



# MINUTES INFRASTRUCTURE ADVISORY COMMISSION

February 5, 2014

1:00 p.m.

Oconee County Administrative Offices, Council Chambers  
Walhalla, South Carolina 29691

*[Lunch was provided at 12:30 prior to the start of the meeting courtesy of Blue Ridge Electric Coop]*

## Commission Members:

City of Seneca	AT&T	Oconee County Administration
City of Walhalla	Blue Ridge Electric Coop	Oconee County Council
City of Westminster	Duke Energy	Oconee County Economic Development
Town of Salem	Fort Hill Natural Gas	Oconee County IT Department
Town of West Union	Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority	Oconee County Community Development
	Pioneer Rural Water District	Oconee County Road Department

*Sign In Sheet for Attendees filed with these minutes.*

## Press:

No Press was present at this meeting.

## Call to Order:

Mr. Blackmon called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. with a quorum present.

## Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Winchester made a motion, seconded by Mr. Powell, approved unanimously to approve the minutes from the November 6, 2013 meeting as presented.

## Election of Officers:

Mr. Faires made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bagwell, approved unanimously to elect Mr. Bobby Williams as Chairman and Mr. Alan Blackmon as Vice Chair for 2014.

## Appointment of Representative to the Capital Project Advisory Committee

Mr. Corbeil made a motion, seconded by Mr. Faires, approved unanimously to appoint Mr. Winchester as the Representative to the Capital Project Advisory Committee for 2014.

## Establishment of 2014 Meeting Schedule

The Commission agreed unanimously to adopt the 2014/February 2015 meeting schedule as presented.

## **Representatives Present Provided the Following Updates:**

<b>AT&amp;T</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Work ongoing to expand services to Oconee</li></ul>
<b>Fair Hill Natural Gas</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Work ongoing to expand services along E. Fair Play Blvd and in the greater Westminster area</li></ul>
<b>Blue Ridge Electric</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Moving forward with work on sub-station in southern portion of Oconee</li></ul>
<b>Duke Energy</b>	No report was provided.
<b>Pioneer Rural Water District</b>	No report was provided.
<b>OJRSA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Work ongoing with Sewer South project</li><li>• Work ongoing with Septage Receiving Facility project</li></ul>
<b>County Council Administration</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Updated provided as to the status of the Capital Sales Tax Commission</li></ul>
<b>Administration</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Working with ISPs on pricing related to FOCUS</li><li>• Continue working to develop Oconee Economic Development projects</li><li>• Working on Sewer South is ongoing</li><li>• Moving forward with the Detention Center project</li><li>• Runway expansion at airport has been a success in terms of increased revenue from fuel purchases</li><li>• South Cove is slated to get a new playground and new administrative building</li><li>• Work is ongoing to complete the EMS/Fire pain</li></ul>
<b>Community Development</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Total Permits for 2013: 1,400 including 217 New Homes</li><li>• Subdivisions: 3-4 currently in the planning phase</li><li>• Moving forward with work on new online permitting system</li><li>• Planning Commission is currently reviewing Land Use Regulations and Policy</li></ul>
<b>Economic Development</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2013 was a record year for economic development activity with six announcements.</li><li>• Projects are strong due to product</li><li>• Marketing are going well: featured in SC Biz, GSA Biz, and others</li><li>• Incubator is near capacity as MoreSun Design has moved in</li><li>• Team has begun to analyze the SC Hwy 59 and 182 intersection</li></ul>
<b>Information Technology</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Working with interested ISP providers to develop rates/contracts / lopa for announcement soon</li></ul>
<b>Road Department</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Working on Creekwood Ln, Oakmont Two Dr., Nanna Ln, Maria Ln</li><li>• Road Paving Bid Awarded / Lynx Ln, RC Dr., E Capwood, Dobson Cove Rd</li></ul>
<b>City of Walhalla</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Moving forward to finalize plan for Street Scapes Project</li></ul>
<b>City of Seneca</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Moving forward to replace a substation</li><li>• Moving forward with plans to upgrade water treatment facilities</li><li>• Working through issues to bring Electric Busses online</li></ul>
<b>City of Westminster</b>	No report was provided
<b>Town of West Union</b>	No report was provided.
<b>Town of Salem</b>	No report was provided.

**Other Business:**

None at this meeting.

**Next Meeting:**


Wednesday, May 7, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

*[Lunch will be provided by Duke Energy in the Conference Room beginning at 12:30 p.m.]*

**Adjourn:**

Mr. Faires made a motion, approved unanimously to adjourn at 2:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

  
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Josh Stephens  
Community Development/Zoning Administrator