion passed.

- 26. Great Falls Natural Area** – This is 192 acres in Chester County, which is an area we don't have many projects in. This will adjoin the McDowell Tract discussed earlier and the Heritage Tract. This is located on Rocky Creek and Fishing Creek which are both tributaries to the Catawba River. The owner, Crescent Resources, will donate an adjoining 160 acres tract on Camp Creek valued at \$287,750. Average price to purchase this property is \$1,550/acre; however, down the river was a recent sale for \$7,000/acre. Therefore, in terms of value it is of very good proposal. Staff recommendation is to fund this project for \$547,665.

Chairman Lane called for applicant's presentation. Lindsey Pettus with the Katawba Valley Land Trust made the application presentation telling of the historical significance of the property as well as the scenic value. Chairman Lane asked about potential of future State Park reference on a map. Chad Prosser with PRT stated that PRT has concluded negotiations and are awaiting FERC approval and will be finalized when approval is received. Mr. McShane commented about the FERC approval and the great opportunity in this area. Mr. Prosser further elaborated on the property and the relicensing process and stated this term would be for a 50 year license period. Mr. Snow asked about the public access and Mr. Pettus stated the land trust is working with PRT for trails and Duke has committed \$1,000,000 to help build a bridge to aid in access of the area. Mr. Davant commented the Great Falls Council is excited about the project. Mr. Roquemore moved to accept the proposal as recommended. Mr. Snow seconded the motion and the motion passed.

27. **Winkle Tract** – This tract is one of the Sumter SWCD NRCS proposals. This does not have federal FRPP match funding. It is 1,014 acres working farm and they are requesting an easement of \$5,750/acre. Mr. Davant stated he didn't have an appraisal on this property and thought the price wasn't the best for the Conservation Bank Board to make. Staff recommendation was not to be funded.

Chairman Lane called for applicant's presentation and none was made. Mr. Taylor moved that the Board decline to approve this grant and seconded by Mr. Snow. The motion passed to decline the application.

28. **Creek Farms** – This tract is 77.7 acres in Charleston and is a resubmission. It was a \$750,000 request the first time and has been lowered to \$153,458. They did what the Board asked them to do. The request is 15% of the total value and is identical to the Indigo Farms previously reviewed. Staff recommendation is the same as the Indigo Farms, which is to grant \$25,000 as show of good faith. Mr. McShane asked that once Charleston County Green Belt has met, that the information be forwarded immediately to the Conservation Bank. Mr. Davant commented that he had a note on the file to request that information. Mr. McShane wanted this in the record so that everyone heard and that they will need to get the information in immediately. Mr. McShane asked if this had been reviewed by the County and was informed it had been and received the full amount requested. Chairman Lane called for a vote. Ms. Clark made a motion that the Board makes the Grant in the amount of \$25,000 as recommended by staff. Mr. Adams and Mr. Snow seconded and the motion passed.

29. **Crab Orchard** – This is 2,818 acres in Hampton County and in the Savannah River Preserve proposals. This is at \$200/acre representing 16% of the easement value and a continuation of the SOLO project. Staff recommendation is to make this grant in the amount of \$563,800.

Chairman Lane called for applicant's presentation and discussion. Mr. Taylor moved to accept the staff's recommendation to fund at \$563,800 and seconded by Mr. Roquemore. The motion passed.

30. **Chatooga Valley Farms** – This is a resubmission of a previous application. The Board previously requested that the landowner be contacted to see if a cost reduction was possible. The original grant was for \$462,000 and the landowner has agreed to reduce it slightly from 50% to 40%, which would lower it down to \$369,600. We have made a previous grant to this landowner. The view is fantastic and Clemson University uses it for their atomspherical viewpoint of their telescope. This cost is still \$2,800/acre and the landowner does have some plans for commercial use on the creek below it. Mr. Davant recommended due to trying to spread the funding as much as possible, he didn't think we should fund at this time.

