

YORK COUNTY FOREVER COMMISSION

Tuesday, February 21, 2023– 6:00 p.m.
Large Conference Room
York County Office Complex
1070 Heckle Blvd., Rock Hill, SC

MINUTES

Members in Attendance:

Nichol Druckemiller (Chairman), Don Love, Johnny Walker (Vice-Chairman), Dr. Ron Parks, Steve Hamilton (*ex-officio*)

Members Absent: Donny Mitchell, Dr. Robert Carter, and Carey Tilley (*ex-officio*).

Also in Attendance:

Trish DeHond (Open Space Planner).

A. Call to Order

Chairman Druckemiller called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

B. Adoption of Minutes

Minutes of the January 17, 2023 meeting were approved unanimously, based on a motion by Commissioner Walker and a second by Commissioner Parks.

C. New Business

1. 2022 YCFC Annual Report: Steve Hamilton suggested that the last line of the last two paragraphs on the second page be changed from "...grant to the Nation Ford Land Trust" to "grant obtained by the Nation Ford Land Trust and awarded to the property owner(s)" for both the Fishing Creek Place and Robert Carter Homestead Projects. Commissioner Love moved to accept the report as amended, Commissioner Parks seconded. The motion was approved unanimously. The amended Annual Report will be posted on the YCF website. <https://www.yorkcountygov.com/340/York-County-Forever>
2. YCF Fund financial report/spreadsheet was accepted as information unanimously, based on a motion by Commissioner Walker and a second by Commissioner Parks.

D. Old Business

1. York Forward Comprehensive Plan 5-year update: The plan includes several goals that relate to York County Forever objectives. A public hearing was held on January 17 and second reading by County Council on February 6. Third reading is scheduled for March 6 council meeting. <https://www.yorkcountygov.com/347/>

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D. Old Business (continued)

2. Plans for the 25th Anniversary of the York County Forever Commission (8/17/98 – 8/17/23) were discussed. Commissioners chose ideas #1, 2, 3, and a combination of #4 & 5 on Trish's draft list. We will recognize YCF landowners, commissioners, council members and partners (past and present) with a County Council Proclamation/SC legislative Resolution, hold an anniversary celebration/news conference in Summer 2023, plus a larger public event in Fall 2023, distribute promotional items, and then kick off an educational program on land conservation (item #7 on list) in 2024. Chairman Druckemiller shared several additional creative ideas to incorporate into the planned activities. Although we plan to keep costs reasonable, we are allowed to spend up to \$30,000 of YCF funds without going to County Council for approval (according to the York County Finance Dept.).

Commissioner Walker moved to direct staff to work out the details, with input from the commission, in the proposal outlined above. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Parks and approved unanimously.

E. Matters of Contractual Negotiation Regarding Acquisition of Property (Executive Session)

None

F. Other Business

Trish asked the Commissioners about their preferred format for receiving the meeting packet. The general consensus was to provide the meeting information as one .pdf file, rather than several email attachments.

Adjournment

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:56 p.m. based on a motion by Commissioner Walker and a second by Commissioner Love.