

OCONEE COUNTY SCENIC HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

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3:00 PM, THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 2014
COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
OCONEE COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLEX

The Oconee County Scenic Highway Committee held a meeting on January 9, 2014 at 3:00 PM in Council Chambers at the Oconee County Administrative Building, 415 S. Pine St., Walhalla, SC 29691.

Members Present: Mr. Boggs
Ms. Grewe
Mr. Kennedy
Mr. Soper

Staff Present: Josh Stephens, Deputy Director of Community Development
Matthew Anspach, Planner I

Media Present: None

ITEM 1- Call to Order

Mr. Anspach called the meeting to order due to the election of officers.

ITEM 2- Approval of Minutes from the November 18 Meeting

Ms. Grewe motioned to approve the minutes from the November 18 meeting.

Mr. Boggs seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-1, with Mr. Kennedy dissenting due to an issue concerning information he felt was left out in the October minutes. He was not able to elaborate on what the information was.

ITEM 3- Election of Officers

a. Chair

Mr. Anspach opened the floor for nomination of the Scenic Highway Committee Chair for 2014.

Mr. Soper nominated Ms. Grewe for Chair. Mr. Soper's nomination was the only nomination.

Mr. Anspach called for a vote on the nomination. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative for Ms. Grewe to serve as Chair of the Scenic Highway Committee in 2014.

Mr. Anspach informed Ms. Grewe that as Chair she would now lead the remainder of the meeting including the nominations for Vice-Chair.

b. Vice-Chair

Ms. Grewe opened the floor for nomination of the Scenic Highway Committee Vice-Chair for 2014.

Mr. Boggs's nominated Mr. Kennedy for Vice-Chair. Mr. Boggs's nomination was the only nomination.

Ms. Grewe called for a vote on the nomination. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative for Mr. Kennedy to serve as Vice-Chair of the Scenic Highway Committee in 2014.

ITEM 4- Consideration of New Administrative Forms

a. Designation Score Sheet

Mr. Kennedy asked how the score sheet should be used.

Mr. Anspach responded that the sheet should be used to present objective scoring for applications that come before the Committee in the future. He also pointed out that there would be room for the Committee to subjectively decide the threshold for whether a Highway falls under Category 1 or Category 2. He cited the Scoring Sheet could also be used for the 2 year review in addition to the initial application.

b. Year Annual Maintenance Log

Mr. Soper mentioned he would be willing to find out what is currently in place by Adopt-a-Highway, State and County road departments, and the Sheriff's Office concerning maintenance coordination.

Mr. Anspach responded that staff would appreciate the effort in doing this and that it was a great idea to help facilitate better maintenance of the County's Scenic Highways.

Mr. Boggs added that the forms were a step in the right direction.

c. Plan Outline

Mr. Kennedy stated that the Plan Outline would need more detail pertaining to what staff would be recording.

Mr. Anspach agreed, and mentioned that staff would go back and edit the Outline to be more specific, allowing the Committee to better review it at the next meeting.

Mr. Anspach stated that this would be the first year since its development that the Ordinance would be enforced, meaning maintenance and reviews would need to be accounted for.

Mr. Boggs was concerned if they began enforcing it what the potential would be for Highway 28 to lose its designation.

Mr. Stephens commented that based on the quality of coordination between the road maintenance and Sheriff's Department efforts, the highway might very well be in good condition in terms of maintenance; adding that if there were any deficiencies, each of the members of the Committee could likely come up with some assistance due to their knowledge and involvement with groups that may be willing to help.

Mr. Soper suggested renaming the Plan Outline to Report Outline for more clarity. He also mentioned that the members could go out and use the Score Sheet in the near future on Highway 28 to see how well it works for scoring.

Mr. Kennedy motioned to table the Forms until further information was gathered by Mr. Soper concerning current coordination of Highway 28 maintenance and State and County road maintenance in general; and that staff review the Plan Outline and develop a more specific outline example than the one currently being presented.

Ms. Grewe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 5- Old Business

Mr. Stephens stated for old business that the Bear Clan was not looking to fill their seat on the Committee. He added that the Arts and Historical Commission had failed to meet in over a year. This left 2 seats open for the Committee, and that it would be ideal for the Committee to come up with a list of potential organizations that may be interested in being represented on the Scenic Highway Committee.

ITEM 6- New Business

Ms. Grewe recommended that the Committee develop lists of potential organizations that could be good candidates for representation on the Scenic Highway Committee, and then work on forming a letter to Council for recommendation of a select few of the candidates to be discussed as "New Business" for the February meeting.

Mr. Anspach commented that the Committee would need to establish their yearly meeting schedule for 2014.

Ms. Grewe motioned to approve the second Tuesday of every month from 2:00-4:00 PM as the Committees scheduled meeting date for 2014.

Mr. Boggs seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Stephens confirmed that the next meeting date for the Scenic Highway Committee would be Tuesday, February 11 at 2:00 PM.

ITEM 7- Adjourn

Mr. Grewe motioned to adjourn.

Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. 4:12 PM.