Chairman Lane called for comments from the applicant. Dana Leavitt with Upstate Forever made the presentation, discussing the property and the future business plan. Mr. Leavitt stated this is 32 acres, with a 280° view shed of the Blue Ridge Mountains. He also stated the area is being set up to provide a place for tourists to enjoy recreational and special occasions with an agri-tourism sustainable farm with you-pick and roadside stands. There are plans by the landowner to build an event center for 200-300 people for weddings, conferences and other large scale events. There are draft plans to build a maximum of six lakeside cabins (500 sq ft or less). Mr. Leavitt stated the landowner is requesting approximately 21% of the appraised fair market value. The request to the Bank is 40% of the easement value at \$2,800/acre. Public access was addressed as to how much and that there would be no subdivisions. Chairman Lane called for any discussion or question. Mr. Roquemore asked if the area was 138 acres which was confirmed. Mr. Taylor asked about the previous grant to the landowner. Mr. Leavitt stated it was Rocky Fork Farm funded by the Bank at the last meeting. Mr. Taylor asked how the landowner would keep his plan to only have six cabins on the adjacent property. Mr. Leavitt clarified the location of the cabins and specified in a conservation agreement to include the landowner's relinquishing of certain rights and rights retained. Mr. Adams asked for a clarification. The application is only for Chatooga Farms and not Rocky Fork Farms which was confirmed. Mr. Roquemore stated he thought the Board might consider offering \$1,000/acre and if something can be worked out within 120 days to accept that \$1,000 and if they can't get it worked out the funds would be retracted

and returned to the Bank to use on another project. Chairman Lane stated it was worth showing that the Board liked the project, liked what is trying to be done with the property but we can't offer much more than we offer others in that region. Mr. Roquemore made the recommendation that the Board make \$1,000/acre available on the 132 acres with a timetable of 120 days to consummate the deal and if not, the funds are withdrawn and the Board can consider applying them to another project next year. Mr. Miller seconded the motion and the motion passed.

31. **Camden Battleground** – This is an extension of the Camden Battleground that the Bank previously approved. It is 161 acres in Kershaw County. The total cost of this tract will be \$658/acre. The total value is slightly in excess of ½ a million. There are a number of private and other agency government funds to make up the difference. This will be part of the Revolutionary War Park and is in an important cultural and historical site of our heritage. Staff recommendation is to make the grant.

Chairman Lane called for applicant's comments. Nancy Stone Collum with Palmetto Conservation Foundation made the presentation. Ms. Collum stated in 1961 the Camden Battlefield was designated as a national historic landmark and presented to the Bank for the support in the preservation of the Battlefield from the National Park Service. Ms. Collum further informed the Bank and that they have acquired \$400,000 in financing and are requesting \$106,052 from the Bank to help with this project. It has public access 24/7, has three miles of hiking trails on the previously approved property, and other amenities will be added in the future. Mr. McShane asked about the easement holder which was clarified as being the Palmetto Conservation Foundation. Mr. Prosser encouraged this request as a good project. Mr. Adams made the motion to fund as Mr. Davant recommended. The motion was seconded by Mr. Taylor and the motion passed.

32. **Cain Tract** – This is in Oconee County, 114 acres and part of the Farm Outreach Program in Oconee County. It does have 50% FRPP match money and is a working family farm. This is the number one priority of Oconee County and staff recommendation is to fund as requested.

Chairman Lane asked if to fund in the amount of \$150,000 and was confirmed. The Chairman called for comments from the applicant. Heather Stevens with Oconee Co SWCD and noted that the OCSWCD holds an easement on 1,078 acres in the area. This tract isn't adjacent to the 1,078 acres but is in the area. Mr. Miller made the motion to accept the staff's recommendation. Ms. Clark seconded the motion and the motion passed.

33. **Brown Moxley Tract** – This application was withdrawn as it has been previously funded. The Stumphouse dedication invitation will be forthcoming shortly to all Board members.
34. **Boyd Pond Tract** – This is a resubmission from a previous application which the Board held over to see if Aiken County could obtain additional funding. The original request was \$900,000 for 84 acres. This has been reduced in price to \$600,000. This is a great opportunity to partnership between agencies but very expensive. Mr. Davant said he had concern on the expenditure side; however, the other side is Aiken County is working very hard to get some public access parks

