

SOUTH CAROLINA CONSERVATION BANK
Grants Review Committee
Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 16, 2022 - 10:00 am
Large Conference Room – Lobby Floor
2711 Middleburg Drive
Columbia, SC 29204

1) WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the Grants Review Committee (GRC) was called to order by Committee Chairman Tommy Lavender at 10:00 am on March 16, 2022. Chairman Lavender stated that a notice of the date, time and place of the meeting was posted in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.

2) ROLL CALL

Committee members present included Chairman Tommy Lavender (nonvoting), Geordy Johnson (via teleconference), Richmond Wilhoit Jr. and Justin Hancock (late arrival) for Duane Parrish. Ex-officio members present were Board Chairman Michael McShane (late arrival) and Vice-Chairman Keith Williamson. Members absent were Elliott Close and Larry Yonce.

3) PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Lavender opened the floor for public comments. There being none, the Committee moved to the next agenda item.

4) ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Chairman Lavender stated that members were given a draft copy of the 09/08/2021 GRC meeting minutes to review. The Chairman asked for any additions, deletions, or corrections to the minutes. There being none, Chairman Lavender asked for a motion to adopt the minutes as distributed. Mr. Wilhoit made the motion, Mr. Johnson seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

5) EXECUTIVE SESSION (*PROPOSED CONTRACTUAL MATTERS*)

The Chairman called for a motion to enter Executive Session for the purposes of discussing proposed contractual matters in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act *Section 30-4-70 (a) (2)*. Mr. Wilhoit made the motion, Mr. Johnson seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Hancock and Mr. McShane entered during executive session after item 2.

Mr. Wilhoit made the motion to return to regular session. Mr. Johnson seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Chairman Lavender asked Mr. McShane to give an update on the budget and legislative matters. The Chairman called for a motion to accept the staff recommendations and recommend funding items 1-4 to the full Board at the next scheduled Board meeting. Mr. Wilhoit made the motion, Mr. Hancock seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. The GRC discussed items 5-11 during executive session and prepared for further discussion subject to reimbursable funds becoming available. Mr. Johnson recused himself on item 6.

Chairman Lavender called for a motion to accept staff recommendation to reduce the grant award for the Stillwell Homeplace Farm, previously approved by the Board, due to a reduction in acreage above

the de minimis threshold. Mr. Wilhoit made the motion to recommend the grant award reduction to the full Board, Mr. Hancock seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Chairman Lavender called for a motion to recommend sponsoring the National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grant Program application for the RMS-Wadmacon Tract and Ingleside Park to the full Board. Mr. Wilhoit made the motion, Mr. Hancock seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

6) ADJOURN

The Chairman called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Hancock made the motion, Mr. Wilhoit seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.