

SC Conservation Bank Grants Review Committee

Meeting Minutes
September 2, 2020

Opening

A meeting of the Grants Review Committee (GRC) was called to order by Chairman Tommy Lavender at 10:00 am on September 2, 2020. The meeting took place via WebEx

Present

Committee members present included GRC Chairman Tommy, Lavender, Andrea Clark, Charles Lane, Curtis Spencer, and Keith Williamson, and ex-officio member Mike McShane. Bank staff present included Raleigh West, Amber Larck, and Margaret Pennebaker.

There were no public comments.

Mr. Lavender asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the May 7, 2020 and June 3, 2020 GRC meetings. Mr. Williamson made the motion, Mr. Lane seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Purpose

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss contractual matters related to projects which will be presented to the full Bank Board at the quarterly Board meeting scheduled for September 30, 2020.

Mr. Lane made a motion that the committee go into Executive Session for the discussion of contractual matters. Mr. Williamson seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

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

- Item 2: Ms. Clark recused herself;
- Items 4 and 21: Note that SCCB Board Chairman McShane, although an ex-officio member of the Grants Review Committee, is a Board member of the National Ducks Unlimited Board;
- Item 5: Messrs. Lane and Lavender recused themselves;
- Item 6: Adjust the staff recommendation for the Threat of Conversion weighting from “Medium” (3 points) to “High” (5 points);
- Item 7: Recommend to the Board approval of this grant subject to the following: (1) fee simple title will be vested in the Society, subject only to the life estate reserved by the grantors, after which it will it will expire, (2) the Society will guarantee full public access, (3) the existing dwelling will be further restricted to prohibit the alteration of its façade other than for maintenance;
- Item 9: Mr. Lane recused himself; adjust the staff recommendation for the Threat of Conversion weighting from “Medium” (3 points) to “High” (5 points);
- Item 13: Mr. Spencer recused himself;
- Item 14: Increase the initial staff recommendation for funding by \$2,500;
- Item 15: Increase the initial staff recommendation for funding by \$2,500;
- Item 16: Mr. Lane recused himself;
- Item 20: Reduce the initial staff recommendation for funding by \$5,000;
- Item 21: Adjust the staff recommendation for the Threat of Conversion weighting from “Low” (0 points) to “Medium” (3 points);
- Item 22: Recommend conditioning any grant award by the Board as subject to receipt of reimbursement of funds by the applicant from a prior project;
- Item 24: Recommend denial of the project as submitted;

Item 27: Recommend denial of the project as submitted; and

Item 29: Recommend that SCCB Director pen a letter to NRCS supporting the applicant's proposed project.

Mr. Spencer seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously. Mr. Lavender stated that the Grant Review Committee will make these recommendations to the full Board at the next scheduled Board meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Williamson, and seconded by Mr. Lane. The meeting adjourned at 12:15pm.