Chairman Lane called for the applicant's comments. Dr. Harry Shealey with Aiken County Open Land Trust made several comments and deferred comments on the application to Brian Sanders with Aiken County PRT. Mr. Sanders made the application presentation and discussed future ideas for the area. It is a 210.9 acre tract which includes the 84 acres referenced in the application and is a purchase and not an easement. Mr. Sanders stated a developer had offered \$2.5 million for the tract and the owner wanted to keep as is and came to Mr. Sanders for assistance. It will be public land and they have pending SC Recreational Land Trust money of \$100,000; Aiken County Council has approved \$25,000 (to help with the closing costs); and \$125,000 in Water Recreational Funds, which has 100% participation from the Legislative Delegation, pending for revitalization. Mr. McShane made comments that the Land Trust made the effort to work with the Bank through a previous request to adjust the price and recommends the Board to do as much as possible to work on this project and do something even if the amount is less than requested. Mr. Roquemore asked if the Bank funded 15% of the project being \$300,000 conditioned upon the Land Trust closing by the end of January 2008 and if not closed by then it is withdrawn and the Land Trust can reapply. That way the Land Trust has a set amount of money to work with and they can move forward and 15% of a project this size would be money well spent for the taxpayers. Mr. Davant asked that the time frame be six months as the Bank has done with others and Mr. Roquemore agreed to amend his motion. Chairman called for a second. Mr. Taylor asked the motion be repeated. Chairman stated the motion is that the Board makes a grant of \$300,000 as opposed to the \$600,000 request and that the Land Trust has six months from today to close that transaction or the money is withdrawn, but if it isn't closed they can come back to the Bank and submit a reapplication. Mr. Adams seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Mr. McShane acknowledged Mr. Johnny Evans being present at the meeting.

35. **Bowers Tract** – This is 924 acres in Hampton County and part of the Savannah River Preserve proposal and is \$200/acre which represents 16% of the easement value. This is a continuation of the SOLO project. Staff recommendation is to fund this project.

The Chairman called for any discussion. There being no discussion, Mr. Taylor moved to accept the recommendation of the Director and Ms. Clark seconded and the motion passed.

36. **Black Swamp Tract** – This is 2,031 acres in Jasper County and is a Savannah River Preserve proposal. It is \$200/acre representing 16% of the easement cost and continuation of SOLO. Staff recommendation is to fund the grant (\$406,200).

The Chairman called for any discussion. There being no discussion Mr. Taylor moved to accept the staff recommendation. Mr. Adams seconded and the motion passed.

37. **M. Zeigler Tract (Barker Assoc.)** – This is 1,041 acres in Hampton County and is at \$200/acre and part of the Savannah River Preserve proposal representing 16% of the easement value. Staff recommendation is to fund the grant.

The Chairman called for any discussion and there being none Mr. Miller made the motion to accept the staff's recommendation and Mr. Snow seconded. The motion passed.

Mr. Davant informed the Board that with this grant the total is over 42,000 acres in the Savannah River and slightly less than \$10,000,000

38. **Alston Tract** – This is in Sumter County, 220 acres and is next door to Dixie Hall Plantation the Board looked at earlier and the Board asked to be carried over. This 220 acres is in a fairly strategic area of historical importance and the property is almost entirely 12 year old planted pines with frontage on HWY 261. The price per acre for the easement is \$3500/acre. Mr. Davant recommended that with the approval of the Board, he would like to do the same as with Dixie Hall and carry this forward so he could go back to the landowner to work with them. Mr. Miller made the motion to carry over as staff recommended. Mr. Adams seconded and the motion passed.

39. **McLeod Property** – This is a resubmission from last time. This is in Beaufort County. Previously the Board agreed to fund \$500,000 of their request and subject to them trying to work out what was going to happen with the Beaufort County Open Land Trust and the Marine Base that they could come back and ask the Board for additional funds. Mr. Davant's

understanding is that Beaufort County Bond funds along with the Marine Base have paid for this property and TPL are reapplying for \$500,000.

Mr. Taylor asked to repeat the information. The Chairman stated The Trust for Public Land submitted two proposals in June 2007 and TPL made a proposal to the Bank to fund \$1,000,000 on two projects. The Bank funded \$500,000 on each project totaling \$1,000,000. TPL asked and the Board told them they could come back at the October meeting and ask for additional funds. The other property is Lemon Island. TPL has asked the Board to revisit that issue and see if it would be inclined to put more money toward the McLeod proposal. Mr. Taylor asked if a fee purchase or easement and informed it was a conservation easement. The Chairman asked TPL to explain the transaction and Mr. Adams asked for clarification of the use of the funds and the acreage from the previous grant.

