

SOUTH CAROLINA CONSERVATION BANK
Grants Review Committee
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 24, 2023 – 10:00 am
Via Conference Call

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 May 24, 2023. 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, and ex-officio member Michael McShane. Members absent were Brent McLaurin and ex-officio member, Russell Hubright.

3) 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. McShane made the motion, Mr. Lane seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

At the conclusion of Executive Session, Mr. Spencer made the motion to return to regular session. Mr. Lavender seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. No action was taken during Executive Session.

4) BUDGET AND PROVISO UPDATES

Chairman McShane reported that the two carry-forward provisos have been proposed for the upcoming fiscal year. Part 1B Section 53.1 is the Trust Program Carry Forward, and Part 1B Section 53.2 is General Fund Carry Forward. Additionally, Proviso 117.182 encourages resource agencies to coordinate and collaborate with the Conservation Bank to maximize state dollars in land acquisition for natural resource and rural land preservation. The FY24 Budget has not been adopted yet, and a continuing resolution has been passed in the event that a budget is not passed by the end of the fiscal year.

5) ADJOURN

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