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Minutes of Meeting on the South Carolina Conservation Bank

Date: Sept. 17, 2003

Charleston, S.C.

Attendees: Charles Lane, Chip Campsen, John Frampton, Mike McShane, Marvin N. Davant, Coy Johnston

The meeting concerned Section Five of the Bank Act and how to address this situation as well as a strategy to procure funding for the Act in the upcoming legislative session. It was determined that the wording of Section Five was possibly confusing in that it uses appropriations rather than the actual budget allocations. A course was recommended that we seek an attorney general's opinion that would be friendly to our position if that was obtainable. We would then take this position back to the Speaker and see if he would contact Chairman of Ways and Means to agree on this position.

The same process would be repeated in the Senate with McConnell and Leatherman. If this course did not prove to be successful our fall back position would be to seek an amendment attached to a germane Senate bill to delete Section Five from the Act. Any discussion of Section Five should be limited to a small group so as not to over-emphasize the issue. All present agreed that a lobbyist to monitor action in the General Assembly was needed and that a broader coalition of supporters to represent the Bank would be beneficial. An action plan was formulated as follows:

Contact Atty. General's office to get opinion as soon as possible—Chip Campsen
John Frampton and Mike McShane would contact Buford Mabry for assistance.

If a favorable position could be obtained—take position to Speaker and ask for assistance—Marvin Davant, Tommy Miller, Ben Keys.

Go to NWTF AND DU to ask for heavy involvement—John Frampton, Mike
McShane

Contact McConnell and Leatherman—ask Tom DeLoach and Dana Beach to contact

Contact Donnelly Foundation to secure funding for Bank in event no state funding is
obtained for next fiscal year—Charles lane ,Coy Johnston.

When results are known of the AG position, put meeting together with major players to formulate agenda, plan, lobbyist, cost of lobbyist, and funding sources.

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by: Marvin N. Davant