TPL made a presentation stating that in June 2007 they requested \$1 million for a 375 acre conservation easement. The Board recommended that TPL go back to the landowners with two questions from the Board. These were (1) the clustering of any reserve developments; and (2) public access. TPL has achieved both. There were 16 units (home sites) that were agreed to in the option agreement and TPL has managed to cluster those in the western corner of the property. So all 16 units and accessory buildings, swimming pools, tennis courts will remain within a 20-acre space. Additionally, the Board requested TPL to come back and show some type of public access. The landowners agreed to donate a 98 acre park to the county in fee as a regional park in the eastern portion of the 375 acre tract. There are several reasons why this is a critical acquisition for Beaufort County, the region and the State. First, in Dec 2006 this tract was endangered of being annexed by the City of Beaufort which would have brought up to 1,800 units in to this area near the ACE Basin and would potentially erode rural northern Beaufort County. Second, the Marine Corps in Beaufort which brings in millions of dollars to the local and state economy every year has indicated this is their priority parcel. Their flight path goes over the southern half of the property encompassing this easement and the park transaction. Finally, the conservation values of this tract are tremendous as there is four miles of water front along the Whale Branch River and its tributaries and near the ACE Basin. TPL thanked the Board for the \$500,000 grant received in June 2007 and asked for an additional \$500,000

Ms. Clark asked if the whole package is 377 acres and this was confirmed that the whole package is under a conservation easement and within the conservation easement it has been allowed for recreational uses including the passive park. Mr. Adams asked about the three out parcels and the ownership and TPL is working with landowners to include them in the

process. Mr. Roquemore stated this would be roughly \$2652/acre. Mr. Adams asked if this would happen whether TPL got the \$.5 million or not and TPL stated it wasn't a sure thing. It was noted that the landowner was donating \$3.4 million of the price for the conservation easement.

The Chairman acknowledged that commitments had been made in excess of \$10 million at this time and Ms. Clark and Mr. Adams said the Board had done all it could do at this time. Mr. Miller made the recommendation that the Bank wait to see what the Navy and the County does and TPL bring the application back in June 2008 to see what can be done. Mr. Miller made the motion to carry this application forward to June 2008 automatically and TPL would not have to reapply. Ms. Clark seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Mr. McShane asked for an update from TPL on Morris Island and a time frame. Mr. Slade Gleaton addressed this question and stated were several ongoing discussions and negotiations before TPL can follow through on this property.

**7) Time and Place of Next Meeting:**

June 20<sup>th</sup> being a Friday and also a DNR Board meeting the Bank Board's meeting will be on June 18, 2008 in Beaufort area. Mr. Taylor is to coordinate with Margie Rish as to the location.

**8) New Business**

Mr. Taylor asked if by the next meeting the Executive Director consider creating a voluntary position for an internship from the Journalism School at USC to assist the staff on doing some public relations work as far as press releases and related items. This would be a good opportunity to partnership between the Board and USC. Chairman Lane stated that at the last Board meeting it was approved to hire a part-time person to do exactly. The Chairman stated that to get the message to the right people the Board is going to have to be more involved in getting the right people out throughout the State. Mr. Roquemore recommended that all benefactors of the program would mention how well this program is working and to their legislators.

**10) No Executive Session was held.** However, the Chairman recommended all Board members write their legislators in their county where projects have been funded saying what we do and we appreciate their support.

**11) There being no further business the Chairman called to adjourn the meeting.** The motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Snow and seconded by the Board.

## **AGENDA**

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Adoption of Minutes**
- 3. Introduction of New Members**
- 4. Presentation to Tom DeLoach**
- 5. Old Business**
  - A. Update on Revenues**
  - B. Grant updates**
- 6.**
  - A.) Contract Requirements**
  - B.) Updates on the Web Site (Qualified Entities & Statewide Map of Grants)**
  - C.) Meeting with legislators during October**
  - D.) Conservation Bank Pamphlet**
- 7. New Business**
  - A.) Discussion and Vote on Conservation Proposals and Funding Levels for the July 31, 2007 Filing Period.**
- 8. Time and Place of Next Meeting**
- 9. Executive Session**
- 10. Adjourn**



