OCONEE COUNTY SCENIC HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

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2:00 PM, TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2014 COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS OCONEE COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLEX

The Oconee County Scenic Highway Committee held a meeting on April 8, 2014 at 2:00 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 Mr. Staley

Staff Present: Josh Stephens, Deputy Director of Community Development

Matthew Anspach, Planner I Austin Albertson, Intern

Media Present: None

ITEM 1- Call to Order

Ms. Grewe called the meeting to order. 2:00 PM

ITEM 2- Approval of Minutes - January 9, 2014

Mr. Boggs motioned to approve the minutes from January 9.

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

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ITEM 3- Continue Consideration of New Administrative Forms

a. Designation Score Sheet

Mr. Soper made a motion to finalize and approve the Designation Score Sheet.

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

b. 2 Year Annual Maintenance Log

Mr. Soper made the motion to finalize and approve the 2 Year Maintenance Log.

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

ITEM 4- Old Business

a. Update on Committee Findings Regarding Highway 28 Maintenance

Mr. Soper presented his findings regarding current maintenance of Highway 28. He disclosed that the highway had been maintained by the Walhalla Rotary but had been passed on to the Knights of Columbus. He added that other entities such as the Sheriffs Office also did some maintenance for the designated highway area.

Mr. Anspach discussed that it would be helpful for the Committee to begin to use the approved forms on Highway 28 for practice. He added that practicing with the forms now would help them have a better understanding of what they look for in designating a potential Scenic Highway in the future.

Mr. Boggs suggested that after doing a review on the highway, that the Committee send a letter to Council outlining their progress in carrying out the ordinance for Scenic Highway designation and maintenance. He also mentioned that in the letter, they could request some type of recognition for the group(s) volunteering to maintain the highway.

b. Staff Presentation of Updated Plan Outline

Mr. Anspach presented the updates to the Updated Plan Outline (Review Summary Outline). He explained that the form would be used primarily by staff for the biannual review of a County designated Scenic Highway.

Mr. Kennedy asked staff to amend the form so that Committee would be specified as "Scenic Highway Committee" throughout the form for clarity.

Mr. Staley made a motion to approve the Review Summary Outline, to include Mr. Kennedy's suggestion.

Mr. Soper seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Mr. Anspach suggested staff initiate the first step in the review process by adhereing to the new Review Summary Outline in a first biannual review of Highway 28.

Mr. Kennedy made a motion that staff begin the biannual review of County designated Scenic Highway 28.

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

ITEM 5- New Business

a. Development of Letter to Council Concerning Committee Vacancies

Mr. Anspach presented to the Committee the issue of vacancies. He suggested that the committee look at potential alternative organizations to represent the Committee's vacancies in the event that the two current vacancies chose to resign their seats.

Ms. Grewe stated she would contact the Bear Clan and the Oconee County Arts and Historical Commission by letter to receive the status of their future involvement with the Scenic Highway Committee.

Mr. Anspach added that the Committee could also expand the membership of the Committee if it pleased.

Mr. Kennedy commented that the Committee should try to fill the vacant seats before considering potential expansion.

The next meeting date will be Tuesday, May 13 at 2:00 PM.

ITEM 6- Adjourn

Mr. Kennedy made the motion to adjourn.

Ms. Grewe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. 2:45 PM