



MINUTES
REAL ESTATE, FACILITIES & LAND MANAGEMENT
COMMITTEE MEETING
June 6, 2009
9:00 a.m.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS
Mr. Mario Suarez, Chairman, District III
Mr. Joel Thrift, District IV

The Real Estate, Facilities & Land Management Committee met Saturday, June 6, 2009 at 9:00 AM in Council Chambers, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all members present, County Interim Administrator Kendra Brown & Elizabeth G. Hulse Clerk to Council present.

Staff Present: Swain Still, Solid Waste Director

Press:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, notice of the meeting, date, time, place of meeting and agenda were posted on the bulletin board at the County Administrative Offices, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC, and the County Council website [www.oconeese.com/council]. In addition it was made available to the newspapers, radio stations, television stations and concerned citizens.

Members of the press present: None

Call to Order:

Chairman Suarez called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Minutes:

Mr. Thrift made a motion, seconded by Mr. Suarez, approved 2 – 0 to approve the February 27, 2009 minutes as presented.

Discussion regarding Solid Waste Issues / Strawberry Hill Manned Convenience Center:

Mr. Still made a presentation [filed with these minutes and provided to other council members not on the committee] to the Committee regarding the current status of and need to move the Manned Convenience Center [MCC] #1 / Strawberry Hill. He outlined the issues related to the deterioration at the center. Mr. Still also provided plans to the Committee to move MCC #1 down the road and provided a draft design and cost estimate, noting that funding was available for the project. Discussion followed.

Mr. Thrift made a motion, seconded by Mr. Suarez, approved 2 – 0 to recommend to the full Council that design work begin for the movement of MCC #1 as outlined in the presentation.

Discussion regarding Right of Way Easement with Blue Ridge Electric Coop [BREC]:

Ms. Brown & Mr. Still outlined the proposed arrangement with BREC for an easement at the landfill and the installation of an additional power pole [estimated cost \$16,000]. They provided the members with a copy of the proposed easement & plat [filed with these minutes and provided to other council members not on the committee]. BREC wants to add to the current easement that exists with the County. They would cut some trees and they offered to pay the County \$9,800 for the trees and right of way. Discussion followed. It was agreed that language be inserted into the easement to address the “swap” outlined above.

Mr. Suarez requested the Clerk to Council to forward to the County Attorney, Tom Martin, copies of the documents for his review and recommendation to full Council.

New Business:

No New Business was discussed at this meeting.

Old Business:

No Old Business was discussed at this meeting.

Adjourn:

Mr. Suarez having no other business adjourned the meeting at 10:04 AM

Respectfully Submitted:

Elizabeth G. Hulse
Clerk to Council