

**SOUTH CAROLINA CONSERVATION BANK**  
**Grants Review Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, August 31, 2022 - 10:00 am  
First Floor Conference Room  
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 Keith Williamson at 10:00 am on August 31, 2022. Chairman Williamson 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 Keith Williamson, Charles Lane, Tommy Lavender, Curtis Spencer, Russell Hubright for Walter McPhail, and ex-officio member Michael McShane. Member absent was Brent McLaurin.

**3) PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Chairman Williamson opened the floor to anyone who would like to address the Committee. There being none, the Committee moved to the next agenda item.

**4) ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Chairman Williamson stated the GRC was given a draft copy of the 03/16/2022 GRC meeting minutes to review. The Chairman asked for any additions, deletions, or corrections to the minutes. There being none, Chairman Williamson asked for a motion to adopt the minutes as distributed. Mr. McShane made the motion, Mr. Lane seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Next, Chairman Williamson called for a motion to adopt the 03/28/2022 meeting minutes as distributed. Mr. McShane made the motion, Mr. Lane 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. Lavender made the motion, Mr. McShane seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

At the conclusion of Executive Session, Mr. Lane made the motion to return to regular session. Mr. Spencer seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Once in open session, Mr. Lavender made a motion to approve the recommendations of Bank staff and subject to the availability of funding by the Board with the following exceptions:

- Item 1: Increase Ecological Conservation Priorities score to 4 and Water Resources to 3; update financial score based on reimbursable grant conditions
- Item 2: Increase Public Benefit score to 4 and update financial score to more accurately reflect leverage position
- Item 8: Reduce staff recommendation to match SCDNR's contribution 1:1, up to a maximum of \$700,000
- Item 16: Increase Public Benefit score to 4

Item 17: Reduce staff recommendation to award up to \$750,000 contingent on for any funds not achieved through other partnerships

Item 20: Grant award subject to satisfactory management plan and deed restrictions on additional parcels that makeup the park

Item 26: Grant to be tied to acreage surrounding the house/museum

Item 29: Increase Water Resources score to 3.5, Urban Interface score to 3.0, Public Benefit score to 4 and increase staff recommendation to \$850,000

Item 33: Increase Urban Interface score to 3

Item 36: Reduce staff recommendation to \$20,000 with instructions for Director West to reduce score accordingly, approval conditional to satisfactory deed restrictions on the additional parcels that makeup the park

Item 40: Increase Urban Interface score to 3 and Public Benefit score to 3

Item 42: Reduce staff recommendation to \$50,000 for Open Space Institute to purchase and transfer the property to The Village Group, conditional upon satisfactory management plan and 1 acre left out for infrastructure

Mr. Lane seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously. Chairman Williamson stated that the Grants Review Committee will make these recommendations to the full Board at the next scheduled Board meeting.

#### 6) ADJOURN

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