

MINUTES
SOUTH CAROLINA CONSERVATION BANK
Tuesday, June 11, 2019 – 11:45 am
Special Purpose Meeting Conference Call
1201 Main Street, Suite 1820
Columbia, SC 29201

The South Carolina Conservation Bank Board (SCCB) held a special purpose meeting via conference call on Tuesday, June 11, 2019 at 11:45 am. Notice of the date, time and place of the meeting was posted and mailed to the news media in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act. Chairman C. Douglass Harper presided at the meeting and members present included Michael G. McShane, Vice Chairman; Andrea Clark; Elliott Close; W. Thomas Lavender, Jr.; Curtis M. Spencer; C. Richmond Wilhoit; Keith Williamson; Larry L. Yonce; and Ex-Officio member Norman F. Pulliam, Chairman SCDNR Board. Members absent were Charles Lane and Ex-officio members Dr. Walt McPhail, SC Forestry Commission Chairman and Duane Parrish, Director for SCPRT.

I. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

The Chairman called the meeting to order, welcomed everyone and thanked everyone for their attendance. The Chairman asked Ms. Larck, SCCB Business Manager, to confirm that a public notice has been given for this meeting. Ms. Larck stated that this was correct.

II. ROLL CALL

The Chairman asked Ms. Larck to call role of the Board Members. Ms. Larck called role and a quorum was established with nine Board Members and one Ex-Officio in attendance. The Chairman welcomed Mr. Raleigh West, the SCCB's new Executive Director, to his first meeting. Mr. West thanked Chairman Harper and the rest of the Board for the opportunity and stated he was looking forward to working with everyone.

III. OUTSTANDING AND PENDING GRANT REVIEW

The Chairman called on the chair of the Grants Review Committee, Mr. McShane, for a report on the outstanding and pending grants. Mr. McShane stated that Board should have received an email with attachments of the outstanding and pending grants spreadsheets. Mr. McShane stated that the Oaks Plantation project in Charleston County by Open Space Institute was withdrawn from the outstanding grants list. Mr. McShane stated that this gave the Bank an extra \$250,000 to spend on grants during fiscal year 2018-2019. Mr. McShane then directed the Board's attention to the Pending Applications list.

A. Holly Bluff II

Mr. McShane stated the application with the next highest ranking score that could close by June 30, 2019 was Holly Bluff II. This application was for 452.47 acres in Colleton County submitted by Lowcountry Land Trust requesting \$216,960. Mr. McShane stated the recommendation from the Grants Review Committee was to fund this project at \$210,000 contingent on being ready to close by June 30, 2019. The Chairman called for a vote to accept the recommendation made by the Grants Review Committee and the recommendation unanimously passed.

Mr. Lavender asked for a report on a previously approved grant known as Boone Hall. Mr. McShane stated that the Joint Bond Review Committee gave unanimous approval to use \$2 million in other funds for the Boone Hall grant.

IV. TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

The Chairman stated that the next Board Meeting was scheduled for September 4, 2019 at 10am with the location to be determined.

V. ADJOURN

The Chairman called for a motion to adjourn. Ms. Clark made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Williamson seconded and the motion unanimously passed.