**GRANT APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED JULY 31, 2007**

- 1. Rowland P. Alston Tract – 220 acres in Sumter Co. – owned by Rowland P. Alston submitted by Sumter SWCD - \$770,000**
- 2. Terry Andrews Tract (Grimke Plantation) – 1,539 acres in Berkeley Co. – owned by Terry Andrews and submitted by The Conservation Fund - \$761,805**
- 3. Baker Associates (Mikel/Zeigler and Harper Tract) – 1401 acres (Mikel/Zeigler Tr 447 acres and Harper Tr 954 acres) in Hampton Co. submitted by TNC - \$280,800 (\$200/acre)**
- 4. Black Swamp Plantation – 2,031 acres in Jasper County submitted by DU - \$406,200 (\$200/acre)**
- 5. Bowers Tract – 1,026 acres in Hampton Co. – submitted by TNC - \$184,800 (\$200/acre)**
- 6. Brown-Moxley Heirs – 532 acres in Oconee Co. – submitted by TNC - \$550,000**
- 7. Boyd Pond – 84 acres in Aiken Co – owned by the Savannah River Employees Association (deferred from June 20, 2007 Board Meeting) - \$600,000**
- 8. Kenny Cain Easement – 113.8 acres in Oconee County submitted by Oconee Co SWCD - \$145,000**
- 9. Camden Battlefield – 161.20 acres in Kershaw Co. – submitted by Palmetto Conservation Foundation - \$106,052**
- 10. Chatooga Valley Farms – 263 acres in Oconee County by Upstate Forever (deferred from June 20, 2007 Board Meeting) - \$462,000 (plus closing costs)**
- 11. Creek Farms – 77.7 acres in Colleton County by Edisto Land Trust (deferred from June 20, 2007 Board Meeting) – \$153,458 (plus closing costs)**
- 12. Crab Orchard Plantation – 2,819 acres in Hampton Co. submitted by DU - \$563,800 (\$200/acre)**
- 13. J. E. Davis, Jr. – 36.7 acres in Sumter Co. submitted by Sumter SCWD - \$770,000**



- 14. Great Falls Natural Area Project - 353 acres in Chester County submitted by Katawba Valley Land Trust - \$547,665**
- 15. Andrew Harper Tract (Georgia-Pacific & Coastal) – 4,190 acres in Allendale County submitted by TNC - \$1,047,500 (\$250/acre)**
- 16. Harper Family Home Place & Solomons Tract – 1,544 acres in Hampton County submitted by TNC - \$386,000 (\$250/acre)**
- 17. Harper Place, Country Club and Moultrie – 1,387 acres in Allendale and Hampton Counties submitted by TNC - \$346,750 (\$250/acre)**
- 18. Stiles Harper Tracts (Sand Pit & Mikell) - 1,005 acres in Allendale and Hampton Counties submitted by TNC - \$251,250 (\$250/acre)**
- 19. John Harris Easement – 87.8 acres in Oconee Co. submitted by Oconee Co. SWCD - \$138,200**
- 20. Indigo Farms – 102 acres in Charleston County by Edisto Island Open Land Trust (deferred from June 20, 2007 Board Meeting) - \$198,402 (plus closing costs)**
- 21. Alex H. Johnson, Jr. Tract – 46 acres in Dillon County by Horry County Conservation Foundation, Inc. - \$87,700**
- 22. Jones Tract/Mt. Pleasant Tract – 1,131 acres in Georgetown Co. – submitted by Pee Dee Land Trust - \$396,000 (\$350.13/acre)**
- 23. MacDonald & Sons Farm, Inc. – 181.6 acres in Sumter Co. – submitted by Sumter Co. SWCD**
- 24. MeadWestvaco/Mims Tract – 411 acres in Dorchester County submitted by Audubon SC - \$1,425,000**
- 25. McDowell Creek Tract – 1,878 acres in Lancaster Co. submitted by SCDNR - \$2,250,000**
- 26. Nowacki Tr./Wadakoe Mt. – 50 acres in Pickens Co. submitted by The Nature Conservancy - \$147,875 plus \$5,000 for legal fees & closing costs**
- 27. Pine Hill, Swamp Solomons – 718 acres (3 tracts) in Hampton Co. submitted by The Nature Conservancy - \$179,500 (\$250/acre)**
- 28. J. T. Rivers, Jr. – 148 acres in Sumter Co. submitted by Sumter SCWD - \$111,000**



