

YORK COUNTY FOREVER COMMISSION

Tuesday, April 18, 2023– 6:00 p.m.
Large Conference Room
York County Office Complex
1070 Heckle Blvd., Rock Hill, SC

MINUTES

Members in Attendance:

Johnny Walker (Vice-Chairman), Don Love, Donny Mitchell, Dr. Ron Parks, Steve Hamilton (*ex-officio*), and Carey Tilley (*ex-officio*).

Members Absent: Nichol Druckemiller (Chairman), and Dr. Robert Carter.

Also in Attendance:

Trish DeHond (Open Space Planner) and Diane Dil (Planning Manager).

A. Call to Order

Vice-Chairman Walker called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

B. Adoption of Minutes

Minutes of the March 21, 2023 meeting were approved unanimously, based on a motion by Commissioner Love and a second by Commissioner Mitchell.

C. New Business (none)

D. Old Business

1. Trish gave an update on plans for the 25th Anniversary of the York County Forever Commission. She has discussed plans for publicity and the County Council & House resolutions with York County's Public Information Officer, Greg Suskin. She will be meeting with other York County staff to nail down dates and location for the two events. There was a general consensus of the commissioners to hold the summer event on the same date as the regularly scheduled commission meeting (Tuesday, August 15) at the Heckle Complex large conference room.

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

The Commission entered executive session unanimously at 6:09 p.m., based on a motion by Commissioner Mitchell and a second by Commissioner Love to discuss matters of contractual negotiation regarding a potential property. The Commission left executive session unanimously at 6:28 p.m., based on a motion by Commissioner Love and a second by Commissioner Parks. No official action was taken during executive session.

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F. Other Business

There was a discussion of the impact of Ms. Eloise Miller (recently deceased) and her decision to protect her family farmland with a conservation easement in 2016. A sympathy card, signed by commissioners, will be mailed to her niece, Ms. Raye Durham. Trish gave an update on the Veteran's Cemetery project, which was not selected by the Dept. of Veterans Affairs for funding. The potential location no longer available, as the property has been sold. Copies of the York County Code of Ordinances (as amended), establishing the York County Forever Commission, were distributed for information. Commissioner Tilley shared that a new land conservation project near Historic Brattonsville is in the works. He will update the commission at the appropriate time.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:33 p.m. based on a motion by Commissioner Parks and a second by Commissioner Mitchell.