- 29. J. T. Rivers, Jr. – 61.6 acres in Sumter Co. submitted by Sumter SCWD- \$53,900**
- 30. Salt Landing – 572 acres in Charleston Co. submitted by The Nature Conservancy - \$217,000**
- 31. Salt Point Timber LLC – 1,030 acres in Berkeley Co. submitted by The Trust for Public Land - \$400,000**
- 32. Sand Creek Farm, LLC – 217.1 acres in Charleston Co. submitted by The Nature Conservancy - \$167,344**
- 33. J. Bradford Thompson Property/Timberhaven – 878 acres in Edgefield & Saluda Co. - \$215,000**
- 34. Todd Farms – 271.62 acres in Oconee Co. submitted by Upstate Forever - \$154,763 (\$552/acre plus \$4,763 closing costs)**
- 35. Alvin & Patricia Topping – 27.11 acres in Sumter County submitted by Sumter SWCD - \$250,000**
- 36. Rainey Walters Easement – 80.7 acres in Oconee Co. submitted by Oconee Co. SWCD - \$143,800**
- 37. Whaley Property – 94.2 acres in Greenville Co. submitted by The Naturaland Trust - \$607,300 (including closing costs)**
- 38. D. M. Winkles, Inc. – 1,104 acres in Sumter Co submitted by Sumter SWCD - \$5,830,500**
- 39. Winborn a/s/a Lawton Plantation – 1,314 acres in Hampton Co. submitted by Lowcountry Open Land Trust - \$262,800 (\$200/acre)**
- 40. Wilbur Woolbright Easement – 87 acres in Oconee Co. submitted by Oconee Co. SWCD - \$137,400**

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GRANT APPLICATIONS BY COUNTY

10/25/2007

COUNTY	PROPERTY	ACRES	SUBMITTED BY	AMOUNT REQUESTED	PER ACRE COST	AMOUNT APPROVED
AIKEN	BOYD POND	84	AIKEN CO OPEN LAND TRUST	\$600,000	\$7,142.86	\$300,000
ALLENDALE	ANDREW HARPER TRACT	4,190	TNC	\$1,047,500	\$250	\$1,047,500
ALLENDALE	STILES HARPER TRACT (SAND PIT & MIKELL)	1,005	TNC	\$251,250	\$250	\$251,250
ALLENDALE	HARPER FAMILY HOME PLACE & SOLOMONS TR.	1,544	TNC	\$386,000	\$250	\$386,000
ALLENDALE/HAMPTON	HARPER PLACE, COUNTRY CLUB and MOULTRIE	1,387	TNC	\$346,750	\$250	\$346,750
BERKELEY	SALT POINT TIMBER LLC	1,030	TPL	\$400,000	\$388.35	\$400,000
BERKELEY	TERRY ANDREWS	1,539	THE CONSERVATION FUND	\$761,805	\$495	\$761,805
CHARLESTON	SAND CREEK FARM, LLC	217.1	TNC	\$167,344	\$770.82	\$100,000
CHARLESTON	SALT LANDING	572	TNC	\$217,000	\$378.37	\$217,000
CHARLESTON *	INDIGO FARMS	102	EDISTO LAND TRUST	\$198,420	\$1,945.29	\$25,000
CHESTER	GREAT FALLS NATURAL AREA PROJECT	353	KATAWBA VALLEY LAND TRUST	\$547,665	\$1,551.46	\$547,665
COLLETON *	CREEK FARMS	77.7	EDISTO LAND TRUST	\$153,458	\$1,975.01	\$25,000
DILLON	ALEX H. JOHNSON, JR. TR.	46	HORRY CO CONSERVATION FOUNDATION, INC.	\$87,700	\$1,906.52	\$85,700
DORCHESTER	MIMS TR.	411	AUDUBON SC	\$1,425,000	\$3,467.15	CARRIED OVER
EDGEFIELD/SALUDA	J. BRADFORD THOMPSON PROPERTY/TIMBERHAVEN	878	J. BRADFORD THOMPSON	\$215,000	\$244.87	\$215,000
GEORGETOWN	JONES TRACT/MT. PLEASANT TR.	982	PEE DEE LAND TRUST	\$396,000	\$350.13	\$343,700
GREENVILLE *	WHALEY PROPERTY	94.2	THE NATURALAND TRUST	\$607,300	\$6,446.92	\$200,000
HAMPTON	BOWERS TRACT	1,028	TNC	\$184,800	\$200	\$184,800
HAMPTON	CRAB ORCHARD PLANTATION	2,819	DU	\$563,800	\$200	\$563,800
HAMPTON	BARKER ASSO. (MIKELZIEGLER & HARPER TR)	1,401	TNC	\$280,800	\$200	\$280,800
HAMPTON	PINE HILL/SWAMP SOLOMONS	718	TNC	\$179,500	\$250	\$179,500

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